

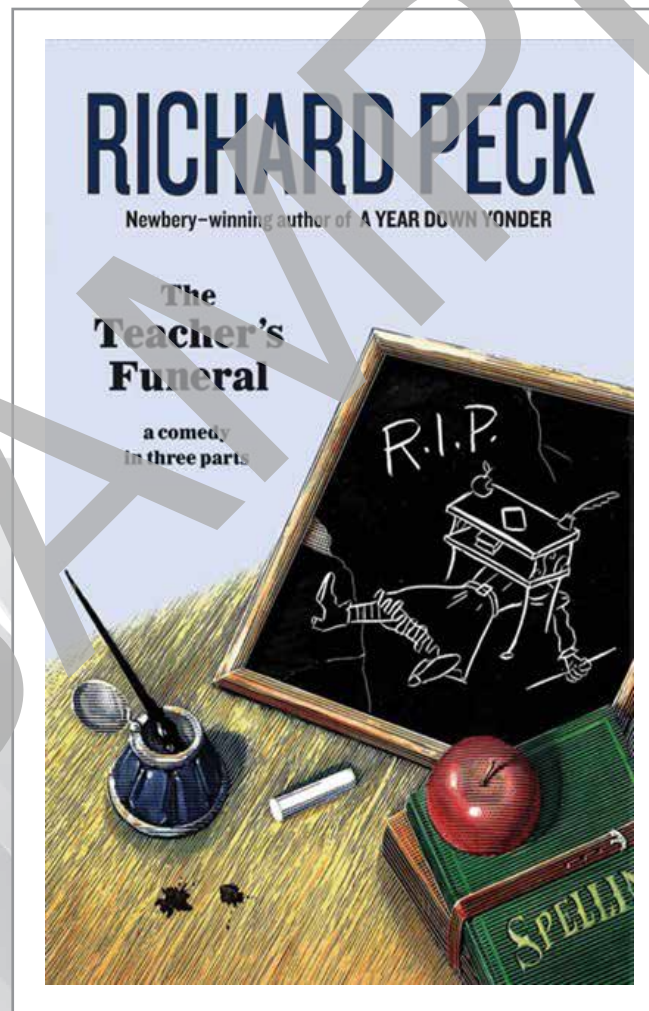


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GRADES 6-8

The Teacher's Funeral

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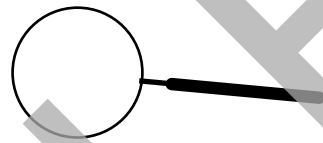
Be a Detective!

Directions: Check out the book by looking at the cover and thumbing through the pages. Then, ask yourself who, what, where, when, why, and how. Write your questions in the spaces below. Exchange papers with a partner, and answer each other's questions.

Who?

What?

Where?



When?

Why?

How?

Name _____

11. What does Charlie discover about the plank over the ditch?
12. Whom does Charlie say is responsible for the snake incident and for cutting the plank?
13. Why does Russell's father believe that Charlie was never going to the Dakotas?

Part III: Chapters Fourteen–Fifteen

1. How long does Charlie have to wear his cast?
2. With whom does Russell see Eugene Hammond dancing on the front porch of the Culver's home?
3. Who asks Eugene Hammond to take the first shot on butchering day? How does Eugene fare?
4. What finally convinces Charlie to ride in Eugene's car?
5. Which of the suitors does Russell want Tansy to like?
6. Who sends Tansy the letter regarding the date of her examination to become a licensed teacher?
7. After receiving the letter, whom does Tansy call on to sweep the floor?
8. Where does Glenn tell Russell he has been living?
9. Whom does Glenn say is responsible for the puff adder incident and sawing through the plank?
10. What causes the stovepipe to explode?
11. Whom does Tansy think caused the explosion?

Part III: Chapters Sixteen–Seventeen

1. Who arrives at school the morning of Tansy's evaluation, and what does this person bring?
2. What does Tansy say is the highest elevation in the state of Indiana?
3. When asked to write, what does Little Britches write on her notepad?
4. In what subject does Glenn demonstrate knowledge? How?
5. In what subject does Flopears display expertise? How?
6. What kind of education does Tansy want Russell to eventually get? What reason does Tansy give Russell for why Russell needs to work hard to make something of himself?
7. Who was the Sweet Singer of Sycamore Township?
8. Whom do Tansy, Russell, and Charlie marry?

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Character Web

Directions: Complete the attribute web below by filling in information specific to a character in the book.

