

The Upstairs Dragon

Name _____

Record the main idea or ideas for each chapter.

Chapter 1

Chapter 2

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Chapter 3

Chapter 4

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Chapter 5

Chapter 6

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Locate these words in the book.

Read the sentence each word is found in and predict what the word means.

Check to see if one of the meanings matches or is close to your prediction. Record this definition.

1. cantankerous

My prediction _____

Dictionary meaning _____

2. dilapidated

My prediction _____

Dictionary meaning _____

3. magnificent

My prediction _____

Dictionary meaning _____

4. magnifiers

My prediction _____

Dictionary meaning _____



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Similarities and Differences

Record the characteristics that are different down the sides and the similarities in the middle.

The Old Man		The Old Woman
Similarities		



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Think of a new title for this book. Depending on your new title, you may need to design a new illustration for the front cover.

You also need to rewrite the blurb. When you rewrite the blurb, you need to consider that this is a humorous book and try to convey this to the reader. The blurb needs to spark the readers' attention and make them want to read this book.

Finally, think of a new title for each chapter.

Title _____

Blurb _____

Cover Illustration

Chapter 1 _____

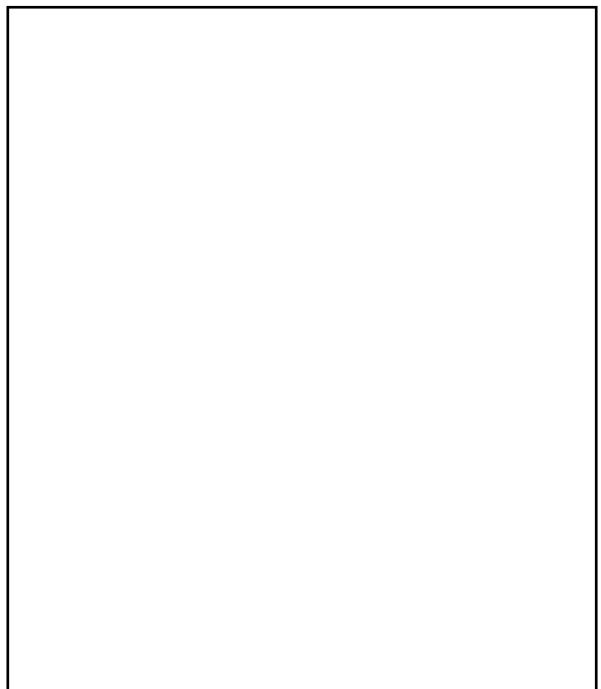
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Think about how you felt as you read this story. The author carefully chose characters, words, and events to make the reader feel a certain way.

1. What sort of mood did the author create for this story?

2. Think of some words that describe how you felt as you read the story. Find words in the story that made you feel this way.

3. What did you enjoy most about this story? Why?

4. What did you enjoy least about this story? Why?

5. How did the author want you to think about the main characters? How do you know? Use examples from the book.

7. Did the characters remind you of characters from other books or movies? If so, list names and explain why.

8. What did the author want you to think about the old man's friends?



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This story uses exaggerated character traits and an unusual situation to create a humorous story. Consider how the author used the characters and the series of funny events in this story to keep the audience laughing and on the edge of their seats.

How did the author use characters' stubbornness to make the book funny?

Would this book have been so funny if the characters were not stubborn? Why or why not?

How did the old man's grumpiness stop him from enjoying life?

How did the old woman's adventurousness lead to her snoring?

What led to the old man thinking the old woman was a dragon?



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