**“Jeremiah’s Song” Close Reading Guide**

**Pre-reading: Anticipation Guide**

Respond to the following statements by writing agree or disagree in the “me” column. Be prepared to discuss these statements.

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|  | Me | Group |
| New ways are better than old ways. |  |  |
| Adults are tough; their feelings can’t be hurt. |  |  |
| Some friends are like family. |  |  |

**After Reading:**

**Text Dependent Questions-All responses must be written in complete sentences.**

1. What language and description is used to hint at the relationship developing between Macon and Grandpa Jeremiah?
2. What evidence is there of dialect in this reading selection and what is the purpose of it?
3. Grandpa uses the metaphor of a bridge on p.908. What is he trying to say? Why do you think he chose the image of the bridge?
4. How does the end of the reading selection change in tone from other parts of the story?
5. How does music foster a since of belonging?
6. How did this experience impact the narrator? How was he changed by this experience?