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Character Organizer

Studying the characters in a story gives you a deeper understanding of the text. One way to learn about characters is to consider their relationships to one another. In this activity, consider how Mike in the play *17 Again* relates to the other characters, how the other characters relate to Mike, and how these relationships change throughout the play.

Directions: In the sections below, describe Mike's relationship to each character listed. Explain how he treats them, and how they treat him, and how these relationships change during the course of the play.

Scarlet

How Mike treats Scarlet: _____

How Scarlet treats Mike: _____

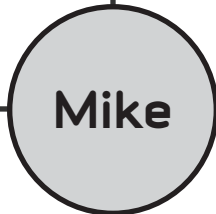
How their relationship changes: _____

Maggie

How Mike treats Maggie: _____

How Maggie treats Mike: _____

How their relationship changes: _____



Alex

How Mike treats Alex: _____

How Alex treats Mike: _____

How their relationship changes: _____

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Conflict Graphic Organizer

A conflict is a struggle between opposing forces. A resolution settles a conflict. Use this graphic organizer to explore some of the conflicts from the play *17 Again* and the article "Happy Gilmore."

Directions: Find an example from the play *17 Again* or the article "Happy Gilmore" for each type of conflict listed in the chart below.

TYPE OF CONFLICT	WHO	CONFLICT	RESOLUTION
person versus person			
person versus nature			
person versus self			
person versus society			

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Teens Go Green Quiz

Directions: Read the article "Teens Go Green," and answer the following questions.

1. When is Earth Day?

- Ⓐ April 1
- Ⓑ April 19
- Ⓒ April 22
- Ⓓ April 25

2. Which of the following is a project of Green Teens USA?

- Ⓐ Compost Cafeteria Project
- Ⓑ Pump 'Em Up
- Ⓒ RelightNY
- Ⓓ Campus Climate Challenge

3. How can keeping tires inflated benefit the environment?

- Ⓐ The tires will last 25 percent longer.
- Ⓑ Americans could save 4 million gallons of gas every day.
- Ⓒ Properly inflated tires mean fewer flat tires.
- Ⓓ both A and B

4. Which teen won a 2008 Brower Youth Award?

- Ⓐ Avery Hairston
- Ⓑ Savannah Walters
- Ⓒ Kelsey Sullivan
- Ⓓ Marisol Becerra

5. What does Avery Hairston, who started RelightNY, want people to do to save electricity?

- Ⓐ Replace regular light bulbs with CFLs.
- Ⓑ Turn off lights.
- Ⓒ Stop using air conditioners.
- Ⓓ all of the above

6. Which of the following statements is FALSE?

- Ⓐ Kelsey Sullivan and Lindsay Haythorn turned their school cafeteria into a compost production site.
- Ⓑ Pump 'Em Up is an organization that helps teens get in shape.
- Ⓒ Avery Hairston was inspired by watching *An Inconvenient Truth*.
- Ⓓ Recycling all paper, plastics, and glass is one way to be green.

7. What kind of statement is the following sentence: "With active teens like Marisol dedicated to environmental stewardship, it looks like the Earth is in good hands!"

- Ⓐ declarative
- Ⓑ imperative
- Ⓒ interrogative
- Ⓓ exclamatory

8. Which word best defines the word **prestigious** in the following sentence: *Marisol,*

who won a prestigious 2008 Brower Youth Award for her efforts, hopes the project will pressure local polluters to clean up their acts.

- Ⓐ important
- Ⓑ distinguished
- Ⓒ famous
- Ⓓ all of the above

9. Which organization is working to make schools energy-efficient?

10. What are some ways you could use less water?

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Reading the Signs

What will happen next? Ask yourself this question as you read plays and stories. Making predictions is an important part of being a good reader. Look for clues in the text, photos, and captions in *17 Again*.

Directions: Follow the prompts in each box to write your predictions for the play *17 Again*.

AFTER YOU READ SCENE 3:

What will Mike do with his second chance at high school? _____

Why do you think that? (What are the clues?)

AFTER YOU READ SCENE 4:

Will Mike help his son, Alex? _____

Why do you think that? (What are the clues?)

AFTER YOU READ SCENE 6:

Will Mike and Scarlet get divorced? _____

Why do you think that? (What are the clues?)

AFTER YOU READ SCENE 9:

Will Mike return to his real age or stay 17? _____

Why do you think that? (What are the clues?)

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Reading and Thinking

Writing about the basic elements of a story can help you better understand it. In this organizer, explore the theme of the play *17 Again*. Then, make connections to the play and form an opinion about it.

17 Again

THEME

What are two big ideas you think the author wanted you to get from the story?

TEXT CONNECTIONS

Here's how *17 Again* relates to...

... something else I read: _____

... something else I know about: _____

... something in my own life: _____

FORMING AN OPINION

Would you recommend this play to a friend? Why or why not? _____

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Frugal Is the New Cool Quiz

Directions: Read the article "Frugal Is the New Cool," and answer the following questions.

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| <p>1. How many U.S. jobs disappeared in the last four months of 2008?</p> <p>Ⓐ 100,900
Ⓑ 999,900
Ⓒ 1,900,000
Ⓓ 2,390,000</p> | <p>Ⓐ clear
Ⓑ murky
Ⓒ difficult
Ⓓ bad</p> | <p>8. Which title best summarizes this article?</p> <p>Ⓐ "Penny Savers"
Ⓑ "Feeling the Pinch, Teens Get Thrifty"
Ⓒ "Penny-Wise Kids Get Spending"
Ⓓ "A Penny Saved Is a Penny Earned"</p> |
| <p>2. How are some teens handling the recession?</p> <p>Ⓐ They are getting after-school jobs.
Ⓑ They are doing activities with friends that don't cost money.
Ⓒ They are packing their lunches.
Ⓓ all of the above</p> | <p>5. Which of the following statements is an OPINION?</p> <p>Ⓐ Talking about money is never a fun subject.
Ⓑ With many parents out of work, teens are feeling the pinch in their allowances.
Ⓒ Elizabeth Pieslor works at a local pizza place four times a week.
Ⓓ About 1.9 million jobs disappeared in the last four months of 2008.</p> | <p>9. Why is the fact that teens are getting jobs a positive development?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>3. Why are many teens around the country trying to save money?</p> <p>Ⓐ They want to be responsible.
Ⓑ The economy is in turmoil, and this has affected many families' finances.
Ⓒ Teens want to be independent from their parents.
Ⓓ all of the above</p> | <p>6. Which of the following adjectives best describes Allie Ferguson's approach to money?</p> <p>Ⓐ extravagant
Ⓑ indifferent
Ⓒ thrifty
Ⓓ agitated</p> | <p>10. List some ways to have fun without spending much money.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>4. Which of the following words is an antonym for turbid.</p> | <p>7. Which of the following activities is cheapest?</p> <p>Ⓐ going to the movies
Ⓑ going to dinner
Ⓒ watching a movie at home
Ⓓ taking a shopping spree</p> | |

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Punctuation Practice

Directions: Put all of the periods and apostrophes into the passage below, as you did in the article "Happy Gilmore."

A Brief History of Surfing

No one knows who invented surfing or when people first took to the waves on boards. We do know that surfing was a big part of ancient Hawaiian culture. Several of Hawaii's most famous chiefs were renowned for their surfing ability.

Surfing was first documented by European sailors in 1778. When Captain Cook's ships reached the Hawaiian Islands, he discovered that surfing was a big part of Polynesian life. However, once Hawaii was discovered by the Europeans, it became a popular destination for many people, changing the islands' culture. The surfing tradition stopped, and by 1900 surfing was almost nonexistent in Hawaii.

Although the spirit of surfing was dying during the 1800s, it did not die. By the early 1900s, a number of Hawaiians began to revive surfing and soon re-established it as a sport. Today, surfing is popular all over the world.

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Back in Order

Remembering the order in which big events take place will help you better understand the plot of the play *17 Again*.

Directions: Read the events from *17 Again* listed below. Then, place a number in the circle next to each event, in the order in which it happened.

- Mike is fired.
- Mike is back in his 36-year-old body.
- Mike is suddenly back in his 17-year-old body.
- Mike attends his kids' high school under the name Mark.
- Scarlet postpones the court date.
- Mike/Mark befriends his son, Alex.
- Mike/Mark stands up to Stan.
- Mike O'Donnell was the star player for the Hayden High School Warriors.
- Alex makes the winning shot.
- Mike and Scarlet reunite.
- Maggie is upset because Stan has broken up with her.
- Mike is told that he is not getting the promotion he was expecting.