

Book Club Focus Assessment and Rubric

Name: _____

Sequence of Events *I Survived the Great Chicago Fire, 1871*
Book Club Focus Assessment

Directions: Use what you know about the conflicts and resolutions in *I Survived the Great Chicago Fire, 1871* to answer each of the following questions.

Tell about the selling of the main part of the story. Why are these details important?

Chronologically, which of these events happened first in the story?

(A) The story begins when Oscar's father dies.

(B) The story begins when the fire starts.

(C) The story begins when Oscar arrives in Chicago.

(D) The story begins when Mr. Morrow marries Oscar's mother.

Number the events in chronological order:

Oscar's suitcase is stolen from the train station. _____

Papa chases Earless K from Chicago. _____

Oscar is reunited with Jennie and Bruno. _____

Oscar saves Mr. Morrow from drowning in the river. _____

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Focus Assessment for Tracking Sequence of Events



Answer Key

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Which of the following events in the story really occurred?

(A) Many people lost their homes.

(B) A fire started in Chicago on October 8, 1871.

(C) The firefighters were unable to put out the fire.

(D) All of the above.

Why does the author flash forward at the end of the story?

(A) The author was running out of room and needed to finish the story.

(B) The author was trying to resolve all of the remaining conflicts in the story.

(C) The author wanted the main character to be older, so time had to pass quickly.

(D) The author wants the reader to use their imagination about how the story ends.

Tell how the author's use of flashbacks adds to your understanding of the story.

Answers will vary. Sample answers include: The author's use of flashbacks tells me more about Oscar, so they help me to understand the story better. There are many times where something in Oscar's past is similar to something he is experiencing currently and that helps me to understand how he acts.

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Student: _____ Date: _____

CCSS Reading Literature Standard 4.3
Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.

Levels	Beginning	Developing	Proficient	Secure
Correct Answers	0 – 1 Correct	2 – 3 Correct	4 – 5 Correct	6 Correct
Specific Skill: Understand Sequence of Events	Was not able to or is beginning to describe the sequence of events in the story.	Was able to describe the sequence of events in the story some of the time.	Was able to describe the sequence of events in the story and support it with details from the text most of the time.	Was able to describe the sequence of events in the story and support it with details from the text all of the time.

If student is less than secure, he or she needs to work on the following:

- Look at sequence of events and identify where a flashback exists
- List details of the story and put them in order
- Identify the conflicts, climax, and resolution in a fictional story

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Rubric with Optional Common Core Alignment

