

Unit 8

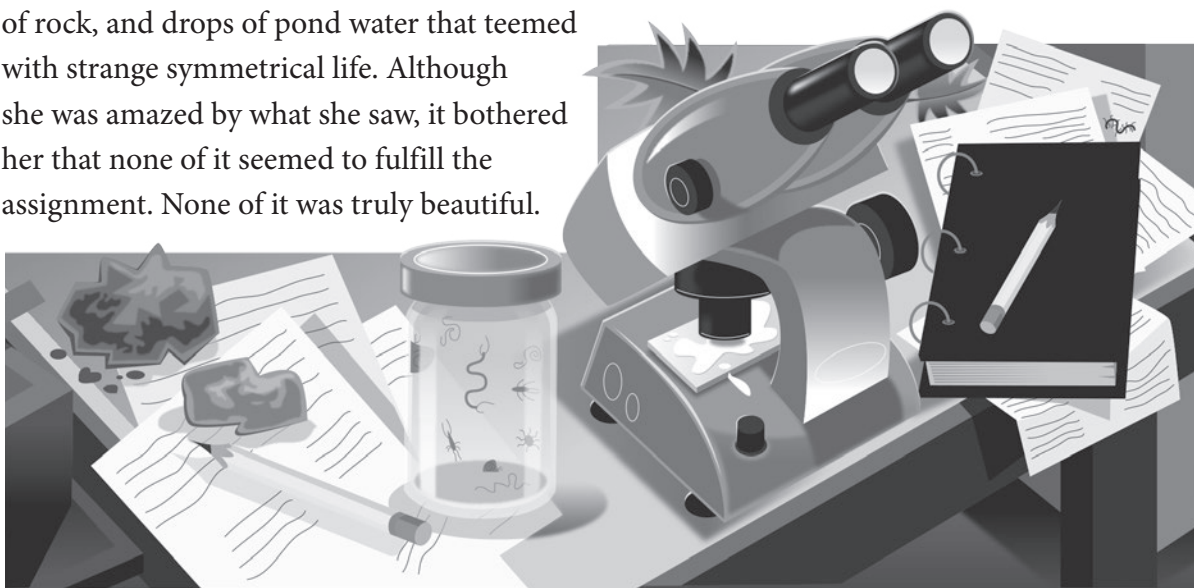
Reading Comprehension

Snowflake Lia

Name: _____

A Read the text. Paraphrase it.

Lia stared at the assignment in her notebook. The most beautiful example of symmetry, she thought. What on earth could that be? Halfway through the school year, she'd been given a microscope for her birthday. Now she realized that she could use it to study symmetry on a minute scale. With her parents' permission, she set up what she called her "laboratory" in the shed. The microscope stood on a table, surrounded by piles of paper on which she'd made copious notes. She longed to find an example of symmetry that would surpass all the others. Lia spent hours on the examination of cells, fragments of rock, and drops of pond water that teemed with strange symmetrical life. Although she was amazed by what she saw, it bothered her that none of it seemed to fulfill the assignment. None of it was truly beautiful.



B Complete the story chart.

Plot		
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Setting	Main Character	Minor Characters
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C Complete the sentences.

Snowflake Lia is a _____ story.

This type of story takes place over _____.

Who tells this type of story?

D Number the events in the correct sequence.

- a Mr. Ferris gave them a final assignment on symmetry. ☐
- b Her friends and teachers called her Snowflake Lia because of her beautiful snowflake photos. ☐
- c Lia's dad called her inside because it was going to snow. ☐
- d There were images of symmetry all around Lia as she walked home from school. ☐
- e Lia looked at snowflakes under the microscope and saw beauty. ☐
- f Lia used her microscope to find examples of beautiful symmetry. ☐

E What is the theme of the story?
Circle the correct answer.

- a Fall is the best season to find beauty in symmetry.
- b When you look closely, you'll find the world is full of beautiful symmetry.



Extra Read the words. Write the definitions.

1 bothered

2 forecast

3 scrambled
