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Fifth Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Book Title: Save Me A Seat

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Welcome to fifth grade reading! The required summer reading book is Save Me A Seat by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan. In addition to completing the book, the required assignment (attached to this packet) is due on Thursday, September 9, 2021 during your assigned reading period.

Here is a preview of what your summer reading has in store for you:

Joe and Ravi might be from very different places, but they're both stuck in the same place: **SCHOOL**.

Joe's lived in the same town all his life, and was doing just fine until his best friends moved away and left him on his own.

Ravi's family just moved to America from India, and he's finding it pretty hard to figure out where he fits in.

Joe and Ravi don't think they have anything in common, but soon enough they have a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and a common mission: to take control of their lives over the course of a single crazy week.

Beginning

Directions: Describe Joe and Ravi's relationship with each other in 6-8 sentences at the beginning of the book. Draw a picture to illustrate a scene from the book that supports your written response.

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Let's Review!

What is the difference between a character's emotions vs. character traits?

Emotions	Traits
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe how a character feels at a certain time• Ask Yourself: How does the character feel right now?• Examples: scared, surprised, angry, upset, excited	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe the character's personality• Ask Yourself: How does the character usually behave?• Examples: kind, determined, outgoing, friendly, selfish

Why is understanding the difference between emotions and traits important for the characters in Save Me A Seat?

In Save Me A Seat, it is important to first understand that the entire book takes place over the span of one school week (Monday-Friday). We can identify character traits for the characters Joe and Dillion because they are more established at their school. On the other hand, Ravi, being new to Albert Einstein Elementary experiences many emotions as his whole world has changed and he must get acclimated to a new environment. Ravi is trying to figure out where he fits in.

Character Traits:

Directions: In the book, it is evident that **Joe** is shy and kind. Find an example of when he demonstrates the provided character trait, record the page number where you cited the evidence, and explain in your own words how the textual evidence supports the given character trait.

Character Trait	Textual Evidence	Page #	Explanation
Shy			
Kind			

Character Traits:

Directions: In the book it is evident that **Dillon** is unkind and rude. Find an example of when he demonstrates the provided character trait, record the page number where you cited the evidence, and explain in your own words how the textual evidence supports the given character trait.

Character Trait	Textual Evidence	Page #	Explanation
Unkind			
Rude			

Emotions:

Directions: We note **Ravi** experiences different emotions such as embarrassed and content while he gets familiar with his new school. Find an example of when he demonstrates the provided emotion, record the page number where you cited the evidence, and explain in your own words how the textual evidence supports the given emotion.

Emotion	Textual Evidence	Page #	Explanation
Embarrassed			
Content			

End

Directions: Describe Joe and Ravi’s relationship at the end of the book. In your 6-8 sentence response, be sure to include: What did both characters learn? What is the theme of the book?

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