

NOVEMBER

4TH & 5TH GRADE

Poetry



gourds galore

What is up with all the gourds? Oh my word!
My mom says you all over the house.
Big gourds, small gourds, in all different hues.
At least there's time for lanterns, leaf collecting, and different kinds of stews.

5 What is up with all the gourds?
You are all over the house.
People are locking their doors.
If it weren't for me, the house would be a ghost town.

10 You are all over the house for all Octobers.
November comes and goes so fast.
Will you be here when the turkey comes out?

15 What is up with all the gourds?
Now you are starting to get old.
It is time to put up with me.
I've kind of gotten used to you.

20 What is up with all the gourds?
The house seems a little empty.
Your absence is noticed.
I miss you.

THANKFUL

Name: _____

Thanksgiving holiday brings us much to appreciate.

I am and turkey, it is hard to pick a favorite. I'm **Exhausted**. I will take them both.

I have a plate full of casseroles and all their cheesy goodness. Yip, I will have those too!

Nothing compares to Grandma's mashed potatoes, lumps and all.

cornels of corn swimming in cream and butter. Oh my goodness, I swoon.

fruit salad, sure why not? I can find a small spot over here.

Unfortunately I am so FULL, but wait there is pie too! I barely reach the counter as I plap a slice on my plate.

at least, I am so stuffed! My pants feel tight and YOP! OOPS...

lazy Sunday

Name: _____

Ahhh my fluffy, comfy, favorite piece of furniture.
I rush home from school to sit on you.
You are awesome to curl up in a blanket and take a nap on.

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his back.
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QUIRKY TURKEY

OH, LITTLE QUIRKY TURKEY,
YOU WALK AROUND THE YARD PECKING AT THE GROUND.
WHILE YOUR SNOOD HANGS FROM YOUR BEAK AND DANDELIONS ALL AROUND.
YOUR FEATHERS ARE ALSO FLUFFY AND QUITE PERKY.

5 WHY DO YOU WAKE UP SO EARLY, LITTLE TURKEY?
ARE YOU HUNGRY FOR ACORNS AND SEEDS?
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE LOVING THOSE FRUITS. I WATCH YOU AS YOU FEED.
I WANT TO PET YOUR TAIL FEATHERS, BUT ALWAYS YOU SCURRY LITTLE TURKEY.

THERE MUST BE AT LEAST THIRTY OF YOU LITTLE TURKEYS.
ALL OF YOU ARE ROAMING FREELY IN THE YARD.
THE FACT THAT YOU ARE MY FAVORITE, YOU SEEM TO DISREGARD.
I WATCH YOU FLUFF YOUR FEATHERS, TURKEYS, AND YOUR STANCE IS VERY STURDY.

10 THANKSGIVING IS AROUND THE CORNER BUT NO NEED TO WORRY, TURKEYS.
I WOULD RATHER EAT CHEESE PIZZA AND LOIS OF PIE.
THE FARMER AND I HAVE PACKED FOR A WEEK AT THE BEACH AND SO WE WAVE S
15 WE HAVE MERCY FOR YOU, LITTLE TURKEYS, AND OFF ON THE PLANE WE FLY!

CODDLE CADDLE

WISHBONE

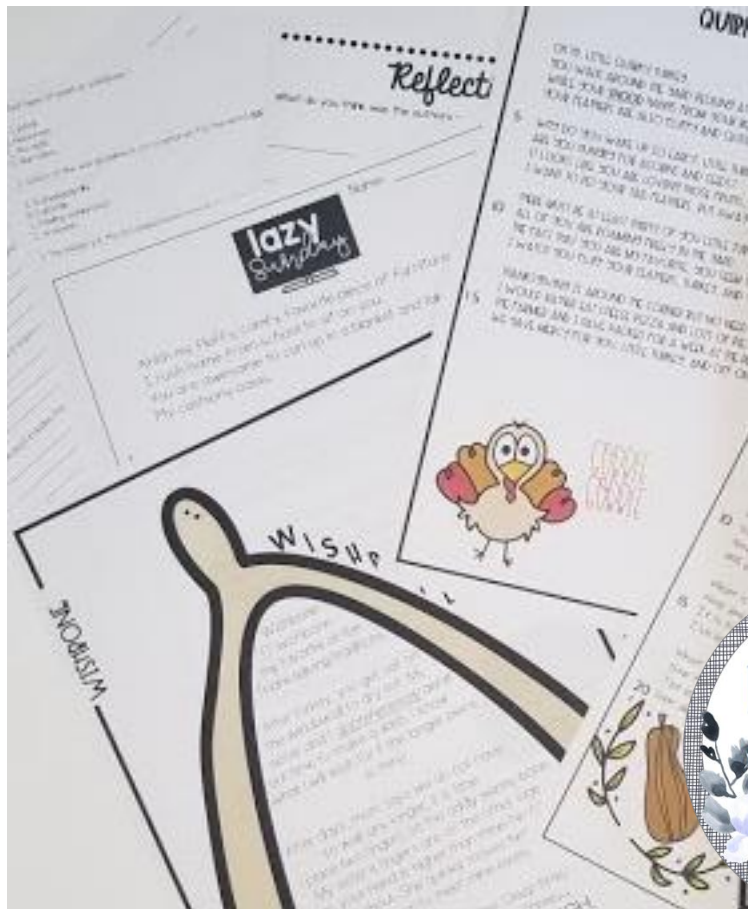
Wishbone
O' wishbone
my favorite of the
Thanksgiving traditions.

After turkey, you get set on
the windowsill to dry out. My
sister and I **apprehensively** await
our time to make a wish. I know
what I will wish for if the longer piece
is mine.

After days, mom says we do not have
to wait any longer, it is time.
I place two fingers on the oddly skinny bone.
My sister's fingers are on the other side.
Hey, your hand is higher than mine! No fair.
"Mom!" I shout. She quickly moves her
hand down to meet mine evenly.

On the count of three I tell her. Deep breath in and
cross my fingers. One... Two... Three...
My sister jumps up and down. **SIGH**.
Better luck next year.

READING COMPREHENSION PASSAGES
TEST PREP, INDEPENDENT WORK, SMALL GROUP, HOMEWORK, HOMESCHOOL IN OCTOBER



5 PRINTABLE B/W & COLOR MULTIPLE CHOICE, SHORT ANSWER & WRITING REFLECTION PAGES

DIGITAL SELF-GRADING IS MULTIPLE CHOICE-TEACHER RECEIVES INSTANT GRADE.

5 PRINTABLE POETRY PASSAGES

MULTIPLE CHOICE & SHORT ANSWER OPTIONS

FOR PRINTABLE VERSION

1. What can the reader assume after reading "Bats at Night"?

A. The narrator is counting the bats in the sky.
 B. The narrator is fascinated with bats and wants to learn more about them.
 C. The narrator watches bats every night.
 D. The narrator is somewhat fearful of bats.

2. Why is this poem considered free verse?

A. All the lines are a different length.
 B. The poem uses types of figurative language.
 C. The poem teaches you many facts about bats.
 D. The poem does not rhyme.

3. Which of the phrases from the third stanza help the reader to understand what the word nocturnal means?

A. Being nocturnal creatures
 B. Awake at night
 C. When the day begins to break
 D. It is time for rest

4. The photo of the top of the page in the poem best represents which stanza?

A. Stanza 1
 B. Stanza 2
 C. Stanza 3
 D. None of the stanzas represent the picture that is shown.

5. The poem is written from the point of view of a _____?

A. A bat
 B. A mosquito
 C. A person
 D. Someone that is not in the poem.

6. The imagery in the second stanza (lines 5-8) most appeals to the reader's sense of -

A. Sight and hearing
 B. Smell and hearing
 C. Hearing and taste
 D. Taste and touch.

7. How does the description in lines 1 through 4 affect the reader's understanding of the setting?

A. It shows that the narrator watches bats often.
 B. It shows that the narrator is in a farmer's selling.
 C. It shows that the narrator is watching bats at night.
 D. It shows that the narrator watches bats sleep in their cave.

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1. What is the poem "Witches Brew" mostly about?

2. What type of figurative language did the author use in line 1?

3. What does the word glorious mean in the third stanza?

4. What happens in the last stanza of the poem?

5. Describe the way that stanzas 3 through 7 (lines 5-8) are similar?

6. The poet includes the bolded word in line 6 to emphasize -

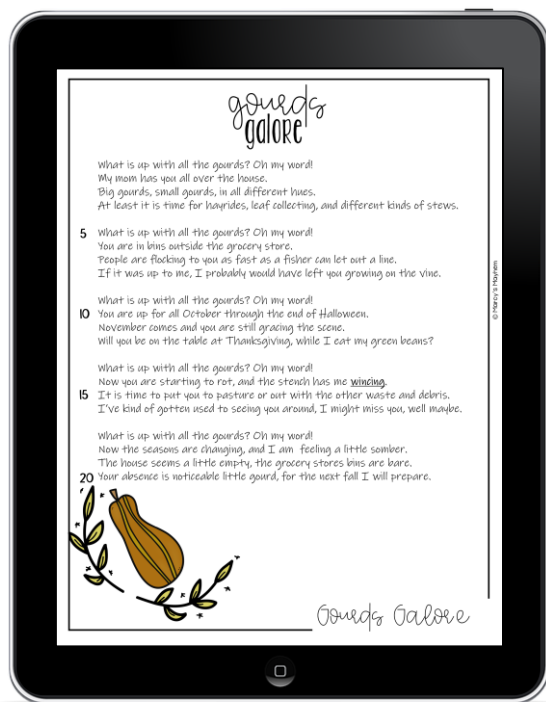
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Reflection Page

What do you think was the author's main purpose for writing the "Bats at Night"? What did you like or dislike about the poem?

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DIGITAL READING PASSAGES

SELF-GRADING WITH

MULTIPLE CHOICE

6-7 COMPREHENSION

QUESTIONS EACH PASSAGE

PRACTICE THESE SKILLS:

- * VISUALIZATION
- * VOCABULARY
- * INFERENCE
- * MAIN MESSAGE
- * FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE
- * POINT OF VIEW
- * TEXT EVIDENCE
- * THEME



POEM STYLES INCLUDE:

*Lyrical, Free Verse, Humorous,
Acrostic & Rhyming*