



Year 6

Home Learning Pack: 7

Subject: Reading (Silver and Gold)

LO: To make predictions.

Prologue

The Sound of Corn

Just last weekend, my dad told me a story that explained one or two things about his wedding day. Not his first wedding day, the second one. The story was about him and Uncle Frank, when they were little.

They grew up in Minnesota, across from a cornfield where, every summer, the corn grew very quickly. Dad says the corn had no choice, because summers are short in Minnesota. It was either grow fast or don't bother.

Every year, Dad and Uncle Frank would stand together in the corn, listening to it grow. No one ever believed them, but they could hear the leaves squeaking, stretching for sun. They both heard the corn growing, Dad said, and no one else did.

"You never told me that before," I said. I liked thinking of them standing in the corn like that.

"I didn't?" Dad was flipping pancakes. We have this new

pancake griddle that covers two stove burners, so now he can make four at once. It's great.

"Did you hold hands?"

"Who?"

"You and Uncle Frank. In the corn. So you wouldn't lose each other."

Dad snorted. "No. Have you ever seen Uncle Frank holding hands with anyone?"

You'd probably never guess they're brothers. Uncle Frank is reddish-white, and my dad has a ton of brown freckles that give him a year-round face tan. Dad is a talker, and Uncle Frank . . . isn't. Dad loves food, every kind of it, and Uncle Frank says if he could live on one hard-boiled egg a day, he would be happy.

If you want to know what the sound of corn growing explains about my dad's second wedding day, I'll have to tell a longer story, about a lot of things that happened two years ago, when I was ten.

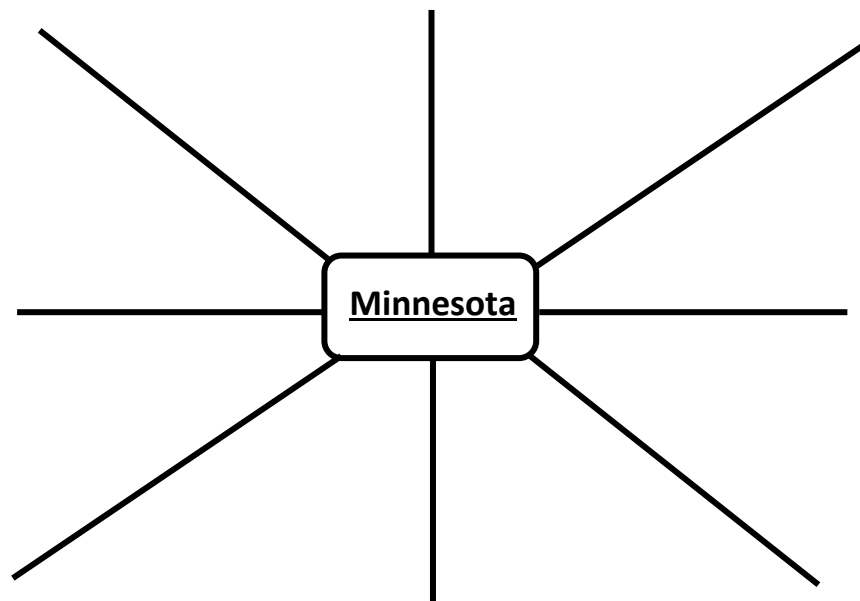
It's a story about me, but a *different* me, a person who doesn't exist anymore.

I have seen Uncle Frank holding hands with someone exactly one time that I can remember.

Day 1 – Vocabulary and background knowledge

Silver - Create a word web of vocabulary connected to Minnesota, where this story is set.

Gold – Write a setting description of Minnesota in the summer.



Day 2 – Read aloud, think aloud. Text mark your copy of the text.

Day 3 – Retrieval questions

Silver - Use the text to help you find the answers. Remember to use 'circle, scan, circle', and that sometimes you'll need to work out the answer from the information you find.

Gold – What do we already know about Bea (narrator) from this extract?

1. How many times has dad been married?

2. What city and what country did dad lived when he was little?

3. Why did the crops grow so fast in his hometown?

4. What is dad's brother's name?

5. At what time of day is the narrator likely telling this story?

6. How old is the narrator at this point in the story?

Day 4 – Inference

Silver - Use the text describe dad and Uncle Frank.

Gold – Use the text to describe the relationship between dad and Uncle Frank.

	Looks	Personality
Dad		
Uncle Frank		

