

Workbook for “This One Summer”

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One  
Summer*

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## Suggestions for Pre-Reading

What is a graphic novel?

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What is the difference between a graphic novel and a comic book?

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There are many different ways of telling stories.

Can you match the following ways of telling stories with their correct definitions?

<b>Novels</b>	<b>are recordings of oral readings of books.</b>
<b>Picture books</b>	<b>are stories that are presented in comic-strip format and published as books.</b>
<b>Graphic Novels</b>	<b>tell stories with text accompanied by illustrations.</b>
<b>Comic Books</b>	<b>tell stories with moving images and dialogue.</b>
<b>Audio Books</b>	<b>are long written stories about imaginary people and events.</b>
<b>Films</b>	<b>are periodicals that contain stories told in pictures.</b>

## Techniques used in a graphic novel

There are special techniques used in graphic novels. Some of the techniques are listed below. Examine a graphic novel and see if you can answer the questions about graphic novel techniques:

Captions	Graphic Weight	Splash page
Gutter	Close-up	Bleed
Panel	Frames	Thought Bubbles
Sound effects	Speech Bubbles	

1. What do you call a rounded shape representing a character's speech?

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2. What do you call a rounded shape representing a character's thoughts?

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3. What do you call words highlighted to indicate noise?

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4. What do you call an image that takes up the whole page of a graphic novel to help introduce or give special attention to special events?

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5. What do you call the box or segment that contains the image and text?

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6. What do you call an angle that zooms into an image, like a character's face, to allow for closer view?

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7. What do you call the space that lies between panels?

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8. What technique is used to make an image stand out by making it deeper or brighter than the others on the page?

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9. What do you call it when an image goes beyond the borders of the page?

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10. What do you call boxes containing a variety of text elements, including scene setting and description?

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11. What do you call the lines and borders that contain the panels?

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## The Cover of “This One Summer”.

Examine the front and back cover of This One Summer. Notice that there are two names on the front cover. This is common in a graphic novel. Why do you think this is?

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Fill out the following:

a. Title:

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b. Author:

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c. Illustrator:

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Look at the image and the colours on the front cover, describe what you see

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Have a look at the back cover and see if there is a blurb or recommendations. What information does this tell you about the book?

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What type of book do you think this will be and who do you think it is aimed at?

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## This One Summer - Pages 1 – 65

Did you notice that there are no chapters in this book? To study the book we will divide into 4 sections starting with pages 1-65.

Write a brief summary of what happens from pages 1-65.

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Page 3 “Crunch Crunch Crunch Crunch Crunch”

Page 4-8 “Okay. So. Awago Beach is this place. Where my family goes every summer. Ever since..... like... forever”

Look at the opening lines of the book spread over the first few pages and examine the first illustrations in the book. What type of story do you think this will be?

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Do you think this book has a good beginning and does it make you want to read more?

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Page 12: "My Dad says Awago Beach is a place where beer grows on trees and everyone can sleep in until eleven".

What type of place is Awago Beach?

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Rose is one and a half years older than Windy. Does this make a difference to their friendship?

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Rose blushes and smiles when Duncan calls her "Blondie". Why do you think this is?

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The word "slut" is used several times by different characters like Duncan's friend and Rose herself. Jenny and Rose's mother and Windy's mother all object when they hear this word. Do you think it right that they object to it?

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Windy and Rose rent a horror movie. Why are they happy to be allowed to rent the movie and what does their reaction to the movie tell us about them?

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### Foreshadowing activity

Foreshadowing is when an author gives us hints about what might happen later. After reading the first section, can you pick out some things that might be examples of foreshadowing. When you are finished reading the book you can look back and see if you were correct.


## Comic strip activity

Think about a holiday or a day trip you went on when you were younger. Create your own comic strip based on it:


## This One Summer - Pages 66 – 130

Write a brief summary of what happens from pages 66 to 130

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On pages 73-74, there is a splash of Windy dancing while Rose is sitting quietly at a table. What does this tell us about the girls' friendship?

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Page 100: "Why bother coming up here if all you want to do is get as far away from us as possible?"

Page 101: "After everything I went through, you think I want to be AWAY from my family?"

Look at pages 96-101 What do these pages tell us about Rose's parents and their relationship?

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Page 105: "It's all just adult junk that doesn't mean anything"

What does Rose's dad Evan do to try to make her feel better after overhearing the argument?

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Look at page 106-107. Why is Alice depressed and how is this affecting her and her family?

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Page 120-121 Why are Windy and Rose curious about what is going on with the teenagers in Brewster's and how do they plan to find out more?

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## Word Search Activity

Have fun with the word search based on vocabulary from the book:

### This One Summer

S B P R E G N A N T  
W A Y O U T H N J W  
I B T C A R H I R I  
M I L K W E E D O Z  
M E B S A E N U F Z  
I S E J G S O D M L  
N T A C O T T A G E  
G M C P M O V I E R  
I W H H O R R O R S  
Y F K R U N K I N G

#### Word List

TWIZZLERS PREGNANT HORROR BEACH TREES  
SWIMMING KRUNKING BABIES MOVIE YOUTH  
MILKWEED COTTAGE AWAGO ROCKS DUD

## This One Summer - Pages 130 – 201

Write a brief summary of what happens from page 130 to 201.

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Look at pages 130-137

Why does Alice get very angry with Uncle Daniel and what does she do?

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Look at pages 142-145. Rose and Windy are watching a horror movie while the news about Jenny's pregnancy and Rose's parents' problems are being described. What is the significance of choosing to show the reader the horror movie at this time?

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Look at Pages 148 - 156

Page 148: "All the houses are like crappy!"

Page 154: "This is BUM headquarters!"

Rose and Windy discover parts of Awago that are not beautiful and think that this is where the local teenagers live and hang out. How do the girls feel about this?

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Page 164: "You are just going to leave me? alone? With her?"

What news does Rose's dad give her when she comes back home from her swim?

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Page 166: "Um, Are we having dinner?...Mom?"

Do you think Rose's dad was right to leave her alone with her mother?

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Page 181: "Obviously my family is not going to be building any more rock walls. Or anything else. I'm too old for that stuff anyway."

What does Rose mean when she says this?

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Page 189:

"You HAVE to call her, Dude". Why does Duncan's friend want him to call Jenny?

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Why do you think Duncan is refusing to call Jenny and what do you think this says about him?

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Page 195: "Every bad thing that happens in the movie happens because of a girl. Did you notice that?"

Page 196: "Less guys would die if they weren't having to rescue these dumb girls who can't save themselves".

Windy and Rose are talking about the horror movie but what do you think of their attitude towards girls and can you explain it?

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## The characters of “This One Summer”

**Rose, Evan, Alice, Windy, Aunt Jodie, Uncle Daniel, Duncan, Jenny, Sarah, Matt, Evelyn.**

Write the names of the characters beside their descriptions.

	This character is Alice’s brother-in-law. He is fun-loving but can be a bit insensitive.
	This character is a young girl who visits Awago Beach every summer with her parents, and who loves to collect pebbles.
	This character has an adopted daughter called Windy and is a vegan. She is friends with Alice and worries about her.
	Jenny’s friend who is loyal to her. She is Matt’s girlfriend.
	This character is Sarah’s boyfriend. He wears t-shirts with attention-seeking slogans. We only learn his name at the end of the book.
	This character has a daughter and is struggling with his relationship with his wife since she had a miscarriage.
	This character is Rose’s mother and she is saddened by a miscarriage that she had.
	A teenage girl who is worried about her pregnancy
	This character spends summers at Awago Beach with her mother in a cottage her grandmother rents for them. She is one and half years younger than Rose.
	This character is a teenager who works at Brewster’s Store. Some of the girls have crushes on him.
	This character is a beautiful woman who is concerned about her sister, who had a miscarriage.

## This One Summer - Pages 202 – 259

Write a brief summary of what happens from page 202 – 259 .

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Page 210: “Ugh! This place is so dumb. People who bring their kids here are so stupid!”

“Do you want to make a basket?”

Rose and Windy have different attitudes towards being brought to the Historic Heritage Huran Village. Why do you think this is?

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Page 214 There is a powerful close-up of Jenny’s face. Describe how you think Jenny is feeling.

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Page 218 “It’s going to be ok”

Page 248 “Jenny get around, man, it’s possible.”

Rose sees Jenny crying and being comforted by another boy working in the heritage centre. The boy only hugs Jenny but later Rose imagines that she saw Jenny cheating on Duncan. Does Rose really think that Jenny cheated on Duncan?

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Page 225: "I know you're angry Rose. I didn't send your father away"  
Why is Rose angry with her mother and do you think this has an influence on how she feels about Jenny?

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Page 241: "Windy, all the girls here are sluts"  
Page 242: "That's kind of sexist"  
Rose and Windy argue about Jenny while they are swimming. They have very different attitudes towards Jenny and girls in general. Why do you think this is and why is it significant that they are in the water at this time?

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Page 252 to 256:  
Rose tries to tell Duncan that she thinks Jenny cheated on him but she doesn't go through with it. Why does she decide not to tell him?

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On page 256, we see an image of Rose gasping in the water. Why do you think we are shown this image of Rose in the water?

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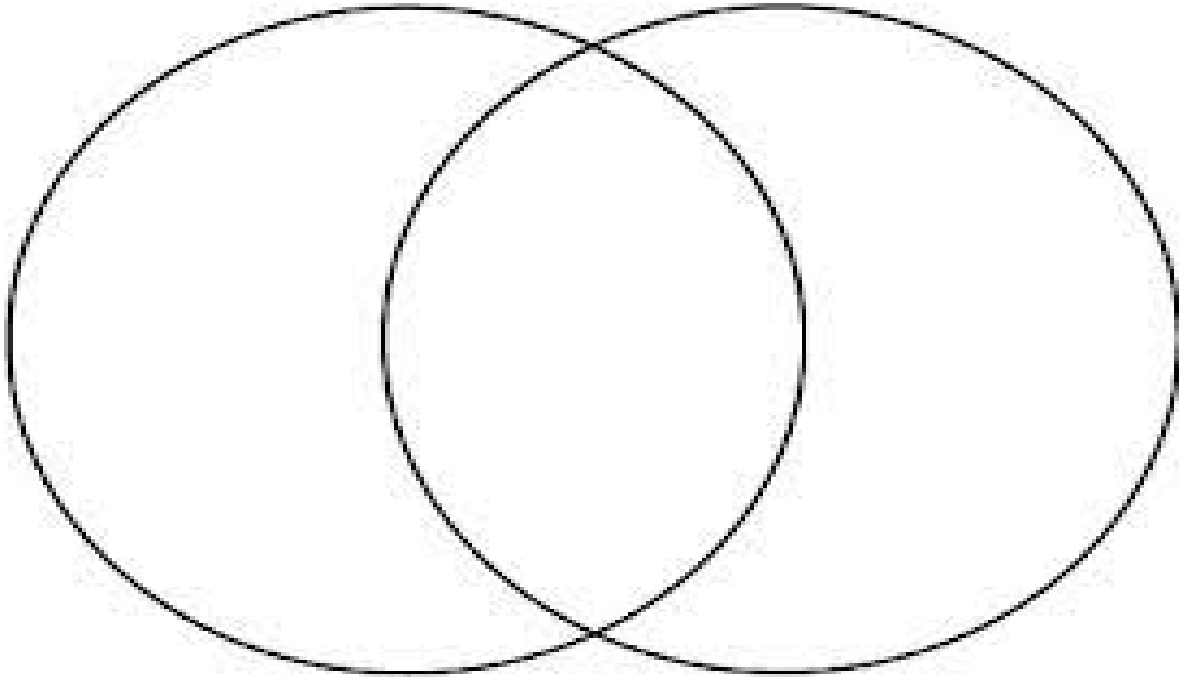
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## Graphic Organiser activity

Compare the two characters of Windy and Rose. How are they alike and how are they different?

Rose

Windy



## This One Summer - Pages 260 – 319

Write a brief summary of what happens from page 260 – 319.

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Page 263-264

Look at the two page splash on these pages. What does it tell you about Rose's family?

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Page 264 to 267 How is the friendship between Windy and Rose suffering and how are we shown this through the art work?

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Page 275: "Grow the fuck up Duncan. Why can't you just man up and deal with your shit?"

What type of friend is Sarah and how does she show her loyalty to Jenny?

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Page 275. Think about the phrase "man up". Is it sexist to say this?

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Pages 278 to 279: What do you think is the significance of showing us the bonfire burning at this point in the story?

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Page 290:

Jenny is saved because of the actions of two characters. Why do you think Jenny calls her mother to help?

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Page 299: "I was swimming and I felt the baby. Go."

Alice confides in Evelyn about the reason she didn't want to go back into the water and she doesn't know that Rose is listening. Do you think she should have told Rose why she was depressed?

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Page 302: "I wanted to have this perfect picture of Awago in my head."

Is Awago perfect and what do you think is happening to Rose as she is growing up?

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Page 303: "I don't want to watch any more horror movies"

Why do the girls decide not to watch anymore horror movies and why are they digging a hole at the beach?

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Page 308- 310: “Jenny is cool now”

How have Rose’s feelings about Jenny changed by the end of the book?

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Page 318: Rose leaves behind her collection of pebbles at the cottage in Awago. Think about what the pebbles represent and what this could mean. Do you think she has left anything else behind?

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Page 319: “Boobs would be cool”

Throughout the book, Rose and Windy often speak about breast development. Think about what this means. Why do you think the author chose to end the book with this sentence?

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Look at the last pages of the book. Did you like the ending of the book and did you feel it was a good ending?

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## Foreshadowing activity

Look back at the foreshadowing activity you did after the first reading section of the book. Were you right about any of the things that happened? What hints did the author give us about certain things that were going to happen?

Clue	What happened

Why do you think authors use foreshadowing?

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## Activity: The Five Ws

Imagine you are writing a newspaper article about Alice saving Jenny. Before you write it you will have to answer the 5 questions: Who? What? Where? When? Why?

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What?	
Where?	
When?	
Why?	

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## Exploring the graphic novel

Do you have a favourite character in “This One Summer”?  
Give reasons for your answer.

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Should we have sympathy for the character of Duncan? Give reasons for your answer.

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Themes	Symbols
<p>Friendship, Loyalty and growing together and growing apart</p> <p>Depression and how it affects individuals and families</p> <p>Feminism and female solidarity</p> <p>Anger: the destruction it causes</p> <p>Love: romantic, familial and platonic</p> <p>Compassion for others and yourself</p> <p>Communication and the problems with it</p> <p>Family: love, problems and relationships</p> <p>Pregnancy: teen pregnancy and fertility problems</p>	<p>Rocks - childhood, babies and innocence</p> <p>Water - danger and being out of your depth, death, freedom and play</p> <p>Bonfire - ending and danger</p> <p>Horror Movies - growing up, fear, danger and darkness</p> <p>Breasts - growing up</p> <p>Brewster's - curiosity and discovery</p> <p>The camera - observation</p> <p>Rose- innocence and beauty</p> <p>Awago Beach: Memory, beauty and innocence and also darkness</p> <p>The colour blue: Nostalgia, memory, sadness, loss, depression</p>

What are the main themes of This One Summer and how does the author use symbols to emphasise the themes? Give reasons for your answer.

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How do the illustrations help to develop the plot and the characters in the book?

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## **Book Review**

Write a review of the book. Give reasons why you enjoyed the book referencing the plot, themes, characters, style and graphics.

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