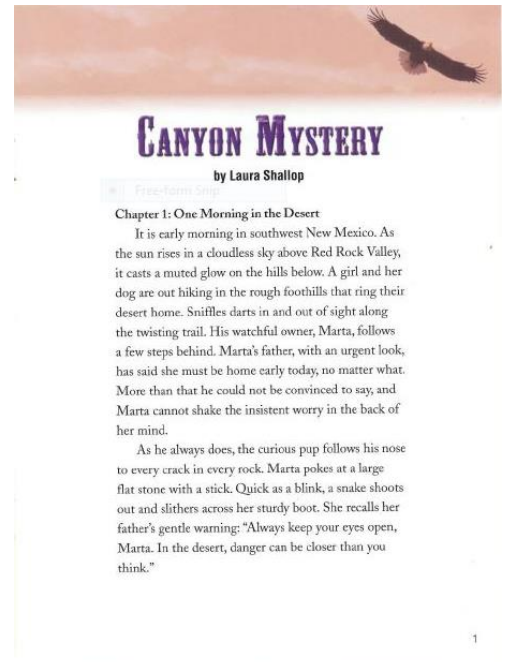


Characteristics of Texts and Independent Reading Behaviors for the End of 5th Grade

Text Characteristics:

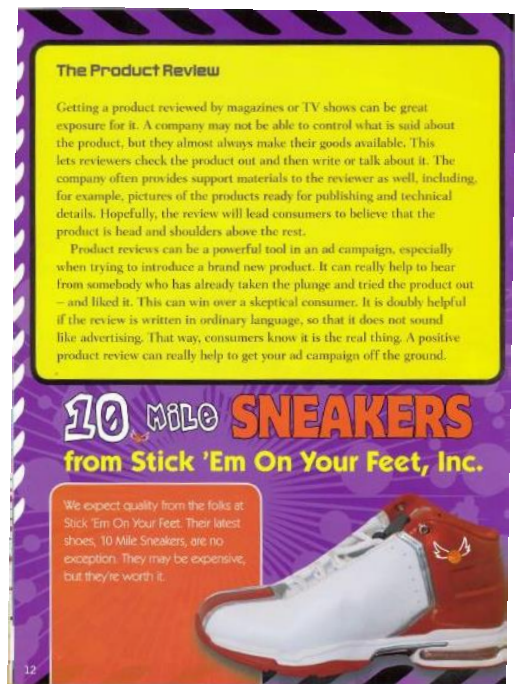
- Novels may be 200-300 pages long
- Fiction texts have several themes and characters
- Texts contain many sophisticated, multi-syllable words
- Include a variety of genres, text structures and formats
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Fiction Text

Readers at this stage:

- Have an understanding of figurative language
- Analyze vocabulary words in terms of both literal and connotative meanings
- Use prior knowledge of political and historical events and about the problems of cultural groups
- Do a majority of their reading silently
- Have an understanding of figurative language
- Need to think critically about the text
- Notice aspects of writer's craft and structure
(How does the author tell the story or give the information?)



Non-fiction Text