

# Stone Fox

by John Reynolds Gardiner

## Finding Similes

A simile is a comparison using the words **like** or **as**.

Example: The woman's hair shone **like the sun**.

Find similes in Chapters 1-4 and write them in the boxes below.

Simile: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Page number: \_\_\_\_\_  
What does the simile mean?  
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## Check for Understanding - Chapter 2 "Little Willy"

1. Explain the meaning of the first paragraph: "A ten-year-old boy cannot run. But you can't tell a ten-year-old boy that. Especially a boy like Little Willy." (page 10)

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2. What does Doc Smith recommend to Little Willy at the beginning of the second chapter?

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3. Explain the way that Little Willy learns to communicate with Grandfather when he plays the harmonica.

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\_\_\_\_\_

4. Explain the process of harvesting potatoes used in this book. Do you think a different method is used today?

## Bulletin Board Display / Portfolio Reflection

Cut and glue onto a colored piece of paper.

My favorite part of this book was

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This book made me think about

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My rating of

Stone  
FOX

by John  
Reynolds  
Gardiner

# NOVEL STUDY

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This novel study is the perfect companion to *Stone Fox* by John Reynolds Gardiner.

Pick and choose the pages that support your classroom goals, or create student booklets with all the activities and have students work through them as they read.



In this novel study, you'll find end-of-chapter comprehension questions that will help students build their understanding as they read. They'll also make predictions and make important connections.

Use these as written activities or for oral discussion.



### Check for Understanding - Chapter 2 "Little Willy"

1. Explain the meaning of the first paragraph: "A ten-year-old boy cannot run a farm. But you can't tell a ten-year-old boy that. Especially a boy like Little Willy." (p. 12).

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2. What does Doc Smith recommend to Little Willy at the beginning of the second chapter? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Explain the way that Little Willy learns to communicate with Grandfather while playing the harmonica. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Explain the process of harvesting potatoes used in this book. Do you think a different method is used today? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Predict** - Little Willy discovers \_\_\_\_\_  
What else could he be worried about? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**List** new words that you learned in this chapter.

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### Check for Understanding - Chapter 3 "Searchlight"

1. How did Little Willy prepare for winter? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Imagine travelling to school by dogsled like Little Willy. Would you like to go to school that way? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. In your opinion, does Little Willy seem like he is 10 years old, or does he seem younger? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Searchlight and Little Willy have a very special bond. Have you ever had a special bond with an animal? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Predict** - Who is the man on the front porch and why is he at Grandfather's house? \_\_\_\_\_

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**List** new words that you learned in this chapter.

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### Check for Understanding - Chapter 4 "The Reason"

1. What is a derringer? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Describe the physical appearance of Clifford Snyder. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How much money does Grandfather owe? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Rewrite the following sentence using different verbs: "Clifford Snyder snatched the letters from Little Willy's hand and examined them." (p. 35) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Predict** - What will Little Willy do? Will the government take the farm away? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Check for Understanding - Chapter 5 "The Way"

1. Grandfather had taught Little Willy that "where there's a will, there's a way." Explain what this means. Do you believe this is true? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. After talking to Mr. Foster at the bank, Little Willy walks out with his head down. Explain the significance of his body language. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Everyone who Little Willy talks to says that he should sell the farm. Do you agree? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What is Little Willy's plan to obtain the \$500.00? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Make a Connection** - Little Willy wants to win the race more than anything so that he can pay the taxes and the farm will not be taken away. Write about a time when you wanted something so badly that you would do anything for it.

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**List** new words that you learned in this chapter.

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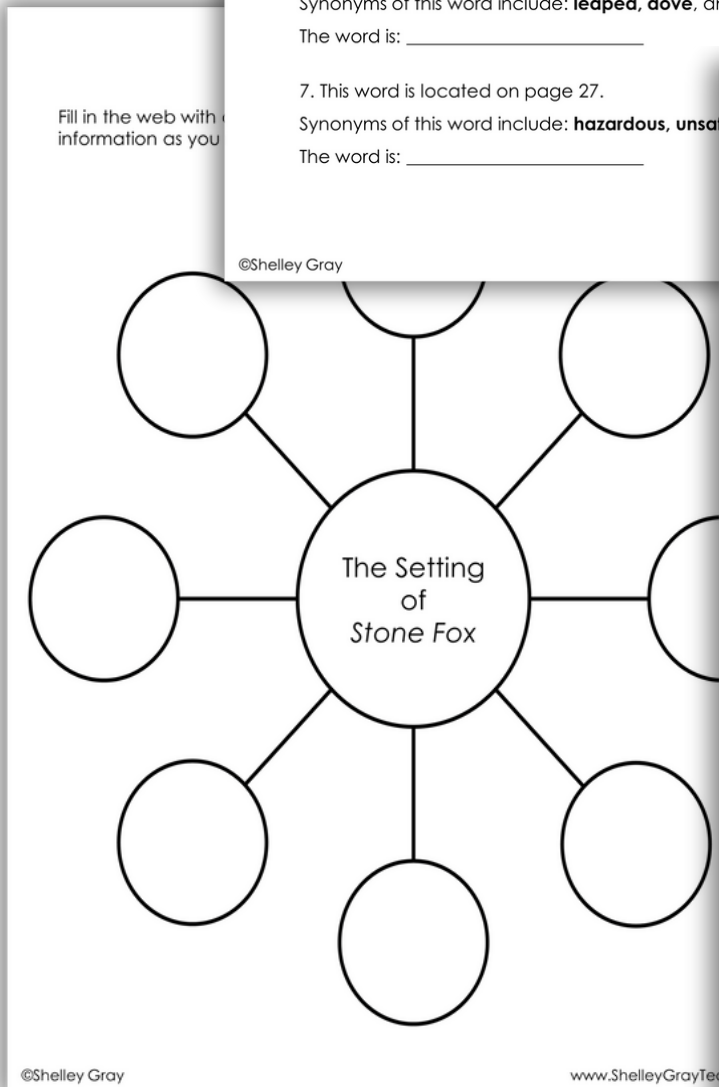
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You'll also find a wide variety of engaging activities to reinforce other skills such as cause and effect, punctuation, character attributes, transition words, and more!



### Synonym Scavenger Hunt

Use the clues below to find synonyms for the words provided from Chapter 3.

1. This word is located on page 22.  
Synonyms of this word include: **total, complete** and **whole**.  
The word is: \_\_\_\_\_
2. This word is located on page 23.  
Synonyms of this word include: **famished, starving** and **ravenous**.  
The word is: \_\_\_\_\_
3. This word is located on page 23.  
Synonyms of this word include: **bought, acquired** and **paid for**.  
The word is: \_\_\_\_\_
4. This word is located on page 24.  
Synonyms of this word include: **muscular, powerful** and **well-built**.  
The word is: \_\_\_\_\_
5. This word is located on page 24.  
Synonyms of this word include: **border, outer edge** and **fringes**.  
The word is: \_\_\_\_\_
6. This word is located on page 27.  
Synonyms of this word include: **leaped, dove,** and **pounced**.  
The word is: \_\_\_\_\_
7. This word is located on page 27.  
Synonyms of this word include: **hazardous, unsafe**.  
The word is: \_\_\_\_\_

### Cause and Effect

Fill in the empty boxes to show cause and effect situations from the novel. You may also create your own cause and effect situation.

CAUSE	EFFECT
Little Willy asked Grandfather if he wanted him to keep playing the harmonica. (p. 15)	
	Little Willy refused to accept help with the crop when a friend of Grandfather's offered. (p.18)

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### Design an Advertisement

In Chapter 5, Little Willy sees a poster advertising the National Dogsled Races. Use the description from the novel to design a poster advertising the race. Remember to include important, concise details. Consider adding a border or other visual elements to make the poster eye-catching.

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