

One Crazy Summer

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Genre: Historical Fiction

Summary:

One Crazy Summer is about a preteen named Delphine. Delphine and her sisters visit her mother Cecile in Oakland, CA summer 1968. Their mother Cecile is involved with the Black Panther party to “spread the word” about their programs. Delphine and her sisters want to spend more time with their mother because Cecile has been absent their entire lives. In the beginning, Cecile sees it better to send them to the People’s Center that is organized by the Black Panther Party. The People’s Center provided young people food and education. There the community was educated and nourished by women who are considered freedom fighters. Delphine and her sisters met Panther freedom fighters such as Sister Mukumbu, Sister Pat, and Crazy Kelvin. Each Panther taught Delphine and her girls about rallying, organizing, and speaking up for freedom. Delphine really was motivated to learn about her mother, however, she discovered how the Panther party was more than an outspoken organization. They were about organizing the community.

HISTORICAL CONNECTION-BEFORE READING

Year	Who	Event
1887	Marcus Garvey	Born Saint Ann’s Bay, Jamaica
1917	Marcus Garvey	Formed U.N.I.A in New York
1918	Marcus Garvey	Founded newspaper <i>Negro World</i> telling stories about heroes of the African culture.
1926	Marcus Garvey	U.N.I.A. had over 11 million followers.
	Earl Little	Malcom X’s father was an organizer of Marcus Garvey’s Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA)
1925	Malcom Little (Malcom X)	Born in Omaha, Nebraska
	Malcom Little (Malcom X)	Malcom Little attended Garvey’s U.N.I.A’s meetings.
1931	Earl Little	Malcom X’s father mysteriously disappeared.
1942	Huey P. Newton	Born in Monroe, Louisiana
	Huey P. Newton	Ideas influenced from Malcom X and many other revolutionary leaders.

Year	Who	Event
1966	Huey P. Newton	Co-founded a newspaper called Black panther newspaper service.
1966	Huey P. Newton	Co-Founded the Black Panther Party with Bobby Seale bringing in food programs, medical clinics, legal services, and housing cooperatives.

Keywords

Pigs, the man, establishment, Jet magazine, Miss Patty Cake, Timex, secret agent

Phrases

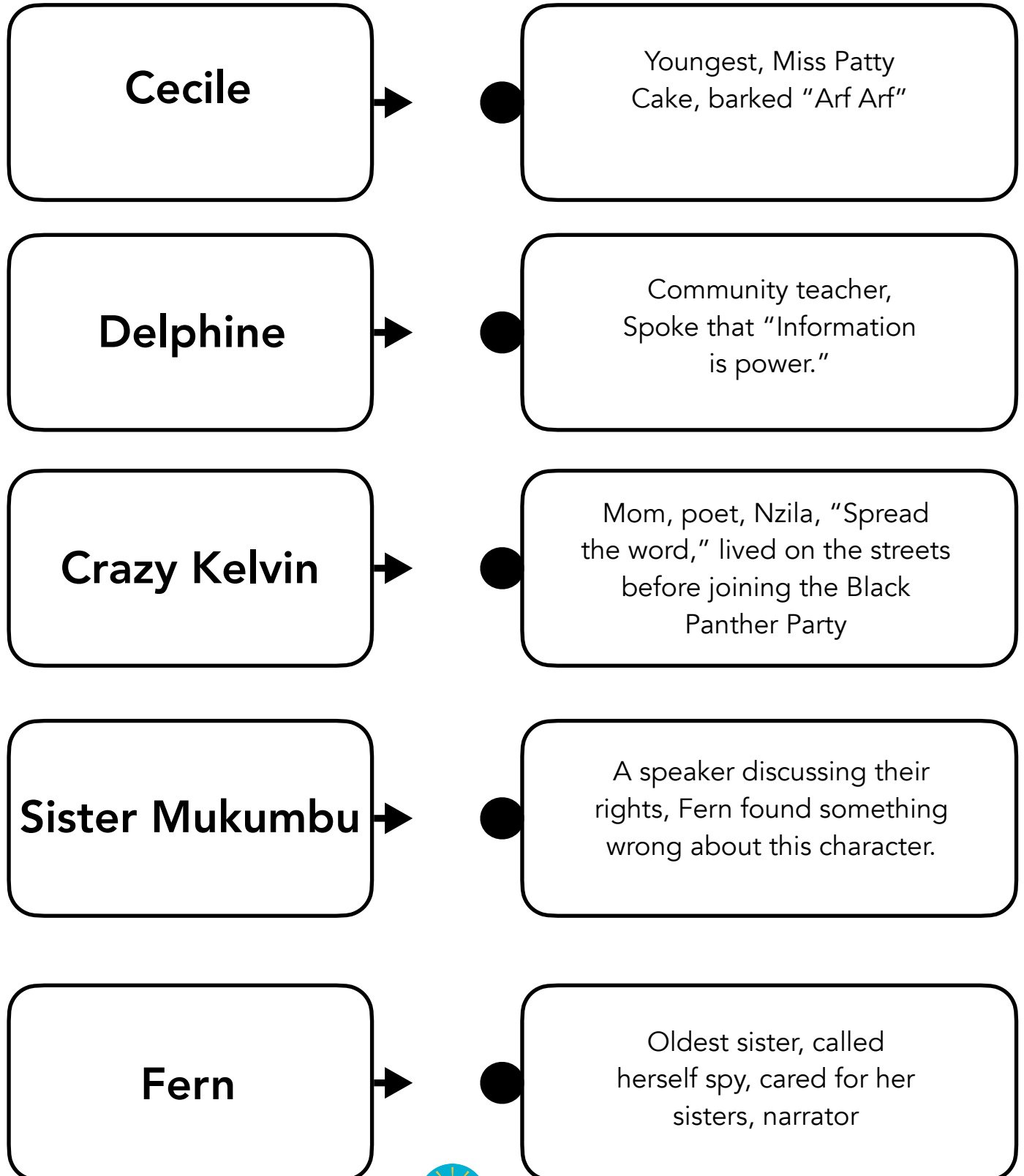
- "Eat crow" (page 137)
- "Trained spies in Brooklyn (Page 43)
- "A one-cow town near (page 95)
- "I'm black and I'm proud" (page 164)
- "Seize the time" (page 57)

QUESTIONS-DURING READING

- Pages 13-55
Explain Cecile's relationship with Delphine in the beginning.
- Pages 86-125
Explain the perspectives about Delphine, Fern, and Vernetta in the food program.
- Page 126
Rally for Bobby: What were the critical roles about the freedom fighters?
Describe a typical day during the program.
- Pages 200-215
Explain Cecile's relationship with Delphine in the end.

AFTER READING-CHARACTER ANALYSIS

Character Matching: Draw a line to connect each character.



CHARACTER ANALYSIS

Fill in the traits about characters in each box.

Character Name _____

Trait

Evidence

