

The UNSUNG HERO of  
BIRDSONG, USA

CLOSE READINGS



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# CLOSE READINGS

Close Reading 3		Name:	Chapters 6-7
<b>Character</b>			
Directions: Let's take a closer look at Gabriel's character based on Chapters 6-7. Reread the chapters and fill in the organizer below with details that reveal Gabriel's character. Then, answer the question that follows.			
Gabriel's...	Evidence that reveals Gabriel's character		
Words			
Thoughts			
Actions			
Other character reactions to him			
Relationship with his family			
1. Characterize Gabriel. What kind of person is he based on the evidence above? Support your answer with details from the text.			
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➤ 15 Close Reading Assignments

➤ Notes for Literary Elements

➤ Graphic Organizers to Scaffold Learning

➤ Literary Skills-Based

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## Character Analysis: What would Gabriel do?

Directions: Based on your knowledge of Gabriel's character, explain what you think Gabriel would do if he witnessed or experienced the following scenarios. Describe how he would react and also explain why you believe he would respond this way.

Scenario	Response and Explanation
A Birdsong resident walks out of Mr. Summerlin's drugstore with an armful of groceries. Then, the resident trips and drops all the groceries on the ground.	Describe Gabriel's response:
	Why would Gabriel respond this way?
Scenario	Response and Explanation
Gabriel goes to the movies with his friend, Patrick, and sees his crush, Rosie, there.	Describe Gabriel's response:
	Why would Gabriel respond this way?
Scenario	Response and Explanation
Gabriel goes into town and sees Meriwether on the corner with his sign, asking for work.	Describe Gabriel's response:
	Why would Gabriel respond this way?

➤ 5 Whole Novel Analysis Assignments

➤ Rigorous & Creative Tasks

➤ Accommodate for ALL Learners

➤ Text-Based Questions & Analysis

# CLOSE READINGS

Close Reading 4	Name: _____	Chapters 8-9
<b>Flashback</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flashback is a _____ of events prior to the start of the story.</li> <li>_____ are also considered flashbacks.</li> <li>Flashbacks have deeper meanings because they give _____ or _____ into current events.</li> <li>Specifically, flashbacks serve three purposes in literature:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide insight into _____.</li> <li>Increase _____.</li> <li>_____ the past with the present.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		
Directions: Reread Chapter 9, focusing on Gabriel's expanded flashback. Gather evidence below that captures the purpose of the flashback.		
Key Detail of Flashback (Include Page #)	Purpose of Detail	How are the details of the flashback effective in the story?

➤ Differentiate for Students

➤ Great for Rotation Model & Centers

➤ Google Slides™ Links

➤ Answer Keys for Applicable Activities

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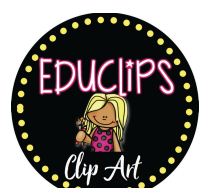
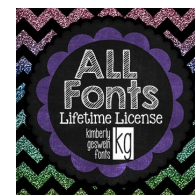
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