

The Boy Who Cried Wolf

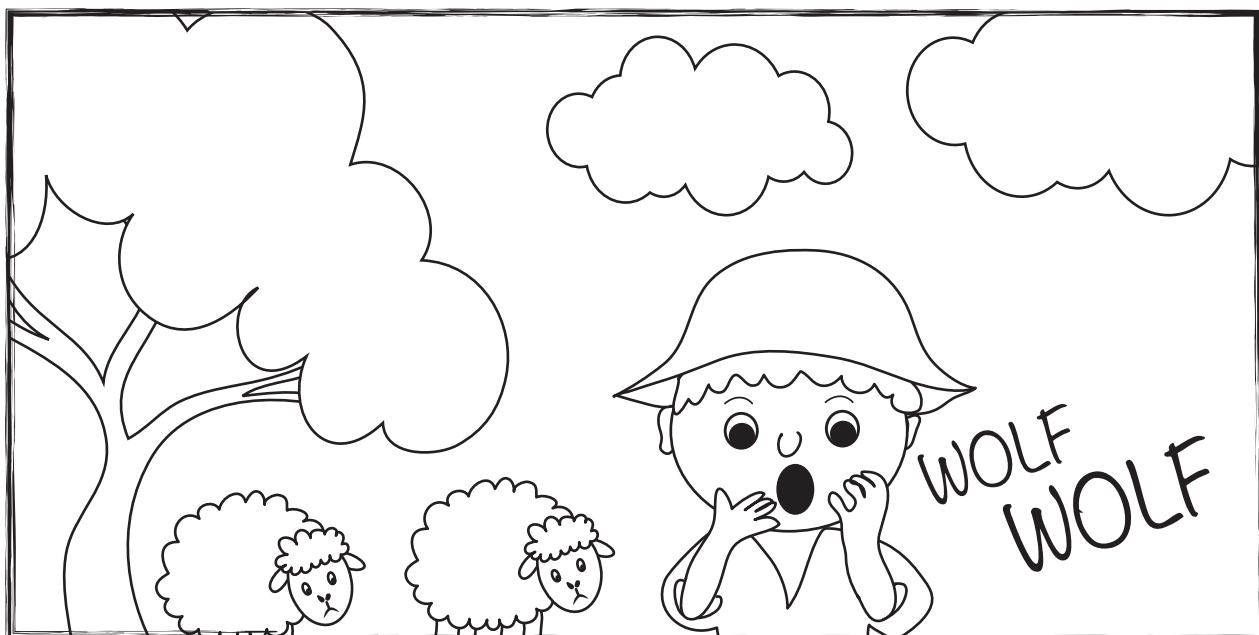
Making Text Connections

Directions: Read the following passage and complete the exercises that follow.

Once upon a time, in a beautiful village near lush rolling hills, there was a boy who watched over the village's sheep. Being alone up in the hills was very boring. To liven up his day, the boy thought it would be fun to scare the villagers and scream, "Wolf, wolf!" The villagers grabbed whatever they could, and ran up the hill to scare off the wolf.

When they reached the top, they realized they had been tricked by the mischievous boy. He laughed and laughed until the villagers angrily walked down the hill. Even the sheep were not amused. The boy continued to call wolf, and the villagers warned him that the next time they would no longer believe him. The boy shrugged off the warning and laid down for a nap.

One lazy afternoon, the boy heard a terrible sound. Before he could even prepare himself, a wolf appeared right before him, and began chasing all the village's sheep! The boy screamed, "Wolf, wolf!" but having lied so many times, the people of the village just ignored him. With no one to help him fend off the wolf, the sheep all ran away, and the boy was left crying on the hill.



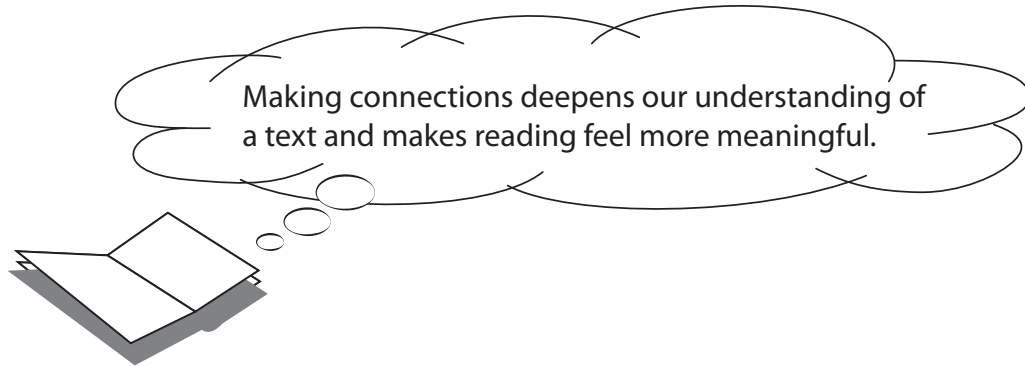
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Answer Sheet

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What is the theme of this fable? Underline evidence in the text that supports your answer.

Responses might include themes, such as deception, trust, and responsibility.

Example response: People who lie are not believed when they actually speak the truth.

What is a text-to-self connection you can make to this story?

(Example: How can you relate the theme in this story to your own life experiences?)

Student responses will vary.

What is a text-to-text connection you can make to this story?

(Example: How does the theme in this story remind you of another text?)

Student responses will vary.

What is a text-to-world connection you can make to this story?

(Example: How does the theme in this story remind you of a real-world event?)

Student responses will vary.