



Genre – Poem

Occasion

Thinking Guide and Activities

Title of the Selection: *Styrofoam Wings*

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An **Occasion Thinking Guide** with selection summary is provided. The Occasion Thinking Guide identifies the occasion, significant characters, and the outcome of the selection. In addition, the elements are color coded and used to develop a meaningful summary.

- ★ ***Styrofoam Wings*** Occasion Thinking Guide
- ★ Color-Coded Occasion Thinking Guide and Summary

The Occasion Thinking Guide is used to develop other fun and interactive activities. Fisher Reyna Education offers the following activities:

- ★ Missing Summary-Part Activity
- ★ Matching Activity 1
- ★ Matching Activity 2
- ★ Thinking Guide Cloze 1st Letter
- ★ Thinking Guide Cloze Blank
- ★ Write Summary Elements Activity
- ★ Vocabulary – Using Context Clues

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Occasion Thinking Guide
Fiction, Literary Nonfiction, Poetry or Drama

Title of the Selection **Styrofoam Wings**

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Occasion What is the link? idea, setting, series of happenings, or situation	Making Styrofoam wings and thinking she might fly
Significant Characters	Speaker
Outcome	She used her imagination to fly and knew she could fly wherever she pleased.

Color-Coded Occasion Thinking Guide
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Significant Characters	Speaker
Outcome	She used her imagination to fly and knew she could fly wherever she pleased.

After making Styrofoam wings and thinking she might fly, the speaker used her imagination to fly and knew she could fly wherever she pleased.



Missing Part Activity

Styrofoam Wings

Directions

Choose one of the following Thinking Guides, and instruct students to write the missing summary element as they read the selection.

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Significant Characters	Speaker
Outcome	She used her imagination to fly and knew she could fly wherever she pleased.

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Significant Characters	
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Matching Activity 1

Styrofoam Wings



Directions

Identify the summary part by writing letters for summary element in the blank.

- OC** for Occasion
- SC** for Significant Characters
- OU** for Outcome

_____ Speaker

_____ She used her imagination to fly and knew she could fly wherever she pleased.

_____ Making Styrofoam wings and thinking she might fly

Matching Activity 2

Directions

Cut apart and place the summary parts by the correct summary element in the Thinking Guide.



She used her imagination to fly and knew she could fly wherever she pleased.

Making Styrofoam wings and thinking she might fly

Speaker

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Significant Characters	
Outcome	

Occasion Thinking Guide
Cloze – 1st Letter Activity

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Directions

As selection is read, complete the words in the blanks with the first letter given.

Occasion What is the link? idea, setting, series of happenings, or situation	Making S_____ w_____ and thinking she might f_____
Significant Characters	S_____
Outcome	She used her i_____ to f_____ and knew she could f_____ w_____ she pleased.

Occasion Thinking Guide
Cloze – Blank Activity

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Directions

As selection is read, fill in the blanks.

Occasion What is the link? idea, setting, series of happenings, or situation	Making _____ and thinking she might _____
Significant Characters	_____
Outcome	She used her _____ to _____ and knew she could _____ she pleased.

Occasion Thinking Guide
Write Summary Elements Activity

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Directions

Students take notes that include occasion, significant characters, and outcome. Implied summary elements increase the level of difficulty with this activity.

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Significant Characters	
Outcome	

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Vocabulary – Using Context Clues

Note: This vocabulary activity should be used after students have read the article.



Directions: Display the following vocabulary list. Ask the students to define the words they recognize. Then reread the selection as the students listen for these words. After hearing one of the listed words in context, ask students to give its definition. The words are listed in the order in which they appear in the article.

1. styrofoam
2. wings
3. nutty
4. flapped
5. larks
6. blast
7. last
8. through
9. gentle