STONE FOX 10/9/11 3:15 PM

Title: Stone Fox Author: John Reynolds Gardiner Level: P (Fountas & Pinnell)

Content connection: adventure; dog sled racing; overcoming difficulties

(Note: Chapter titles provide story structure)

#### Chapter Review/ emphasis

Chapter 1— vocabulary: harmonica, ceiling, examination, proceeded

Introduces Characters: Read to see what you learn about the characters.

Discussion: What do you think the problem is? What do you think is the cause?

What clues lead you to that answer?

(clues: tears in eyes; Dr. looks at field of potatoes; Dr—do you owe any money?)

What is the setting, incl. when?

note- p. 4— explain: "when cried beard filled up with tears"

# Chapter 2 vocabulary: palm; harvested; signaled; irrigation

Note first sentence--- Discuss meaning.

\*\*\*P.12—gives clues to problem

New problem--- p. 17—answer to why grandfather is sick; How is this related to first problem?

visualization-potato field, plowing; carrying bags 60 pounds

careful reading: p.21 - harvests and sells potato crop, but grandfather says that is not a problem

Chapter 3—vocabulary: forge; exhausted; unhitched; impatiently; whereabouts; dangerous; outskirts of town

p.23—discuss meaning: "ask too many questions"

Why do they wait for 6 o'clock chimes?

p.26 -- Why does the author talk about city slickers?

**Chapter 4**—vocabulary: twang of ricocheting bullet; derringer; authority; mustache; official (business), combing

p. 30-Discuss meaning of —"LW had never heard a voice like that before. Not on this farm."

Make connection to chapter 2: p.32- m"an dressed as if he were going to a wedding"

Discuss problem—Why didn't grandpa pay tax?

activity - Draw picture of Clifford Snyder using details from the text.

Chapter 5— vocabulary: Samoyeds (dog team); unison; his face was solid granite

-- Chapter introduces Stone Fox and race.

Chapter 6- vocabulary: contestants, acres, granite, legends

Discussion: Should Willy have spent his college money? Should the banker have let him take the money out?

visualization of stone fox ("by no means a lightly constructed man")

read together: \*\*\*p. 53- legend of Stone Fox

What is the reason Stone Fox entered race?

Why do you think author has Stone Fox not talking?

Why is Willy not worried? Should he be?

#### Chapter 7—The Meeting

vocabulary: medicine; "rooting for you" embarrassed; treacherous; courage; deserted; investigate

Notice contrast—Little Willy; giant/massive Stone Fox

Discuss: Why does Stone Fox hit him?

Could this affect outcome of race?

Why does Willy stop and see Stone Fox; Should he have told someone about his eye?

#### Chapter 8

p. 67—notice the size description

notice phrase: " face frozen like ice"

### Chapter 9-The Race

vocabulary: (Would make a good Word Splash) teton mts.; abrubt halt; positioned; knuckles tension; hot pursuit; disqualified; forged ahead; challenger

# Chapter 10 The Finish Line

pp. 77 Dog dies-"head buried"

#### Discuss:

Why does author have dog die? Were there any clues that this would happen? Why does Stone Fox do what he does?

p.78 important page to discuss

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