

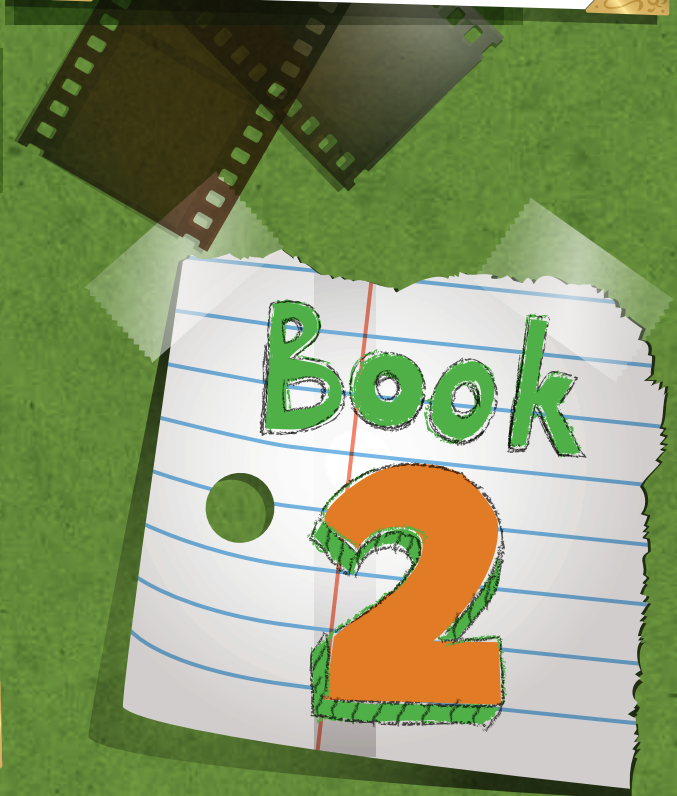
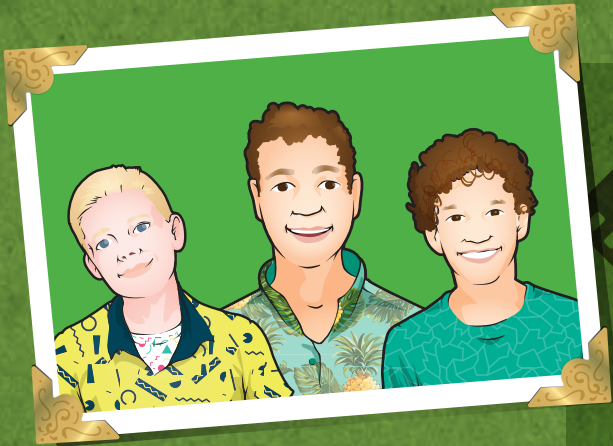
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Unit Three

DETERMINATION

Stone Fox

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Willy and
Searchlight



Stone Fox

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Chapter 1

Grandfather



Grandfather would not get out of bed, and that was



very unusual. Usually, he made breakfast and woke Willy.



Ten-year-old Willy and his grandfather lived on a potato farm



in Wyoming. It was a lot of work, but Willy loved the farm.



Willy went to his grandfather's bedroom and found him still in



bed. When Willy talked to him, he did not answer.



Grandfather would not get out of bed.



Willy and his dog, Searchlight, went to get the doctor.



Doc Smith checked him and said Grandfather just did not



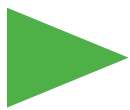
want to live anymore.



Grandfather would not get out of bed.

Chapter 2

Little Willy



Running a farm was a lot of work. Willy thought his



grandfather was worried about the potato crop, and he would



get better after the **harvest**.



Grandfather was worried.



That evening, Willy made a discovery. Grandfather moved



his hand, and they came up with a **code**. If Grandfather's



hand was palm up, the answer was yes. Palm down

meant no.



Willy prepared for the potato **harvest** by getting the



bags and the underground shed ready. He wanted to rent



a horse to pull the plow, so he checked the **strongbox**



under the floorboards where Grandfather kept his money. The



strongbox was empty except for some letters. Now Willy knew



why Grandfather was worried.



Willy and Searchlight **harvested** and sold the potatoes.



When he held the money out for Grandfather, he thought



Grandfather would get better now. But Grandfather turned his



palm down, which meant he was worried about

something else.



Grandfather was worried.

Chapters 3–4

Searchlight and The Reason



Winter in Wyoming meant snow. Willy chopped wood



and stored food. School started in October, and Searchlight



pulled Willy to school over the snow on a sled every day.



Every day after school, they would wait in front of the clock



in town. When it struck six, they raced home as fast as they

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could go. One day, there was a horse tied up outside



the house.



The man on the porch had a gun. He was a



tax collector. Grandfather had not paid **taxes** for ten years.



The government planned to take the farm away from them.



Grandfather owed money to the tax collector.



The letters in the **strongbox** were bills from the



government for the **taxes**. Willy asked the man how much



they owed. When the man said \$500, Willy was very surprised



and worried.



Grandfather owed money to the tax collector.

Chapter 5

The Way



Willy tried to think of ways to get \$500. He dressed



in his suit and went to see the president of the bank. The



man thought they should sell the farm, pay the **taxes**, and



have money left over.



Willy needed money.



Willy had to find some way to get \$500. He talked



to everyone he knew. The grocer, his teacher, and the man



who swept at the post office all told him the same thing.



They should sell the farm. Just then, Willy saw a sign in the



grocery store about a dog sled race. First prize was \$500. An



old Indian named Stone Fox was racing this year. He had



never lost a race. Willy took the poster home and showed



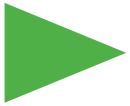
his grandfather.



Willy needed money.

Chapter 6

Stone Fox



When Willy went to sign up for the race, the mayor



said only adults could enter, and Willy did not have a chance



to win. Willy would not take no for an answer. He paid the



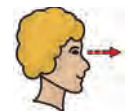
\$50 **entry fee** with his college money.



Willy entered the race to save the farm.



Willy felt wonderful. He knew he could win the race



and save the farm. As he looked down the street, he saw



a man with five dogs coming toward him. The man was a



giant Indian with five beautiful Samoyed dogs.



Word spread through the town and the state that



Stone Fox was going to be in the race. Stone Fox did not



talk to white men because his people had been treated badly.



He won races and used the money to buy back land that



had been taken from the Indians.



Willy entered the race to save the farm.

Chapters 7–8

The Meeting and The Day



Willy went to see Doc Smith to get Grandfather's



medicine. Doc Smith thought Willy was foolish for using his



education money, but she would root for him to win. The



grocer wished Willy good luck too. Willy and Searchlight



headed back to the farm. He heard dogs barking and



investigated a **deserted** barn. Inside were five beautiful



Samoyeds. Willy was about to pet one when a hand



came out of the darkness and hit Willy in the eye.



Willy told Stone Fox he would not harm his dogs, but



Stone Fox would not talk. Willy also told him he was going



to race against him the next day, and he had to win to



save their farm. Willy could not sleep that night. The race



was on his mind, and his eye hurt.



Willy entered the race to save the farm.



Race day! Willy's right eye was swollen shut, but he



left for the race. He looked back at the farmhouse and knew



he had to win the race to save the place he loved. People



lined both sides of the street. He had not expected so many



people to come and watch the race. The racers lined up in



a row, and Willy was next to Stone Fox. The mayor stood in



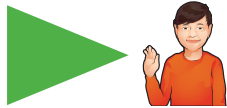
the street, fired a pistol, and the race started.



Willy entered the race to save the farm.

Chapter 9

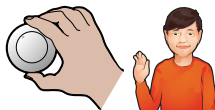
The Race



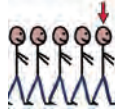
Willy and Searchlight got off to a good start. No other



racers were close to them as he cut across the lake. With



every turn, Willy was getting farther and farther ahead. At the



end of the first five miles, Willy and Searchlight were way out



in front of all the other racers, but Stone Fox was slowly



moving up.



Willy was winning the race!



When they passed the farm, Willy saw his grandfather