

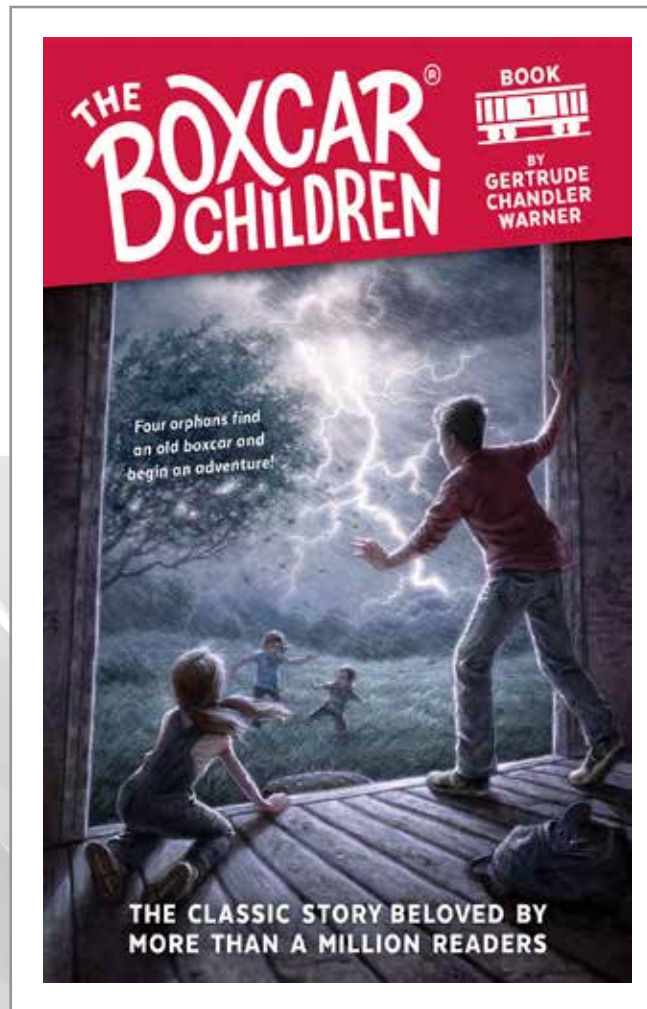


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**GRADES 3-5**

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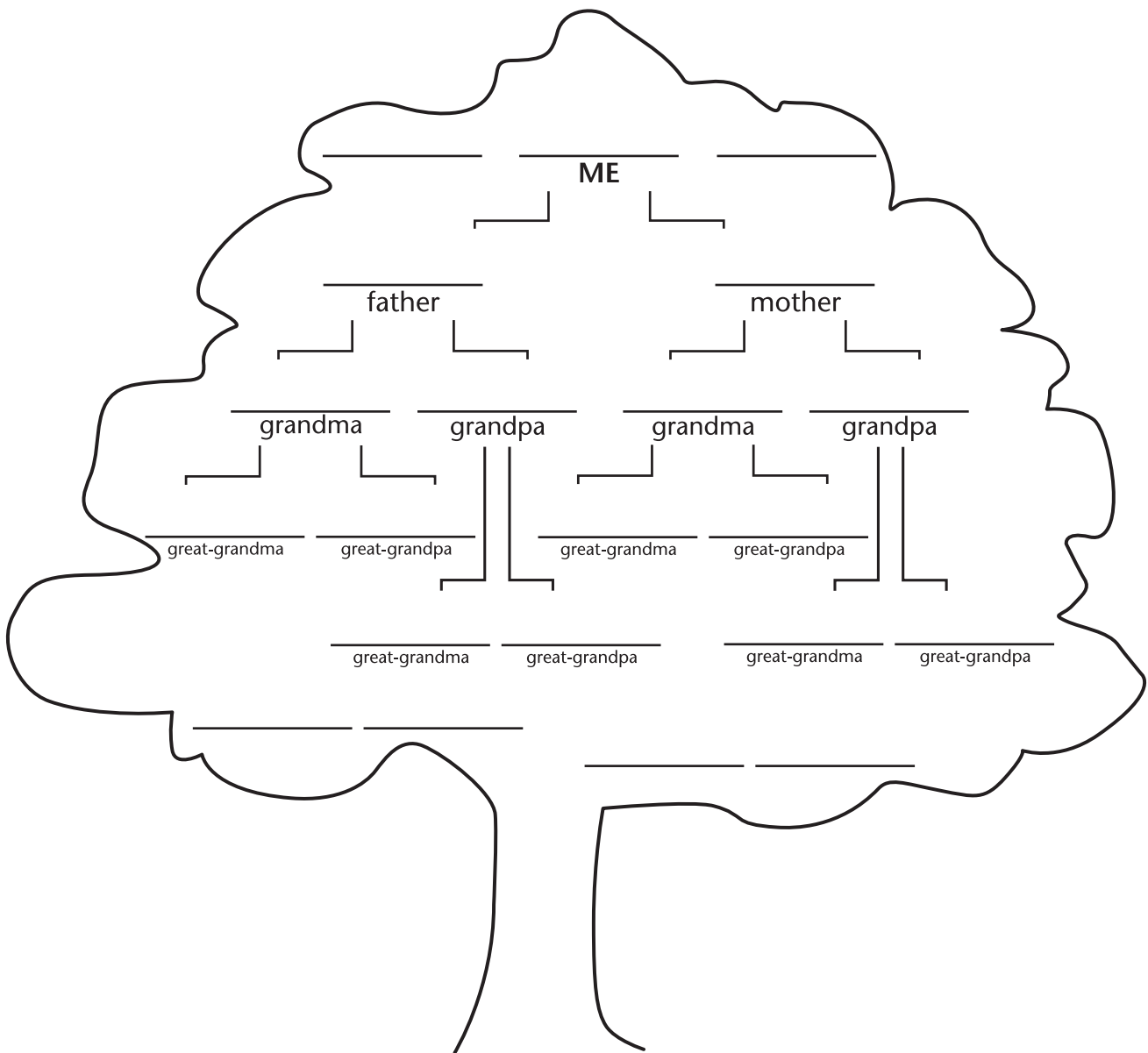
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**Directions:** The Boxcar Children do not have any parents. They also do not know anything about their grandfather. What do you know about your own family? Fill out the family tree below. Ask your parents or grandparents to help you. Ask questions about your ancestors as you fill out the chart. Then, on a separate sheet of paper, write a short paragraph telling the new information you learned about your grandparents or great-grandparents.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

12. Who does Benny meet the next morning?
13. What does Dr. Moore tell Mr. Alden?

### **Chapters XII-XIII, pp. 128-154**

1. What does Mrs. Moore tell Mr. Alden?
2. What does Mr. Alden beg to do? What do you think about Mr. Alden?
3. What does Mr. Alden offer to Dr. Moore? How does Dr. Moore respond?
4. How does Mary respond when she finds out that Mr. Alden will be staying there?  
What does Dr. Moore tell her?
5. What does Mrs. Moore call Mr. Alden at dinner?
6. What does Benny think is funny about Mr. Alden's name?
7. What is funny about the cucumber in Mr. Alden's garden?
8. What does Mr. Alden bring Violet when he can finally see her?
9. What does Mr. Alden say that reminds Henry of where he saw Mr. Alden before?
10. What does Dr. Moore tell Henry?
11. Why didn't Henry think Mr. Alden could be his grandfather?
12. What does Benny say that makes Jessie's face turn red?
13. When did Dr. Moore and Mrs. Moore see the children's home in the boxcar?
14. What do the children find out about their "rabbit"?
15. Where do the children take their grandfather?
16. What does Mr. Alden put in Violet, Benny, and Jessie's rooms at his house?
17. Who comes to see Mr. Alden? What is the man asking for?
18. What must the children do so that they can keep Watch? Are they able to keep him?
19. What do the children miss?
20. What does Mr. Alden surprise his grandchildren with?
21. What does Watch look for outside?

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Activity #6 • Vocabulary  
Chapters VII-VIII

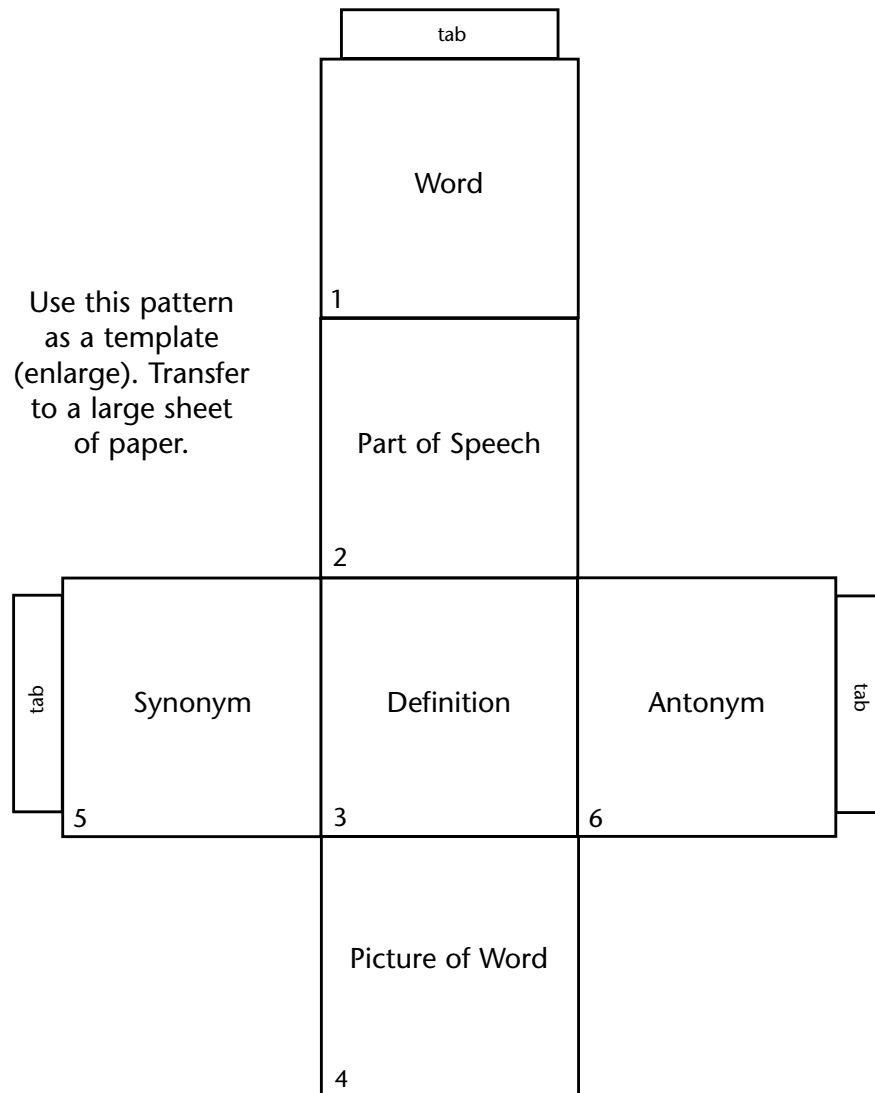
queer (69)  
mill (72)  
fireplace (75)  
cart (80)  
delighted (85)

rabbit (70)  
indeed (73)  
garage (76)  
remarked (80)  
laid (87)

vegetables (71)  
eager (74)  
stirred (79)  
dam (81)

turnips (72)  
wire (74)  
ladle (79)  
admired (82)

**Directions:** Get into a group of five or six people. As a group, make at least three vocabulary cubes, dividing the work equally. Use the pattern below. Do something special to your group's cubes to make them different from the other groups' cubes. Share your cubes with the class. Use clever ideas to teach your classmates how to remember correct spellings and definitions of the words. Remember to completely finish writing on the cube before you assemble it.



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### Attribute Web

**Directions:** Fill in the following attribute web with information about Henry. Start other attribute webs for Henry's brothers and sisters on your own paper. Continue to fill them in as you read *The Boxcar Children*.

