Noni and the Book Ban • Level V • 1

Instructions: Choose a character from the story. Write the character's name on the line at the top of the page. Describe the character's thoughts, feelings, actions, and so on in the spaces below. On the back of the page, record what you can conclude about this character on the basis of the information you have gathered.

Character _____
Character's thoughts

Character's feelings

Character's actions

Character's words

Others' reactions to character

Instructions: Add the missing quotation and punctuation marks in each paragraph.

Good morning, Mrs. McGuinness I said to the school librarian. I'm Noni Lopez, staff reporter with the Whitmore Weekly, and this is Miguel, the coeditor. Would you be willing to comment on the whereabouts of the Sergeant Rotten Teeth Series?

We had a parent complain about the series, so I pulled the books until they can be reviewed more closely. All kinds of people, from all different perspectives, want to remove books for different reasons.

Can we talk to the parent? I asked

No, but you can contact the school book review committee—they'll give the books a hearing. Mrs. McGuinness smiled at us. That way everyone can share their opinion.

Miguel and his coeditor, Ashley, stormed into the Monday newspaper meeting, arguing as usual.

The Sergeant Rotten Teeth books are the best books ever written! Miguel shouted.

I hadn't read them, but I knew the hero had disgusting teeth and used his bad breath to fight off bad guys.

Are you kidding me? Ashley huffed. The pictures alone made my mom and me want to barf.

Your mom? I asked. Did she make the complaint?

Absolutely. She's a dentist, you know.

Well, I don't want your mom telling me what I can't read Miguel said

Look Ashley sighed my mom is protecting us! These books are putting bad ideas into kids' heads. We're young and venerable.

Vulnerable I corrected her.

Absolutely.

Not me Miguel said. As a matter of fact, I'm staging a protest.



skill: Quotation Marks

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Instructions: Match words from the left-hand column with words from the right-hand column to create compound words from Noni and the Book Ban. Then, write the compound words on the lines to the right. Choose two compound words and write two original sentences that include them in the space provided.

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