Lesson 23

Vocabulary in Context

1. **sincere**
   This President had sincere hopes. He truly wanted to change unfair laws.

2. **managed**
   Artists managed to carve this special monument. It was not easy!

3. **loaded**
   Before sailing, people loaded onto this swan boat. They piled on.

4. **loveliest**
   Oregon’s Crater Lake is one of the loveliest national parks. It is beautiful.
Study each **Context Card**.

Place the Vocabulary words in alphabetical order.

5 **conversations**
Conversations in a museum must be quiet. People should speak in whispers.

6 **inspired**
This statue has **inspired** people. It makes them believe in freedom.

7 **reunion**
This family went camping for their yearly **reunion**, or gathering.

8 **currently**
Currently, this fort is a museum. Soldiers no longer live here.

9 **pleasure**
People get **pleasure**, or enjoyment, from riding this old merry-go-round.

10 **terror**
When people look down at the Grand Canyon they may feel **terror**, or fear.
Background

TARGET VOCABULARY Traveling Now and Then Are you ever inspired to travel? Currently, we travel easily by planes, trains, or cars. We can enjoy snacks and conversations flying 30,000 feet high! Long ago, people managed to travel, but it was difficult and often dangerous. Some travelers felt terror as they loaded onto horse-drawn wagons, camels, or creaky ships.

Travel today is fun and teaches us many new things. Loveliest of all, though, may be the sincere pleasure of coming home to a reunion with loved ones.

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People still use camels to travel, just as they did thousands of years ago!
Comprehension

**TARGET SKILL** Sequence of Events

As you read *The Journey of Oliver K. Woodman*, notice the sequence, or order, in which events take place. Use dates, times of day, and signal words to help you put the events in sequence on a chart like this one.

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**TARGET STRATEGY** Analyze/Evaluate

The author uses letters to tell this story. What do you think of her choice to tell the story that way? Does it make story events easier or more difficult to follow? Does it make reading the story more or less enjoyable?
**MEET THE AUTHOR**

**Darcy Pattison**

Oliver K. Woodman, the character Darcy Pattison created, has become so popular that students at schools in New York, Indiana, and other states have their own wooden models of him. Whenever they travel, they take Oliver with them and bring back photos and journal entries from his journey.

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**MEET THE ILLUSTRATOR**

**Joe Cepeda**

Joe Cepeda does woodworking as a hobby, so when he was illustrating this story he drew Oliver K. Woodman as if he were really going to build the character out of wood. Author Darcy Pattison loves how Cepeda’s art turned out. “Oliver has no mouth, yet you would swear that he’s smiling at us,” she says.

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**TARGET VOCABULARY**

sincere  inspired  
managed  reunion  
loaded  currently  
loveliest  pleasure  
conversations  terror

**TARGET SKILL**

**Sequence of Events**
Tell the time order in which events happen.

1.  
2.  
3.  

**TARGET STRATEGY**

**Analyze/Evaluate** Think about what you read. Then form an opinion about it.

**GENRE**

A **fantasy** is a story that could not happen in real life. As you read, ask yourself these questions: Which details are realistic? Which are make-believe?
THE JOURNEY OF

OLIVER K. WOODMAN

written by
Darcy Pattison

illustrated by
Joe Cepeda

Essential Question
What happens if you tell story events out of order?
May 10
Redcrest, CA

Dear Uncle Ray,

Please come to visit us this summer. We will go camping. We can swim and catch fish.

You are my favorite uncle. Please say you will come!

Love,
Tameka
XOXOXO
May 17
Rock Hill, SC

Dear Tameka,

I’d love to come to California, but I can’t.
I will be building kitchen cabinets for some new apartments all summer.
But maybe my friend Oliver will come to visit!

Love,
Uncle Ray

STOP AND THINK
Sequence of Events  Who wrote the first letter, Uncle Ray or Tameka? How can you figure this out?
Dear Traveler,

I am going to see Tameka Schwartz.
370 Park Avenue, Red crest, California, 95569.
Please give me a ride and help me get there. If
you don’t mind, drop a note to my friend Raymond
Johnson, 111 Stony Lane, Rock Hill,
South Carolina, 29730. He wants to keep up
with my travels.

Thanks,
Oliver K. Woodman
CALIFORNIA OR BUST
June 1
Rock Hill, SC

Dear Favorite Niece Tameka,
Oliver left this morning. Let me know when he gets there—it should take him a couple of weeks. Or maybe more. It’s hard to say.

Love,
Uncle Ray
June 4
McTavish Plantation
Outside Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Ray:

For two days, Oliver rode in the back of my truck and kept Bert, my Brahman bull, company. I delivered Bert to his new home and he's settling in, but he'll miss the late-night conversations and singing with Oliver.

I left Oliver east of the Mississippi River, just outside Memphis, and hurried home to my beloved Amelia.

Yours truly,

Jackson McTavish
June 8
Forrest City, AR

Hi! Mr. OK is OK. Quinn and Sherry went to a basketball game at The Pyramid in Memphis, Tennessee, last weekend and brought Mr. OK back. He hung out with us for a couple of days, and all the girls liked him better than Quinn. So when Quinn's cousin's boyfriend's aunt was leaving to visit her sick grandfather in Fort Smith, Arkansas, the guys loaded Mr. OK into the aunt's station wagon and sent him on his way. We didn't even get to say good-bye!

Cherry (Sherry's sister),
for the Gang

P.S. If you see Mr. OK again, tell him we all said good-bye.

Raymond Johnson
111 Stony Lane
Rock Hill, SC 29730

STOP AND THINK
Author's Craft  How does Cherry's letter sound different from Jackson's letter on page 241? Which details make it sound this way?
June 11
Albuquerque, NM

Hey, Ray—
I drive a moving van for
Southeast Moving Company. I picked
up Oliver at the Arkansas border,
then drove west to Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma, south to Dallas, Texas,
northwest to Amarillo, Texas, east to
Panhandle, Texas, then west again to
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

He’s an easy fella to travel with.
He never needs bathroom stops. He
doesn’t care where we eat. And he
stays awake with me all night. I’m
sorry to see him go, but this week the
company is sending me east, to
Wauchula, Florida.

Trucking along—
Bobbi Jo

Raymond Johnson
111 Stony Lane
Rock Hill, SC 29730
June 28
Rock Hill, SC

Dear Tameka,

I’ve had no word from Oliver in seventeen days. I’m starting to worry. What if he is lost? Please call me if he turns up at your house.

Love,
Uncle Ray
July 1
Redcrest, CA

Dear Uncle Ray,

No word from Oliver. Are you sure he’s really coming?

I still wish we could see you. I asked Mama if we could come visit, but she said it costs too much. Daddy says he can’t take off work that long. Ever since I asked, Mama keeps looking at family photo albums. When she sees your pictures, she says, “My baby brother!”

Love,
Tameka
XOXOXOX
July 4  
Salt Lake City, UT

Dear Raymond Johnson:

My grandfather found Mr. Woodman in the middle of the reservation in New Mexico. Poor fella—a mouse was building a nest in his backpack. We don't know how he ended up way out there, and he's not telling.

Grandpa brought him to Utah to join me in the Fourth of July parade. I got so tired of smiling and waving at the crowds, but Mr. Woodman's brave smile inspired me.

I just sent Mr. Woodman off with three sisters. They looked like such nice old ladies, so I know they'll take good care of him.

With all my love—
Melissa Tso, Miss Utah

P.S. I've enclosed an autographed picture.
July 27
en route to San Francisco, CA

Dear Mr. Johnson:

My sisters and I had the distinct pleasure of entertaining Mr. Oliver K. Woodman for the past 23 days.

You see, we’ve lived in Kokomo, Indiana, all our lives. Until now, we’d never been west of the Mississippi River. Our dear papa died in January and left us an inheritance. We decided to use the money to tour the West this year.

While in Salt Lake City, we saw Mr. Oliver in a parade, and after talking it over, we voted to give him a ride. We stopped at a rodeo in Eureka, Nevada, where Mr. Oliver
met an old friend named Bert. They had a moving reunion.

We are heading south to San Francisco to see the Golden Gate Bridge, so we left Mr. Oliver yesterday in Rough and Ready, California. He should be at Miss Tameka's soon.

The Claremont Sisters
Agnes, Maggie, and Lucinda

P.S. We had afternoon tea every day. Mr. Oliver has the loveliest manners.
July 28
To: Raymond Johnson
Re: Mr. Oliver K. Woodman

Our family, currently on vacation, picked up the above-named person in what I thought was a misguided goodwill gesture. Little did I know how lucky that gesture would be.

Last night, we pitched tents in the Redwood forest. I woke at 3:00 A.M. to screams of terror. Bears! Your friend managed to frighten them away. He saved our lives.

With the deepest and most sincere gratitude, we intend to deliver him to the doorstep of Tameka Schwartz within the next two days.

Gratefully yours,
Bernard Grape,
Attorney-at-Law

STOP AND THINK
Analyze/Evaluate  Why do you think the author decided to tell the story with letters?
August 1
Redcrest, CA

Dear Uncle Ray,

Guess who came to dinner? Oliver!
He is so much fun! We are camping in the backyard tonight. I hear he's not scared of anything, so I'm glad he'll be there. Tomorrow, at the river, I'll let him hold my fishing pole while I swim.

Guess what else? Daddy and Mama talked it over. We're coming to your house next month, and we'll bring Oliver home. Isn't it wonderful?

Love,
Tameka
XOXOXOX

Oliver K. Woodman will return home today amid national acclaim for his cross-country journey. Woodman began his trip on June 1, in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and arrived in Redcrest, California, on August 1.

The Rock Hill City Council announced that a ticker-tape parade to honor Woodman will be held today at 10:00 A.M., starting at the corner of Main Street and Cherry Road and proceeding down Cherry Road to Cherry Park.

Raymond Johnson and Tameka Schwartz, friends of Mr. Woodman, will host a picnic in his honor at Cherry Park at noon. At 1:00 P.M., Mr. Woodman will show postcards and mementos from his trip. The public is invited.
Grammar

Abbreviations  An abbreviation is a short way to write a word. Most abbreviations begin with a capital letter and end with a period.

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Try This!  Write the abbreviation for each day, month, or street name below.

1. Saturday
2. December
3. Avenue
4. March 28
5. 325 Elm Road
6. Wednesday, August 6, 1999
7. November 3
8. 932 Swanton Street
Conventions  You can use abbreviations for the titles of people in many kinds of writing. Usually, you abbreviate the names of days, months, and kinds of streets only in addresses and lists.

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Connect Grammar to Writing

As you edit your dialogue, check to make sure you have used capital letters, commas, and periods correctly.