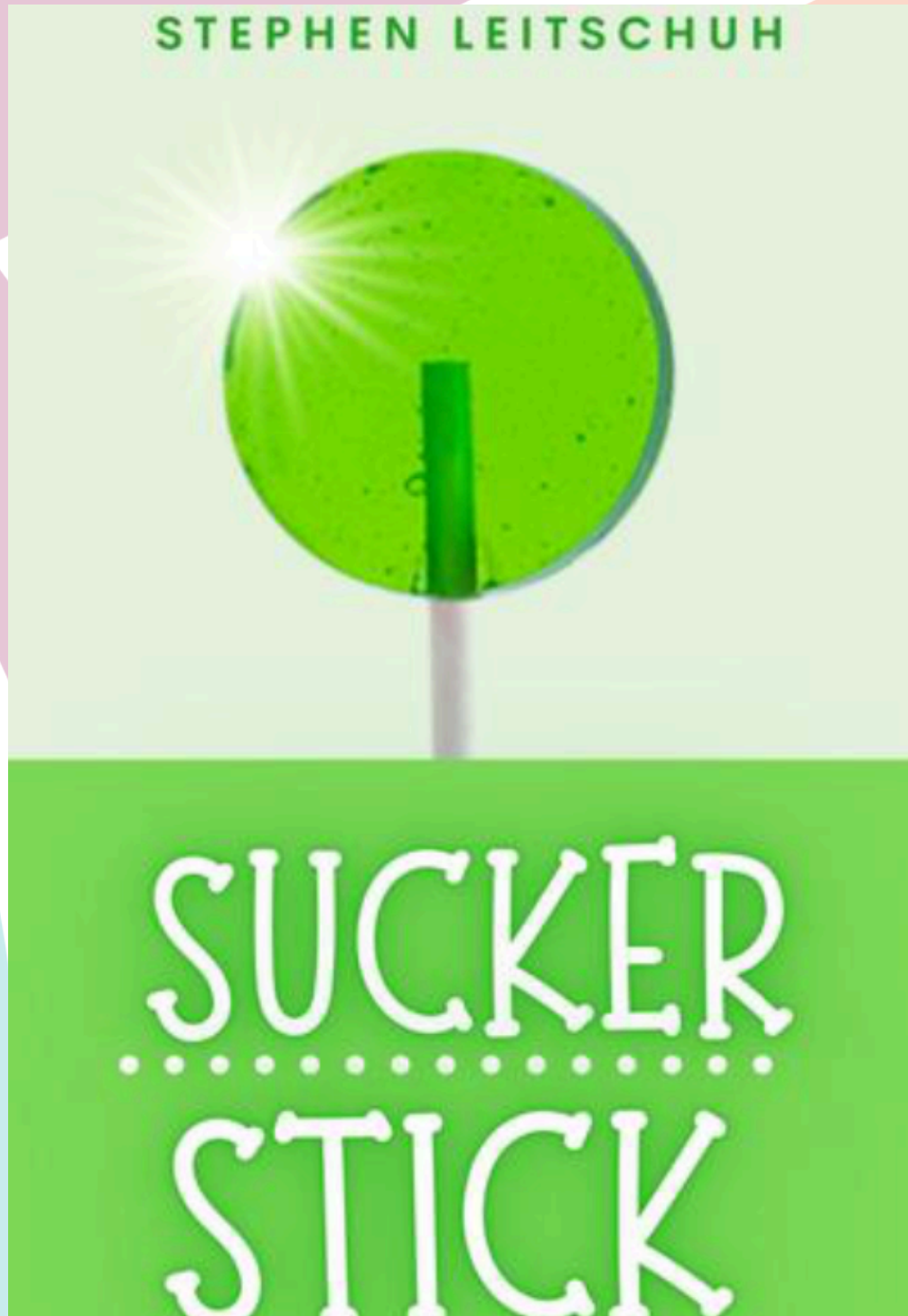


TEACHER RESOURCES & STUDENT ACTIVITIES



How to Use Storyshares Teacher Resources & Student Activities

Pre-Reading

Share **background information**.

Introduce the **vocabulary** to the students. Discuss meanings. Click here for an **instructional routine** for vocabulary.

Reading

Share the written response to reading prompt ahead of time as the **focus for reading**.

Encourage students to **read a chapter** of the text independently or in pairs.

After Reading

Students can complete the **trivia worksheet** or make it into a game! Either way, make time to review answers.

Students complete the **written response to reading** prompt.

Background Information

I was five years old when I discovered that I am invincible, but it's a secret that I'll have to keep for as long as I live.

Visual Vocabulary

This vocabulary guide was created with English language learners in mind. This table flags Tier 2 vocabulary words in every chapter. This guide includes the definitions in context, as well as images and examples from the text.

Trivia Questions

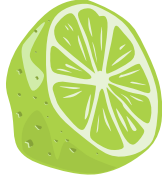







This is a ready-made student worksheet that can be given as a check for understanding after students have finished the book. You can also gamify the trivia questions, making this a small group activity. **Answers: 1. D; 2. A; 3. D; 4. D**



Click [here](#) for reading comprehension worksheets and graphic organizers.



Sucker Stick by Stephen Leitschuh

Word	Definition	Image	Example
tang (noun)	a sharp, strong flavor or odor		But the sweet tang of lime on my tongue didn't materialize. (ch 1)
materialize (verb)	become actual fact; happen		But the sweet tang of lime on my tongue didn't materialize . (ch 1)
evidence (noun)	something that gives proof or a reason to believe		Was I trying to hide the evidence ? (ch 2)
limp (adjective)	without firmness, force, energy		Hours later, Dad carried in, limp as a dishrag, my brother Danny. (ch 2)
stroked (verb)	to touch or brush gently with the hand or a brush		She sat on the side of his bed and tenderly stroked Danny's hair. (ch 2)
deserved (verb)	to be worthy of or have a right to		I deserved whatever happened to me after what I had put my little brother through. (ch 2)
whatever (pronoun)	anything or everything that		I deserved whatever happened to me after what I had put my little brother through. (ch 2)
though (conjunction)	in spite of the fact that		Though with luck, that won't happen anytime soon. (ch 3)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Multiple Choice

Read the questions carefully. Choose the answer that fits the question best.

1. How did the narrator's perception of invincibility change over the course of the story?

- A.** It was proven when he served in Vietnam.
- B.** It disappeared after the incident with Danny.
- C.** It made him less cautious as an adult.
- D.** It evolved from childhood naivete to a superstitious attachment to the sucker stick.

2. Why did the narrator hide the sucker stick after the incident involving Danny?

- A.** He wanted to hide evidence of his involvement.
- B.** He planned to throw it away later.
- C.** He thought the sucker stick was valuable.
- D.** He wanted to give it back to Danny.

3. Which of the following best describes the family's reaction after Danny consumed the poisoned sucker?

- A.** They left Danny alone to recover by himself.
- B.** They punished the narrator immediately.
- C.** They calmly waited to see if Danny would get sick.
- D.** They responded with urgency and followed the doctor's advice.

4. What significance does the narrator attribute to the sucker stick in his adult life?

- A.** It motivates him to become a doctor.
- B.** It serves as a constant reminder to avoid sweets.
- C.** It causes him to distrust his family.
- D.** It becomes a symbol of his survival and a personal good luck charm.

Written Response to Reading

How did the experience with the sucker stick influence the narrator's sense of invincibility throughout their life? (*The narrator's experience with the sucker stick influenced their sense of invincibility throughout their life by...*)
