

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

Tristen is different from anyone Juan has ever met, and he quickly falls head over heels in love with her. But can their relationship survive when he finds out she's hiding the dark secret of addiction? He desperately wants to help her, but he learns that sometimes love means letting go.

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





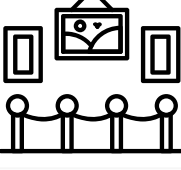


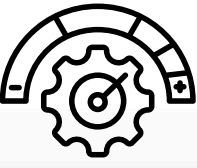
This is a ready-made student worksheet that can be given as a check for understanding after students have finished the book. You can also gamify the trivia questions, making this a small group activity. **Answers: 1. A; 2. A; 3. D; 4. C**



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



Hiding the Dragon by Joseph Legaspi

Word	Definition	Image	Example
transferred (verb)	moved from one place to another place		"I only knew she transferred from the school district of Brookfield, which was in a very wealthy neighborhood." (ch 1)
huddle (verb)	to sit or stand in a small, close group		"We'd sprint and huddle close to keep each other warm." (ch 4)
ignore (verb)	refuse to pay attention to		"No one will ever ignore me again." (ch 4)
nonsensical (adjective)	not making sense		"In my sudden nervousness, maybe I misspoke and said, 'good morning' or something totally nonsensical ." (ch 7)
gallery (noun)	a building or space used to display art		"It was in a gallery that used to be a warehouse." (ch 8)
abstract (adjective)	based on or showing how a person interprets something, not how it actually looks		"On the far end was a wall of abstract art paintings." (ch 8)
request (noun)	something asked for		"'Nearby?' I asked, sounding more like a request ." (ch 10)
intense (adjective)	having a great degree or amount of something		"They look strong, active, and intense ." (ch 16)

Name: _____

Date: _____

Multiple Choice

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

1. Why did Juan eventually go to Dr. Harmon and reveal the truth about Tristen?

- A.** He realized Tristen needed professional help and he cared more about her health than her anger.
- B.** He was looking for a way to raise his own grades by impressing the staff.
- C.** He wanted to get Tristen in trouble with the school.
- D.** He was forced by Tristen's parents to talk to the counselor.

2. What was the significance of the Clearing in Juan and Tristen's friendship?

- A.** It was a unique place where their friendship deepened and their dreams took shape.
- B.** It was where Tristen decided to leave town.
- C.** It was the place where Juan first met Tristen's parents.
- D.** It was the location of their middle school graduation.

3. How did Juan's father help him begin to recover from his heartbreak?

- A.** By arranging for Tristen to speak with him again.
- B.** By telling him to throw away all his possessions related to Tristen.
- C.** By insisting he forget about art completely and focus on academics.
- D.** By reminding him that his artwork was about his own journey, not just about Tristen.

4. Why did Tristen write a story about a girl hiding a dragon inside her?

- A.** Because she planned to publish it in a school newspaper.
- B.** To impress Juan's parents with her imagination.
- C.** To metaphorically express her own inner struggles and hidden pain.
- D.** Because her teacher assigned students to write about fairy tales.

Written Response to Reading

How does Juan's understanding of art change after his breakup with Tristen? (*Juan's understanding of art changes after his breakup with Tristen...*)
