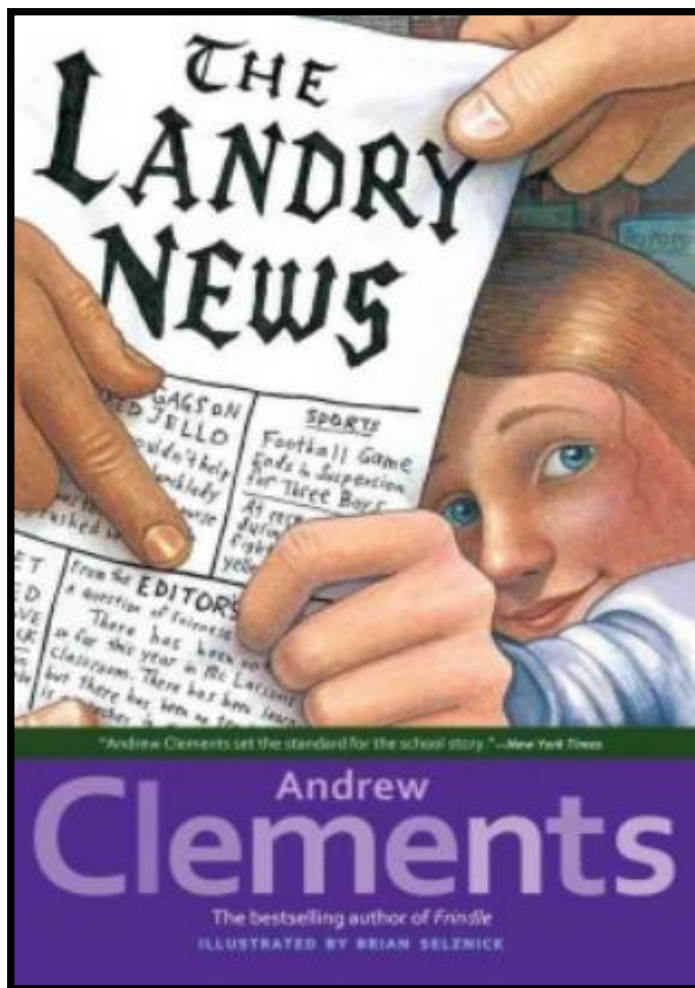


The Landry News



Novel Study

Name: _____

Before Reading:

Predict: Look at the cover and the illustrations throughout the book. Make a prediction of what you believe this book is about. What do you predict *The Landry News* is or stands for?

After Chapter 1: New Kid Gets Old Teacher

Create Mental Images: Good readers form images in their minds as they read. Draw the image you visualized as you read about Cara.



Narrative Elements: Fill in the narrative elements.

CHARACTERS:

SETTING:

Reread to Clarify: What was Cara doing at the table in the kitchenette?

Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the following excerpts.

alliteration	hyperbole	metaphor
onomatopoeia	personification	simile

"She dressed in a brown plaid skirt and a clean white blouse every day, dependable as the tile pattern on the classroom floor."

"Room 145 was like a giant educational glacier, with layer upon layer of accumulated materials."

"...an igloo after a week of warm weather."

Read for Details: How did Cara's classmates picture her?

Reread to Clarify: Describe Mr. Larson's classroom.

Connect: How would you feel about having class in a room like Mr. Larson's?

Infer: Why was that first Friday afternoon in October a special day for Cara?

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the vocabulary words from Chapter 1 using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"Even though it was chaotic and cluttered, Mr. Larson's class suited Cara Landry just fine."

chaotic - _____

Write a synonym of chaotic: _____

"The reading corner was jammed with pillows and was sheltered by half of an old cardboard geodesic dome."

geodesic - _____

After Chapter 2: Roof Blows Off Schoolroom

Summarize: Summarize Cara's editorial section of *The Landry News*.

Compare and Contrast: Compare and contrast Mr. Larson's mood before reading the editorial section in *The Landry News* and after reading the editorial section in *The Landry News*.

Before

After

Opinion: Do you think Cara was right to write what she did in the school newspaper? Why or why not?

Vocabulary - Prefix: *"There is a kind of writing that is appropriate in school, and there is a kind that is INappropriate."*

Underline the base word and circle the prefix in:

inappropriate

What does the circled prefix mean? _____

Write two additional words that properly use the circled prefix:

1) _____

2) _____

Predict: How do you predict Mr. Larson is going to treat Cara after reading her editorial section? Explain.

Predict: Who do you predict went back to pick up the remainder of *The Landry News*?

Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the following excerpts.

alliteration	hyperbole	metaphor
onomatopoeia	personification	simile

"It was a pleased, self-satisfied smile."

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the vocabulary words from Chapter 2 using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"The hubbub and confusion of the scene was a welcome distraction..."

hubbub - _____

Write a synonym of hubbub: _____

Write an antonym of hubbub: _____

After Chapter 3: Ancient History, Modern Mystery

Reread to Clarify: Cara said, *"No, I'm not a spy. I'm a journalist."* What does a journalist do?

Infer: Why did Cara write what she did about Mr. Larson?

Reread to Clarify: At the end of Chapter 3, Cara said, *"Now that's what I call news."* What was she referring to?

Opinion: How do you think Cara feels to have her classmates show interest in her, all of a sudden?

After Chapter 4: Missing Teacher Found in Nearby Suburb

Mood: How did Mr. Larson's mood change throughout Chapter 4?

Analyze: What did Mrs. Larson's reply to the editorial section about her husband?

Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the following excerpts.

alliteration	hyperbole	metaphor
onomatopoeia	personification	simile

"The gray sky was a good mirror for his thoughts."

"Teachers don't burn out all at once. It happens a little at a time, like the weariness that can overtake a person walking up a steep hill..."

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the vocabulary words from Chapter 4 using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"She wrote in that flawless cursive..."

flawless - _____

Write a synonym of flawless: _____

"Karl was thunderstruck, and he turned and stumbled back to where his own family had set up their picnic..."

thunderstruck - _____

Write about a time you felt thunderstruck. What was the cause?

Predict: *"And Karl Larson knew he had to do something about it."* What do you predict Mr. Larson is going to do ?

Predict: How do you think the students will respond to a *new* Mr. Larson?

After Chapter 5: Homework: Hard But Important

Infer: How did Cara's mother respond to the editorial section? Why did she respond this way?

Figurative Language: Choose the type of figurative language used in the Chapter 5 excerpt.

"Joanna Landry could feel her hair getting grayer by the minute."

- a) metaphor
- b) hyperbole
- c) personification



Reread to Clarify: What did Mrs. Landry say was the cause of Cara's '*hatred*'?

Infer: Why did Cara's newspaper articles become less angry over the last year?

Connect: In your own words, what was the meaning behind what Cara's mother said to her at the end of the chapter?

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the vocabulary words from Chapter 5 using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"It was just bad timing that turned Cara into an outlaw journalist."

outlaw - _____

Challenge: Can you name any famous outlaws?

"She became a ferocious reporter - aloof, remote, detached."

ferocious - _____

Draw an image of a ferocious animal.



"Now as Cara sat at the kitchen table looking through the sheaf of fourth-grade editions..."

sheaf - _____

Write a synonym of sheaf: _____

After Chapter 6: Top Stress Cause For Kids? One Word: Fear

Infer: At the start of Chapter 6, why did Cara feel like a coward?

Opinion: Do you think Cara's note to Mr. Larson sounded apologetic? Why or why not?

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the vocabulary words from Chapter 5 using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"All day long she had skulked around, making sure that wherever she was, Mr. Larson wasn't."

skulked - _____

Predict: How do you think Mr. Larson is going to respond to Cara and her note? Explain your reasoning.

After Chapter 7: Fans Brace For Grudge Match

Mood: Describe the mood of the classroom and the students at the beginning of Chapter 7.

Analyze: Cara said she liked the editorials because *"it's where you get to see the heart of the newspaper."* What does Cara mean by this statement?

Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the following excerpts.

alliteration	hyperbole	metaphor
onomatopoeia	personification	simile

"She gripped that cover tightly, as if trying to keep her apology trapped there, afraid it might leap out and throw itself into Mr. Larson's hands."

"He shook that thought away, like a pitcher shaking off a bad signal from a catcher."

"The kids in the class had been following this exchange like a crowd watching a tennis match..."

Predict: *"Cara smiled because she had just gotten an idea, a new idea for her editorial..."* What do you think Cara's new idea for her editorial piece will be?

After Chapter 8: Volunteers Line Up For Danger

Infer: What did Joey offer Cara?

Main Idea: What was the main idea of Chapter 8? Be sure to include one piece of evidence to support your answer.

Opinion: Do you agree with Cara's consent to allow Joey and Ed to join her newspaper? Why or why not?

Predict: The upcoming chapter is titled '*K-9 Unit Sniffs Suspicious Activities*.' Make a prediction of how this title relates to the story and the upcoming chapter.

After Chapter 9: K-9 Unit Sniffs
Suspicious Activities

Summarize: Summarize what Ms. Steinert chattered with Mr. Larson about.

Opinion: How would you describe Mr. Larson's reaction to the *'journalism project'* Ms Steinert told him about?

Reflect: Why do you suppose Mr. Larson signed the expense forms without talking to the students first? Explain your thoughts.

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the Chapter 9 vocabulary words using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"Each teacher and each team is allotted so much credit for each semester.."

allotted - _____

When is the last time you had an allotted time to finish something? What was it?

After Chapter 10: New Team Picks Up Steam

Analyze: Joey said, *"there can be headlines and drawings and pictures and dingbats - they all take up space, too."*

When referring to printing, what is a dingbat?

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the Chapter 10 vocabulary words using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"Well... thank you, Cara," said Mr. Larson, a little haltingly. 'I'll enjoy reading this.'"

haltingly - _____

Which part of speech is haltingly as used in the previous excerpt?

- a) adjective
- b) adverb
- c) conjunction



Read for Details: What was the new motto of *The Landry News*?

_____ and _____

Mood: What was Mr. Larson's mood after reading the new editorial section?

Predict: How do you predict the principal is going to respond to the new paper? Explain your thoughts.

After Chapter 11: Tremors Point to Major Quake

Reread to Clarify: What was the problem Dr. Barnes had with the editorial section? Why?

Opinion: Do you think Dr. Barnes was right to feel this way about Mr. Larson? Why or why not?

Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the Chapter 11 excerpts.

alliteration	hyperbole	metaphor
onomatopoeia	personification	simile

"Dr. Barnes closed up Mr. Larson's fat file folder..."

Infer/Analyze: Analyze the following Chapter 11 excerpt.

"He had a good feeling about this little newspaper. This situation had possibilities. This could turn out to be just what a lot of people had been hoping for."

What is Dr. Barnes hoping *'this little newspaper'* will result in?

Predict: The title of Chapter 12 is *'Growth Spurt Doesn't Hurt.'* What do you predict is the meaning behind this title?

After Chapter 12: Growth Spurt Doesn't Hurt

Connect: List one *Positive*, one *Negative*, and one *Neutral* word not listed in the class discussion:

Positive

Negative

Neutral

Create Mental Images: Good readers form images in their minds as they read. Draw the image you created in your mind when you read on page 68 about Cara looking similar to the famous statue, *"The Thinker."*



Reflect: How did the school life change for Cara since she first posted *The Landry News*?

Reflect: How did Mr. Larson's teaching style differ in Chapter 12 than in previous chapters?

Cause and Effect: Fill in the cause.

Cause: _____

Effect: Cara's classmates approached her desk and Cara, Joey, Ed, and LeeAnn divided up work for the students.



After Chapter 13: Strong Winds in ForeCast

Vocabulary - Prefix: *"Dr. Barnes was impressed. He had underestimated just how well read and well informed..."*

Underline the base word and circle the (prefix) in:

underestimated

What does the circled prefix mean? _____

Write two additional words that properly use the circled prefix:

1) _____

2) _____

Opinion: In your opinion, do you think Mr. Larson knew he had a planned meeting with Dr. Barnes?

Reread to Clarify: What was the main idea of the conversation between Dr. Barnes and Mr. Larson?

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the vocabulary word from Chapter 13 using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"What are you doing?" Dr. Barnes asked incredulously."

incredulously - _____

Write a synonym of incredulously: _____

Infer: How did Dr. Barnes feel the conversation with Mr. Larson went? Why did he feel this way? What was he hoping to get from Mr. Larson?

Opinion: After reading Chapter 13, what is your opinion of Dr. Barnes? Explain.

After Chapter 14: Law For All, All For Law

Read for Details: What is the First Amendment?

- a) Protects the right to keep and bear arms.
- b) Protects the right to a fair and speedy public trial by jury.
- c) Prohibits the making of any law respecting an establishment of religion, impeding the free exercise of religion, abridging the freedom of speech and infringing on the freedom of the press.

Infer: Why was Mr. Larson giving a surprise lesson on the Constitution and Bill of Rights?

Figurative Language: Choose the type of figurative language used in the Chapter 14 excerpt.

"Using the pointer like a gentleman's cane, Mr. Larson picked his way through the clutter back to his desk."

- a) hyperbole
- b) simile
- c) metaphor
- d) personification



After Chapter 15: Ref Makes Tough Call

Read for Details: List three responsibilities Cara had as editor-in-chief of *The Landry News*:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Connect: Imagine Cara asked you to add a column to *The Landry News*. What would your column be about and what would you title the column?

Infer: How did Cara's mother feel about her daughter's participation with *The Landry News*? Explain.

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the Chapter 14 vocabulary words using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"Section B - the second sheet of The Landry News - was a hodgepodge."

hodgepodge - _____

Write a synonym of hodgepodge: _____

Analyze/Reflect: The chapter ends with the excerpt, *"It was the same story that Dr. Barnes was so excited about."* What was the story that Dr. Barnes was excited about? Why did this story excite Dr. Barnes?

Opinion: Do you think Cara should have published the story? Why or why not?

After Chapter 16: Salvage Crew Inspects Wreckage

Summarize: Summarize the content of the *large brown envelope* Mr. Larson received from Dr. Barnes.

Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the Chapter 16 excerpts.

alliteration	hyperbole	metaphor
onomatopoeia	personification	simile

"He felt as if he'd been kicked in the stomach."

Infer: What was Mr. Larson's initial reaction to the letter from Dr. Barnes?

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the Chapter 16 vocabulary words using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"As he began to think about the kids, all the heaviness and burden seemed to drop away."

burden - _____

Reread to Clarify: How is Mr. Larson going to approach the situation? What change is he going to make in the classroom?

Predict: How do you think the students will respond if Mr. Larson is removed from teaching? Explain your thoughts.

After Chapter 17: Rescue Squad Tackles Cleanup

Analyze: Mr. Larson said about the divorce story, "*You have to remember that publishing this story was the right thing to do.*" Knowing this is the story that was the problem, why did he say that?

Main Idea: What was the main idea of Chapter 17? Use two pieces of evidence from the chapter to support your answer.

Infer: How did Cara's attitude change throughout the chapter?

After Chapter 18: Censorship + Computers = No Way

Reread to Clarify: What did Cara and Joey decide to do?

Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the Chapter 18 excerpts.

alliteration	hyperbole	metaphor
onomatopoeia	personification	simile

"...redesign everything for a smaller sheet size."

"Then as if a puppet master had rotated their heads at exactly the same moment, they faced each other..."

Read for Details: What is the name of the new paper?

Read for Details: What is Cara's job on the newspaper?

Read for Details: What is the motto of the new newspaper?

Opinion: What is your opinion about Cara's conversation with Dr. Barnes regarding the new newspaper?

Infer: What was Dr. Barnes mood while talking with Cara about the new newspaper?

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the Chapter 18 vocabulary words using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"...they had already taken a unanimous vote on the new name that Ed came up with."

If 50 people voted, how many votes would it take to make the winner unanimous?

- a) 1 vote
- b) 25 votes
- c) 50 votes



"The story was honest, it was impartial, and it lived up to the newspaper's motto."

impartial - _____

Write a synonym of impartial: _____

Vocabulary - Prefix: *"So in an abnormally quiet voice, Dr. Barnes said, 'Yes, that's a fine idea, Cara.'"*

Underline the base word and circle the (prefix) in:

abnormally

What does the circled prefix mean? _____

Write two additional words that properly use the circled prefix:

1) _____

2) _____

Predict: Do you think the article in the *Guardian* will help save Mr. Larson's job? Explain.

After Chapter 19: December To Be Warmer Than Normal

Reread to Clarify: What was the reaction of the community surrounding the disciplinary hearing of Mr. Larson? Use two pieces of evidence from the chapter to support your answer.

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the Chapter 19 vocabulary words using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"Bending so close that Cara could smell the acrid scent of her hair spray..."

acrid - _____

Write a two synonyms of acrid:

1) _____

2) _____

Infer: How does Mr. Larson feel about the upcoming disciplinary hearing?

Predict: Chapter 20 is the final chapter of the story. How do you predict the disciplinary hearing is going to go? Do you think Mr. Larson will be able to keep his job? Explain your thoughts.

After Chapter 20: Home Team Goes For Broke

Analyze: Analyze the Chapter 20 excerpt. *"It was going to be an uphill battle."* What is the meaning behind this statement? How does it relate to Mr. Larson's situation?

Reread to Clarify: What did the school board find inappropriate about the *divorce* story?

Summarize: Summarize the disciplinary hearing.

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the Chapter 20 vocabulary words using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"There was a spontaneous burst of applause, and he made his way back to his seat."

spontaneous - _____

Which are synonyms of spontaneous?

(Hint: Choose more than one!)

- a) impulsive
- b) explosive
- c) unprompted



Vocabulary: The headline of the special edition paper said, *'LARSON IS VINDICATED!'* What does vindicated mean and how does it relate to Mr. Larson?

Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the Chapter 20 excerpt.

alliteration	hyperbole	metaphor
onomatopoeia	personification	simile

"A newspaper that is only filled with cold, hard facts is like an iceberg, crushing anything that gets in its way."

Opinion: How do you think Dr. Barnes felt about the school board's decision? Explain your thoughts.

After finishing the story:

STORY MAP

CHARACTERS

SETTING

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

Character Trait: Identify and describe two character traits that portray Cara Landry.

- ❖ Use two pieces of evidence per character trait from the story to support your answer.
- ❖ Circle your chosen character traits and underline the evidence.

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Author's Purpose: What was the author's purpose for writing this story?

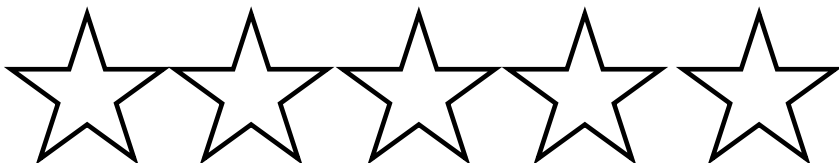
- a. To persuade
- b. To inform
- c. To entertain

Andrew Clements



Rating: How many stars would you rate this book?

- 1 being terrible and **5** being awesome.
- Be sure to color or shade your rating!



Theme: What is the theme of *The Landry News*? Explain.

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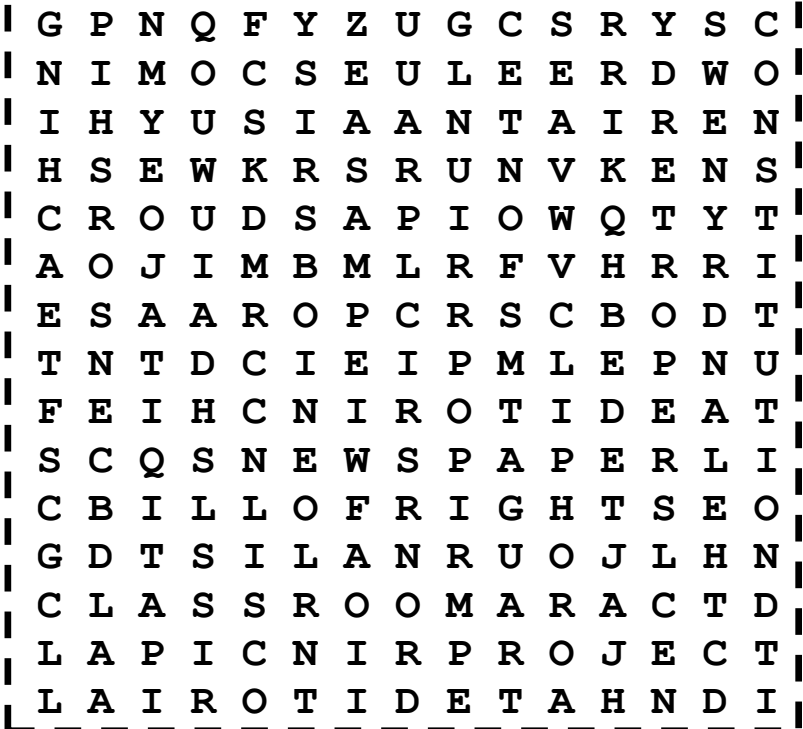
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Word Search



BILL OF RIGHTS

CARA

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