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Activities for
*Duffy's Jacket***

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<p>Prereading activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prediction guide • vocabulary preview 	5-6	<p>These activities will initiate a discussion on some of the issues and key concepts in the story.</p> <p>The vocabulary preview provides words in context so that students can determine meanings.</p>
Setting	7	<p>With this activity, students are required to look back at the text and analyze the setting. They must find details that describe the place, time, and environment. Then, they must explain how certain passages and words affect the characters in the story.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CCSS7RL1,3</p>
Imagery	8	<p>This handout helps students analyze how the author creates imagery. With this activity, students will find a passage; then, using the information provided on the handout, they will explain how imagery has been created by the author. CCSS7RL1</p>
Suspense	9	<p>This handout requires students to examine the author's craft. They find sentences from the text that create suspense and then explain how these sentences create suspense.</p>
Theme	10	<p>The handout on theme can be used to teach what theme is and how a theme statement can be developed. Students are required to find the stated theme in this story, analyze how the theme affects the main character, and explain how this theme is true for life in general. CCSS7RL-1,2</p>
Defending your	11-12	<p>This handout explains step by step how</p>

Answers With Passages And Practice Answering Constructive Response Questions		students should return to text to support an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn. It includes examples and non-examples to help the students. CCSS7RL-1
Duffy's Jacket Questions	13-15	This handout includes nine questions. Students are required to return to the text to draw conclusions and analyze various elements of the story. Many CCSS are addressed within these questions. Students determine central ideas, cite text, and analyze text. They must cite evidence to support their answers.
Duffy's Jacket Poetry	16	This activity provides a sample poem based on the story and requires students to write their own. CCSSW Anchor Standard 4
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Answer keys	-	

The highlighted activity is yours FREE! Scroll down to print.

Duffy's Jacket

Do you know these words?

Before we read the story, see if you know some of the vocabulary words that we will encounter. Match the words in the box to the correct definitions below. Use the sentences to help you.

sabotage – The tornado sabotaged almost the whole town, leaving 250 injured.

scatterbrained – It's dangerous for a scatterbrained person to cook because he/she may forget to turn off the stove and catch the house on fire!

heebie-jeebies - Spiders give me the heebie-jeebies! I run when I see them.

sentinel - The old dog was a sentinel at the gate, waiting for his master to return.

frantically - I spent the first few minutes of class frantically looking for my homework so I wouldn't receive a zero.

turnip- Cook potato, turnip and carrots in boiling salted water for about ten minutes or until tender.

1. in a highly excited way _____
2. to ruin or harm _____
3. a vegetable _____
4. a person keeping watch, a guard _____
5. uncomfortable, nervous, or anxious feeling _____
6. unorganized, forgetful _____

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