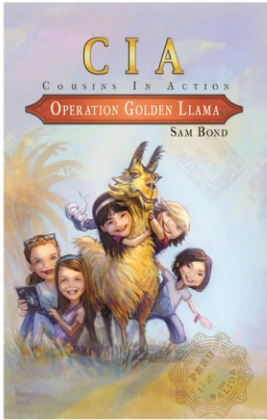


COUSINS IN ACTION ~ OPERATION GOLDEN LLAMA

TEACHERS GUIDE

BY SAM BOND



Dumped at their eccentric grandma's, Cagney, Olivia, Aidan, Lissy and Tess are convinced they are in for a boring summer. But when Grandma gets a series of mysterious phone calls and a highly unlikely pet sitter arrives, the cousins find themselves jetting off to Peru, where, much to their surprise, they find the adventures have only just begun.

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COMPREHENSION

PROLOGUE – CHAPTER 4

Directions: Please answer each question in a complete sentence.

CHAPTER ONE

1. Name three things Grandma Callie does for her grandchildren?
2. Why was Olivia on the roof?

CHAPTER TWO

1. Where did Grandma Callie leave Olivia and Tess and what did Tess do?
2. Why do the cousins not believe the pet sitter is who he says he is?

CHAPTER THREE

1. Why does Olivia want a llama as a pet?
2. Do you think the air steward liked the cousins? Give reasons.

Name: _____

CHAPTER FOUR

1. What do you think happened to Aidan while the plane was landing?

2. Why does Cagney think that Aidan has an overly developed imagination?

3. Why does Lissy think grown-ups are unreliable?

Name: _____ Date: _____

VOCABULARY

PROLOGUE – CHAPTER 4

Directions: Please give the correct definition next to each word. Choose from the following definitions:

<i>originating from a particular area</i>	<i>unstable</i>	<i>to do something quickly</i>
<i>a small token, often an ornament</i>	<i>crushed/broken</i>	<i>crazy/out of their mind</i>
<i>to judge too quickly</i>	<i>bellybutton</i>	<i>a deep reddish pink</i>
<i>a name for someone who is eccentric</i>	<i>menacing/threatening</i>	<i>eight notes in a scale</i>

Cerise	_____
Cursory	_____
Demented	_____
Dingbat	_____
Indigenous	_____
Judgmental	_____
Mangled	_____
Navel	_____
Precarious	_____
Octaves	_____
Ominous	_____
Trinket	_____

*Can also be used in a sentence at teacher's discretion

Name: _____ Date: _____

SEQUENCING

PROLOGUE – CHAPTER 4

Directions: Please read through the six events below. Then write a number one next to the first event that happened, a two next to the second event and so on. Be careful. The order in which you read the events may not be the order in which they happened.

_____ Aidan gets air-sick.

_____ Tess spits out a watermelon seed.

_____ Chaos is turned green.

_____ Olivia meets a llama.

_____ The cousins go shopping for clothes.

_____ The pet sitter arrives.

ANSWERS – COMPREHENSION

PROLOGUE – CHAPTER 4

CHAPTER ONE

1. Name three things Grandma Callie does for her grandchildren?

A. Grandma Callie sings to her grandchildren, but only in French. She kits them lime green sweaters, but always with a penguin on the back and she bakes them apple pies for breakfast.
2. Why was Olivia on the roof?

A. Olivia is hanging off the roof trying to peek into the only part of the study window that isn't covered by a heavy blind.

CHAPTER TWO

1. Where did Grandma Callie leave Olivia and Tess and what did Tess do?

A. Grandma Callie left Olivia and Tess at the bakery. By the time she returned Tess had eaten \$20 worth of muffins.
2. Why do the cousins not believe the pet sitter is who he says he is?

A. The cousins don't believe the pet sitter is who he says he is because he seems to be very unsure of himself. He's allergic to cats and he's wearing a cashmere sweater. Not something a pet sitter would normally wear.

CHAPTER THREE

1. Why does Olivia want a llama as a pet?

A. Olivia wants a llama for a pet so she could ride it to school. She is also an animal lover.
2. Do you think the air steward liked the cousins? Give reasons.

A. No I do not think the air steward liked the cousins. Firstly he is quite sarcastic and not very friendly. He does not smile and remembers better days when children were seen, but not heard. He is also not very sympathetic towards Aidan who is not feeling well.

CHAPTER FOUR

1. What do you think happened to Aidan while the plane was landing?

A. Aidan suffers from motion sickness and had not been well on the plane. Plus, Olivia refers to his stomach as being like cotton candy. Therefore there's a really good chance he threw up.
2. Why does Cagney think that Aidan has an overly developed imagination?

A. Cagney thinks Aidan has an overly developed imagination because he insists he saw the Pet Sitter at the airport.
3. Why does Lissy think grown-ups are unreliable?

A. Lissy thinks grown-ups are unreliable because once again Grandma has disappeared and she has been abandoned at the airport.

ANSWERS - VOCABULARY

PROLOGUE – CHAPTER 4

Cerise	A deep reddish pink	Cursory	To do something quickly
Demented	crazy/out of their mind	Dingbat	A name for someone who is eccentric
Indigenous	Originating from a particular area	Judgmental	To judge too quickly
Mangled	crushed/broken	Navel	Bellybutton
Precarious	Unstable	Octaves	Eight notes in a scale
Ominous	Menacing/Threatening	Trinket	A small token, often an ornament

ANSWERS – SEQUENCING

PROLOGUE – CHAPTER 4

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|----|--------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| 2. | Tess spits out a watermelon seed. | 1. | Chaos is turned green. |
| 4. | The pet sitter arrives. | 2. | Tess spits out a watermelon seed. |
| 3. | The cousins go shopping for clothes. | 3. | The cousins go shopping for clothes. |
| 5. | Aidan gets air-sick. | 4. | The pet sitter arrives. |
| 6. | Olivia meets a llama. | 5. | Aidan gets air-sick. |
| 1. | Chaos is turned green. | 6. | Olivia meets a llama. |

Name: _____ Date: _____

COMPREHENSION

CHAPTERS 5 –8

Directions: Please answer each question in a complete sentence.

CHAPTER FIVE

1. Describe Lucila’s car.

2. Who does Tess think will be squished like a bug?

CHAPTER SIX

1. What does Cagney describe as a “disaster”?

2. Do the cousins like Senor Gustavo? Explain why.

3. Describe what happens when the cousins enter the hotel room?

Name: _____

CHAPTER SEVEN

1. Why does Aidan turn scarlet?
2. Why does Cagney think Pietro is not Peruvian?
3. What happens to Lima in the wintertime?

CHAPTER EIGHT

1. What does Lucila point out on the way to the Gold Museum?
2. What did Atahualpa offer in exchange for his freedom?
3. Why is the gold safe in the museum?

Name: _____ Date: _____

VOCABULARY

CHAPTERS 5 – 8

Directions: Please give the correct definition next to each word. Choose from the following definitions:

not able to think straight

disbelieving

harsh or grating

an underground cemetery

crushed and wrinkled

walk in a flouncy manner

not having someone watching over you

cautiously

money paid to free someone

a small amount (also a pudding)

wealthy

shaky with age

Catacomb _____

Crumpled _____

Dubious _____

Gingerly _____

Prosperity _____

Ransom _____

Raspy _____

Rickety _____

Sashayed _____

Scatter-brained _____

Trifle _____

Unchaperoned _____

*Can also be used in a sentence at teacher's discretion

Name: _____ Date: _____

SEQUENCING

CHAPTERS 5 – 8

Directions: Please read through the six events below. Then write a number one next to the first event that happened, a two next to the second event and so on. Be careful. The order in which you read the events may not be the order in which they happened.

- _____ Gabriella turns Cagney’s Vogue up the right way.
- _____ The cousins get left in a dark alley.
- _____ Tess decides not to buy an expensive bracelet.
- _____ The cousins go for a ride in Lucila’s rolling aquarium.
- _____ Snr. Gustavo welcomes the cousins to Hotel Miserias.
- _____ The cousins visit the Gold Museum.

ANSWERS – COMPREHENSION

CHAPTERS 5 –8

CHAPTER FIVE

1. Describe Lucila’s car.

A. Lucila’s car is a blue open covered jeep decorated entirely with marine life.

2. Who does Tess think will be squished like a bug?

A. Tess thinks the students who have just emerged from a restaurant at the bottom of the hill will be squished like bugs as Lucila is not paying attention to where she is going.

CHAPTER SIX

1. What does Cagney describe as a “disaster”?

A. Cagney describes being left in a dirty, grimy alleyway by Lucila as a disaster.

2. Do the cousins like Senor Gustavo? Explain why.

A. At first I think they are a little scared of Senor Gustavo, but quickly grow to like him because of his jovial, enthusiastic nature.

3. Describe what happens when the cousins first enter the hotel room?

A. When the cousins first enter the hotel room it is pitch black and so they need to find the light switch. Aidan almost falls in the toilet and Olivia stumbles around the room like Frankenstein. Cagney sits on the floor and Tess tries to use Cagney’s nose as a light switch. Only Lissy thinks to find a wall and eventually finds the switch.

CHAPTER SEVEN

1. Why does Aidan turn scarlet?

A. Aidan turns scarlet because he is embarrassed when Gabriela calls him a gentleman. And also because I think he has a slight crush on her.

2. Why does Cagney think Pietro is not Peruvian?

A. Cagney thinks Pietro is not Peruvian because he has blond hair.

3. What happens to Lima in the wintertime?

A. In the wintertime Lima gets the fog.

CHAPTER EIGHT

1. What does Lucila point out on the way to the Gold Museum?

A. On the way to the Gold Museum Lucila points out clothes shops for Cagney, the bakery for Tess and the library for Aidan.

2. What did Atahualpa offer in exchange for his freedom?

A. In exchange for his freedom Atahualpa offered to fill an entire room full of gold.

3. Why is the gold safe in the museum?

A. The gold is safe in the museum because the entire museum is a bank vault.

ANSWERS - VOCABULARY

CHAPTERS 5 – 8

Catacomb	An underground cemetery	Crumpled	Crushed and wrinkled
Dubious	Disbelieving	Gingerly	Cautiously
Prosperity	Wealthy	Ransom	Money paid to free someone
Raspy	Harsh or grating	Rickety	Shaky with age
Sashayed	Walk in a flouncy manner	Scatter-brained	Not able to think straight
Trifle	A small amount (also a pudding)	Unchaperoned	Not having someone watching over you

ANSWERS - SEQUENCING

CHAPTERS 5 – 8

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| 4. Gabriella turns Cagney's Vogue up the right way. | 1. The cousins go for a ride. |
| 2. The cousins get left in a dark alley. | 2. The cousins get left in a dark alley. |
| 6. Tess decides not to buy an expensive bracelet. | 3. Senior Gustavo welcomes the cousins. |
| 1. The cousins go for a ride in Lucila's rolling aquarium. | 4. Gabriella turns Cagney's Vogue. |
| 3. Snr. G welcomes the cousins to Hotel Miserias. | 5. The cousins visit the Gold Museum. |
| 5. The cousins visit the Gold Museum. | 6. Tess decides not to buy the bracelet. |

Name: _____ Date: _____

COMPREHENSION

CHAPTERS 9 – 12

Directions: Please answer each question in a complete sentence.

CHAPTER NINE

1. What animal does Cagney resemble when she emerges from the catacombs?
2. Who is the statue of in the middle of the plaza and why does Lucila not like it?
3. Why does Lissy insist they can't take up Emilio's offer to fly to Machu Picchu?

CHAPTER TEN

1. What did Senor Gustavo and Grandma do before the cousins arrived at Hotel M?
2. Describe how to play the game that Santiago is playing.
3. Who does Cagney think she has seen coming out of their room?

Name: _____

CHAPTER ELEVEN

1. Who did Cagney and Olivia see in the plaza?
2. Why can Tess not visit the pink dolphin?
3. Several things have been moved in the room after someone broke in. What are they?

CHAPTER TWELVE

1. Why does Tess tell the others not to worry about Gabriela?
2. What is wrong with Pietro at breakfast?
3. Where is the last place Olivia thinks to search in the room?

Name: _____ Date: _____

VOCABULARY

CHAPTERS 9 - 12

Directions: Please give the correct definition next to each word. Choose from the following definitions:

great in size or amount

unconcerned or indifferent

ability to share other's feelings

device used on submarines in order

tall cupboard or wardrobe

a coat that you slip over your

to see above the surface

head with a hood and no buttons

appearance and behavior

someone on foot

decorative

to examine or look at

Armoire _____

Demeanor _____

Empathy _____

Extensive _____

Nonchalantly _____

Ornate _____

Pedestrian _____

Surveyed _____

Poncho _____

Periscope _____

*Can also be used in a sentence at teacher's discretion

Name: _____ Date: _____

SEQUENCING

CHAPTERS 9 – 12

Directions: Please read through the six events below. Then write a number one next to the first event that happened, a two next to the second event and so on. Be careful. The order in which you read the events may not be the order in which they happened.

_____ Tess finds out about pink dolphins.

_____ Pietro has a limp.

_____ The cousins play Sapo.

_____ Emilio offers to take them to Machu Picchu.

_____ The cousins listen to panpipes.

_____ Olivia and Cagney spy the pet sitter.

ANSWERS – COMPREHENSION

CHAPTERS 9 – 12

CHAPTER NINE

1. What animal does Cagney resemble when she emerges from the catacombs?

A. Cagney resembles a frog when she emerges from the catacombs. We can assume because she has gone green.
2. Who is the statue of in the middle of the plaza and why does Lucila not like it?

A. The statue in the middle of the plaza is of Francisco Pizarro, the Spanish Conquistador who invaded Peru.
3. Why does Lissy insist they can't take up Emilio's offer to fly to Machu Picchu?

A. Lissy insists the cousins cannot fly to Machu Picchu because they are missing their Grandma and should wait in Lima until she returns.

CHAPTER TEN

1. What did Senor Gustavo and Grandma do before the cousins arrived at Hotel M?

A. Before the cousins arrived at Hotel Miserias Senor Gustavo and Grandma had tea, sticky buns, and reminisced about old times.
2. Describe how to play the game that Santiago is playing.

A. Sapo is played by aiming coins at a box with a toad on top. There are many holes cut into the box and numbers above showing how many points you get. The person with the most points wins.
3. Who does Cagney think she has seen coming out of their room?

A. Cagney thinks she has seen Gabriela coming out of their room.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

1. Who did Cagney and Olivia see in the plaza?
A. Cagney and Olivia think they see the pet sitter in the plaza.
2. Why can Tess not visit the pink dolphin?
A. Tess cannot visit the pink dolphin because the Amazon is far north and east of Lima. Lissy also reminds Tess she will never find the dolphin because the Amazon is over a mile wide in places
3. Several things have been moved in the room after someone broke in. What are they?
A. Aidan's book, *Spanish For The Seriously Stupid* has been moved from the chest of drawers to a chair. Spider has been pushed under the bed and Olivia finds blood on the bedpost.

CHAPTER TWELVE

1. Why does Tess tell the others not to worry about Gabriela?
A. Tess tells the others not to worry about Gabriela because a. she's nice and b. her pink fuzzy sweater is telling her not to worry about her.
2. What is wrong with Pietro at breakfast?
A. At breakfast Pietro is limping.
3. Where is the last place Olivia thinks to search in the room?
A. The ceiling is the last place Olivia searches in the room.

ANSWERS - VOCABULARY

CHAPTERS 9 - 12

Armoire	Tall cupboard or wardrobe	Demeanor	Appearance and behavior
Empathy	Ability to share other's feelings	Extensive	Great in size or amount
Nonchalantly	Unconcerned or indifferent	Ornate	Decorative
Pedestrian	Someone on foot	Surveyed	To examine or look at
Poncho	A coat that you slip over your head with a hood and no buttons	Periscope	Device used on submarines in order to see above the surface.

ANSWERS - SEQUENCING

CHAPTERS 9 - 12

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| 5. Tess finds out about pink dolphins. | 1. Olivia and Cagney spy the pet sitter. |
| 6. Pietro has a limp. | 2. The cousins listen to panpipes. |
| 4. The cousins play Sapo. | 3. Emilio offers to take them to Machu Picchu. |
| 3. Emilio offers to take them to Machu Picchu. | 4. The cousins play Sapo. |
| 2. The cousins listen to panpipes. | 5. Tess finds out about pink dolphins. |
| 1. Olivia and Cagney spy the pet sitter. | 6. Pietro has a limp. |

Name: _____ Date: _____

COMPREHENSION

CHAPTERS 13 – 16

Directions: Please answer each question in a complete sentence.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

1. Name three things the cousins think the code might be before stumbling on the truth?
2. How does Cagney realize what the numbers mean?
3. Why does Aidan think Pietro is mean?

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

1. Describe the librarian?
2. What does Olivia suggest doing to Tess when she faints?
3. Why does Aidan think the library security guard is not from Lima?

Name: _____

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

1. Why does Lissy think the pictures of treasure are not from the gold museum?
2. Who are the three people the cousins think the note might be from?
3. How do the pictures disappear from Spider?

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

1. Why does Lissy become mad at Cagney?
2. How does Olivia figure out how to locate Gabriela and Pietro?
3. What does Santiago have stuck up his nose and how does Senor Gustavo get it down?

Name: _____ Date: _____

VOCABULARY

CHAPTERS 13 – 16

Directions: Please give the correct definition next to each word. Choose from the following definitions:

expressing an excuse/apology

uncertain/hesitant

shocked or astonished

to be overly satisfied/confident

dressed/wore

brownish/purplish color

someone who studies ancient life

severe criticism

fear of being in a confined space

someone who studies ancient artifacts

Apologetic _____

Archeologist _____

Claustrophobic _____

Donned _____

Dumbstruck _____

Paleontologist _____

Puce _____

Smug _____

Tongue-lashing _____

Tentative _____

*Can also be used in a sentence at teacher's discretion

Name: _____ Date: _____

SEQUENCING

CHAPTERS 13 – 16

Directions: Please read through the six events below. Then write a number one next to the first event that happened, a two next to the second event and so on. Be careful. The order in which you read the events may not be the order in which they happened. To make it a little trickier, one of these events happens twice during these chapters. Bonus points if you can figure out which one and put two numbers by that event. This will give you a total of seven events. *Hint they do not happen back to back.

_____ There is a power cut.

_____ Senor Gustavo does the mambo.

_____ Pietro and Gabriela check out.

_____ Tess faints.

_____ Aidan makes a phone call.

_____ Aidan finds a shopping list.

ANSWERS – COMPREHENSION

CHAPTERS 13 – 16

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

1. Name three things the cousins think the code might be before stumbling on the truth?

A. The cousins think the code might be a telephone number, the combination to a safe, a bank account number or map co-ordinates.
2. How does Cagney realize what the numbers mean?

A. Cagney realizes the numbers are the same format as the Dewey Decimal System when she spies Aidan’s library book.
3. Why does Aidan think Pietro is mean?

A. Aidan believes Pietro is mean because he is bullying Senor Gustavo as he leaves Hotel Miserias.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

1. Describe the librarian?

A. From the description of the “human prune” we can realize that the librarian is a very stooped old man who is hunched over like the figure seven. We can also deduce that he is quite slow and maybe even kindly, as he does get out of his seat to see if Tess is okay.
2. What does Olivia suggest doing to Tess when she faints?

A. Olivia suggests they slap Tess when she faints.
3. Why does Aidan think the library security guard is not from Lima?

A. Aidan doesn’t think the library security guard is from Lima because Lucila told the cousins that the people who live in Lima are friendly and the security guard is not being very friendly.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

1. Why does Lissy think the pictures of treasure are not from the gold museum?
A. Lissy thinks the pictures of the treasure are not from the gold museum because they are lying scattered on the ground.
2. Who are the three people the cousins think the note might be from?
A. The cousins think the note may be from either Grandma, Senor Gustavo or Gabriela, whose names all start with a G.
3. How do the pictures disappear from Spider?
A. Spider loses the pictures when there is a power cut.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

1. Why does Lissy become mad at Cagney?
A. Lissy becomes mad at Cagney because Cagney accuses her of losing the pictures.
2. How does Olivia figure out how to locate Gabriela and Pietro?
A. Olivia figures out how to locate Gabriela and Pietro when she remembers that Aidan signed the guest register and had to enter his name and address.
3. What does Santiago have stuck up his nose and how does Senor Gustavo get it down?
A. Santiago has a coin from the Sapo game stuck up his nose. Senor Gustavo gets it down by holding him upside down and shaking him.

ANSWERS - VOCABULARY

CHAPTERS 13 – 16

Apologetic	Expressing an excuse/apology	Archeologist	Someone who studies ancient artifacts.
Claustrophobic	Fear of being in a confined space	Donned	Dressed/Wore
Dumbstruck	Shocked or astonished	Paleontologist	Someone who studies ancient life
Puce	Brownish/purplish color	Smug	To be overly satisfied/confident
Tongue-lashing	Severe criticism	Tentative	Uncertain/Hesitant

ANSWERS - SEQUENCING

CHAPTERS 13 – 16

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| 6. | There is a power cut. | 1. | Aidan makes a phone call. |
| 3. | Senor Gustavo does the mambo. | 2. | Pietro and Gabriela check out. |
| 2. | Pietro and Gabriela check out. | 3. | Senor Gustavo does the mambo. |
| 4. | Tess faints. | 4. | Tess faints. |
| 1. | Aidan makes a phone call. | 5. | Aidan finds a shopping list. |
| 5. | Aidan finds a shopping list. | 6. | There is a power cut. |
| | | 7. | Tess faints. |

Name: _____ Date: _____

COMPREHENSION

CHAPTERS 17 –20

Directions: Please answer each question in a complete sentence.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

1. Describe the plane and why Aidan is anxious.
2. Who does Tess see on the ground after the plane takes off?
3. Why did those who drew the Nazca lines never see them?

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

1. Name three things the cousins saw out the train window.
2. Who does Cagney say is crazy?
3. Describe Octavio's appearance and personality.

Name: _____

CHAPTER NINETEEN

1. Grandma sends the cousins a note, what does it say?
2. Why did the Spanish invaders not destroy Machu Picchu?
3. How does Aidan describe Huayna Picchu?

CHAPTER TWENTY

1. Why does Olivia not feel well?
2. Why does Tess tell Gabriela to lie back?

Name: _____ Date: _____

VOCABULARY

CHAPTERS 17 –20

Directions: Please give the correct definition next to each word. Choose from the following definitions:

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| <i>astronomical event that happens twice a year</i> | <i>the science of genes</i> | <i>a coffee color</i> |
| <i>paste used to bind blocks together</i> | <i>ornate light fixture</i> | |
| <i>the height of something</i> | <i>move at a slow pace</i> | <i>wide angle view</i> |
| <i>someone who drives for a living</i> | <i>type of clay/orangey color</i> | |
| <i>possessing or exhibiting great wealth</i> | <i>following a winding course</i> | |
| <i>a structure to hold a plane</i> | <i>an area overseen/ruled by the same person</i> | |

- Altitude _____
- Amble _____
- Chandelier _____
- Chauffer _____
- Empire _____
- Genetics _____
- Hanger _____
- Meander _____
- Mocha _____
- Mortar _____
- Opulent _____
- Panorama _____
- Solstice _____
- Terracotta _____

*Can also be used in a sentence at teacher’s discretion

Name: _____ Date: _____

SEQUENCING

CHAPTERS 17 – 20

Directions: Please read through the six events below. Then write a number one next to the first event that happened, a two next to the second event and so on. Be careful. The order in which you read the events may not be the order in which they happened.

_____ Tess “hums” Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.

_____ Aidan buys train tickets.

_____ Olivia gets a headache.

_____ Gabriela does some explaining.

_____ Lissy spies a bird.

_____ The cousins become grounded for life.

ANSWERS – COMPREHENSION

CHAPTERS 17 –20

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

1. Describe the plane and why Aidan is anxious.

A. The plane is small and red and we can tell from Aidan’s reaction that it probably doesn’t look very safe. We can deduce that it has six seats inside, as Tess has to sit up front with Emelio. It also has lots of knobs and switches and a large red button.
2. Who does Tess see on the ground after the plane takes off?

A. Once the plane takes off Tess sees the Lucila walking towards the jeep with the pet sitter.
3. Why did those who drew the Nazca lines never see them?

A. Santiago has a coin from the Sapo game stuck up his nose.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

1. Name three things the cousins saw out the train window.

A. The cousins see the Urubamba River, the mountains and alpacas.
2. Who does Cagney say is crazy?

A. Cagney thinks that Hiram Bingham is crazy for trekking through the jungle on his quest to find Vilcabamba, which eventually led him to finding Machu Picchu.
3. Describe Octavio’s appearance and personality.

A. Octavio is short and plump with very little hair. He is pompous, non-trusting and doesn’t seem to like children very much.

CHAPTER NINETEEN

1. Grandma sends the cousins a note, what does it say?
A. The note from Grandma tells the cousins they are grounded for life and to stay on Machu Picchu.
2. Why did the Spanish invaders not destroy Machu Picchu?
A. The Spanish invaders did not destroy Machu Picchu because they couldn't find it.
3. How does Aidan describe Huayna Picchu?
A. Aidan describes Huayna Picchu as looking up the nose of an Inca King.

CHAPTER TWENTY

1. Why does Olivia not feel well?
A. Olivia doesn't feel well because she is suffering from altitude sickness.
2. Why does Tess tell Gabriela to lie back?
A. Tess tells Gabriela to lie back because the cousins are about to tell her they lost the pictures.

ANSWERS – VOCABULARY

CHAPTERS 17 –20

Altitude	The height of something	Amble	Move at a slow pace
Chandelier	Ornate light fixture	Chauffer	Someone who drives for a living
Empire	Area ruled by the same person	Genetics	The science of genes
Hanger	A structure to hold a plane	Meander	Following a winding course
Mocha	A coffee color	Mortar	Paste used to bind blocks together
Opulent	Possessing great wealth	Panorama	Wide angle view
Solstice	Astronomical event that happens twice a year	Terracotta	Type of clay/orangey color

ANSWERS – SEQUENCING

CHAPTERS 17 – 20

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| 3. | Tess “hums” ‘Twinkle Twinkle Little Star’. | 1. | Lissy spies a bird. |
| 2. | Aidan buys train tickets. | 2. | Aidan buys train tickets. |
| 5. | Olivia gets a headache. | 3. | Tess “hums” ‘Twinkle Twinkle Little Star’. |
| 6. | Gabriela does some explaining. | 4. | The cousins become grounded for life. |
| 1. | Lissy spies a bird. | 5. | Olivia gets a headache. |
| 4. | The cousins become grounded for life. | 6. | Gabriela does some explaining. |

Name: _____ Date: _____

COMPREHENSION

CHAPTERS 21 – 24

Directions: Please answer each question in a complete sentence.

CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

1. Why does Aidan want to make sure the dig is on Machu Picchu?
2. Why is Lissy worried about Olivia?
3. Name three things the cousins put in the backpack?

CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

1. Why does Octavio not trust the cousins?
2. Why is Cagney wearing “bug” glasses?
3. What does Tess tell Cagney are the two most important things to remember when trekking through the jungle?

Name: _____

CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

1. Describe the lake.
2. How does Cagney get stuck?
3. What does Cagney do for Aidan to realize how terrified she is?

CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR

1. Why do the cousins tell Pietro they are on a jungle trek?
2. Why does Gabriela not rescue the cousins?
3. What does Tess say to comfort Cagney when she's worried about the rats and do you think it works?

Name: _____ Date: _____

VOCABULARY

CHAPTERS 21 – 24

Directions: Please give the correct definition next to each word. Choose from the following definitions:

calm/still	able to overcome difficulties	feeling sick
unsteady/dazed	spread out from	exaggerated dignity
in very bad condition	soldiers on horseback	extraordinary/bizarre
on the edge	lurch or swerve while in motion	extremely large
simultaneously/together	without limits	

Brink _____

Careen _____

Cavalry _____

Dilapidated _____

Doozy _____

Groggily _____

Humongous _____

Infinity _____

Nausea _____

Placid _____

Pompous _____

Radiate _____

Resourceful _____

Synchronize _____

*Can also be used in a sentence at teacher's discretion

Name: _____ Date: _____

SEQUENCING

CHAPTERS 21 – 24

Directions: Please read through the six events below. Then write a number one next to the first event that happened, a two next to the second event and so on. Be careful. The order in which you read the events may not be the order in which they happened.

- _____ Cagney loses a shoe
- _____ Olivia doesn't eat.
- _____ Cagney Aidan and Tess are locked in a hut.
- _____ Aidan dresses in pink.
- _____ Gabriela tries to rescue the cousins.
- _____ Cagney tries on some glasses.

ANSWERS – COMPREHENSION

CHAPTERS 21 – 24

CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

1. Why does Aidan want to make sure the dig is on Machu Picchu?

A. Aidan wants to make sure the dig is on Machu Picchu because Grandma’s note told them not to leave the mountain.
2. Why is Lissy worried about Olivia?

A. Lissy is worried about Olivia because she doesn’t eat any lunch due to her altitude sickness.
3. Name three things the cousins put in the backpack?

A. The cousins put a flashlight, a Swiss Army knife, bottles of water, a bag of candy and three pink sweaters into the backpack.

CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

1. Why does Octavio not trust the cousins?

A. Octavio does not trust the cousins because he doesn’t trust children with a missing grandma.
2. What does Cagney wear to make her look more “spy-like”.

A. Cagney puts on a large pair of “bug glasses” to make her look more spy-like.
3. What does Tess tell Cagney are the two most important things to remember when trekking through the jungle?

A. Tess tells Cagney the most important things to remember when trekking through the jungle is to be quiet and avoid the poisonous snakes.

CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

1. Describe the lake.

A. The lake is like an infinity pool. On one side rising up is a wall of sheer rock. On the opposite a drop of 2,000 feet to the valley below. On the edge of the drop is a narrow path that leads to the other side.

2. How does Cagney get stuck?

A. Cagney gets stuck when her shoe gets tangled on a root.

3. What does Cagney do for Aidan to realize how terrified she is?

A. Aidan realizes how terrified Cagney is when she faints on top of him and then decides to crawl to the other side of the lake instead of walking. Cagney would never agree to do this unless she was utterly terrified.

CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR

1. Why do the cousins tell Pietro they are on a jungle trek?

A. The cousins tell Pietro they are on a jungle trek because they don't want him to realize they are following him.

2. Why does Gabriela not rescue the cousins?

A. Gabriela tries to rescue the cousins twice, but after an argument with Pietro she disappears into a different hut and never reappears.

3. What does Tess say to comfort Cagney when she's worried about the rats and do you think it works?

A. When Cagney is worried about rats being in the hut, Tess comforts her by telling her she is sure that all the poisonous snakes have eaten the rats. I don't think this is very comforting to Cagney as a poisonous snake is far more dangerous than a rat.

ANSWERS - VOCABULARY

CHAPTERS 21 – 24

Brink	On the edge	Careen	Lurch or swerve while in motion
Cavalry	Soldiers on horseback	Dilapidated	In very bad condition
Doozy	Extraordinary/bizarre	Groggily	Unsteady/dazed
Humongous	Extremely large	Infinity	Without limits
Nausea	Sickness	Placid	Calm/still
Pompous	Exaggerated dignity	Radiate	Spread out from
Resourceful	Able to overcome difficulties	Synchronize	Simultaneously/together

ANSWERS - SEQUENCING

CHAPTERS 21 – 24

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| 3. | Cagney loses a shoe. | 1. | Olivia doesn't eat. |
| 1. | Olivia doesn't eat. | 2. | Cagney tries on some glasses. |
| 5. | Cagney Aidan and Tess are locked in a hut. | 3. | Cagney loses a shoe. |
| 6. | Aidan dresses in pink. | 4. | Gabriela tries to rescue the cousins. |
| 4. | Gabriela tries to rescue the cousins. | 5. | Cagney Aidan and Tess are locked in a hut. |
| 2. | Cagney tries on some glasses. | 6. | Aidan dresses in pink. |

Name: _____ Date: _____

COMPREHENSION

CHAPTERS 25 –28

Directions: Please answer each question in a complete sentence.

CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE

1. How does Olivia find her cousins?

2. Why does Cagney say the flu was fun?

CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX

1. Why does Cagney leap onto Olivia's foot?

2. Describe what is in the cave.

3. Why does Tess hide behind Aidan?

Name: _____

CHAPTER TWENTY-SEVEN

1. Why does Olivia hug Tess and why is this unusual?

2. Lissy is shocked when she sees Cagney. Describe what you think Cagney must look like.

CHAPTER TWENTY-EIGHT

1. Why did it take Gabriela so long to reach the cousins?

2. What does Gabriela tell the cousins they must not do?

Name: _____ Date: _____

VOCABULARY

CHAPTERS 25 –28

Directions: Please give the correct definition next to each word. Choose from the following definitions:

walk heavily

moving erratically

a series of small waterfalls

rattling sound

to decline steeply

ate

come into view

to lie/spread out

done together

a mess

careless with trash

leaning

steep side of a mountain

drawn into the surface

Cascade _____

Clatter _____

Consumed _____

Disheveled _____

Etched _____

Flailing _____

Litterbug _____

Looming _____

Lopsided _____

Plodded _____

Plummet _____

Precipice _____

Sprawl _____

Simultaneously _____

*Can also be used in a sentence at teacher's discretion

Name: _____ Date: _____

SEQUENCING

CHAPTERS 25 – 28

Directions: Please read through the six events below. Then write a number one next to the first event that happened, a two next to the second event and so on. Be careful. The order in which you read the events may not be the order in which they happened.

- _____ Pietro dangles Tess off the side of the mountain.
- _____ Gabriela tells where Grandma is.
- _____ Olivia rescues Cagney's camera.
- _____ Cagney hears a giant bear snoring.
- _____ Octavio receives a golden llama.
- _____ Tess makes emerald angels.

ANSWERS – COMPREHENSION

CHAPTERS 25 –28

CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE

1. How does Olivia find her cousins?
A. Olivia finds her cousins by trekking through the jungle following Tess' candy wrappers.
2. Why does Cagney say the flu was fun?
A. Cagney thinks the flu was more fun than being stuck in a rat infested hut overnight because, as Tess points out, with the flu they got to watch TV and eat donuts.

CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX

1. Why does Cagney leap onto Olivia's foot?
A. Cagney leaps onto Olivia's foot in the cave because she thinks the sound of Tess' tummy rumbling is a snake.
2. Describe what is in the cave.
A. The cave was crammed to the ceiling with gold, silver and precious stones. Gleaming statues and thousands of pieces of jewelry lay scattered on the floor.
3. Why does Tess hide behind Aidan?
A. Tess hides behind Aidan because she can tell the llama is about to spit at them.

CHAPTER TWENTY-SEVEN

1. Why does Olivia hug Tess and why is this unusual?
A. Olivia hugs Tess because she is relieved that she was not hurt when Pietro dangled her off the side of the mountain. It's unusual for Olivia to hug Tess. Normally if they are this close Olivia has her in a headlock.

2. Lissy is shocked when she sees Cagney. Describe what you think Cagney must look like.

A. Cagney has been through the wringer by the time Lissy sees her. She has crawled along the path by the lake. She has lost a shoe. She has been spat at by a llama and she has ridden an out-of-control llama through a jungle. She is sticky, she is dirty and she is missing footwear.

CHAPTER TWENTY-EIGHT

1. Why did it take Gabriela so long to reach the cousins?

A. When the cousins escaped Gabriela was tied to a chair, so she had to get untied before she could go after them.

2. What does Gabriela tell the cousins they must not do?

A. Gabriela tells the cousins they must not tell their parents about their adventure.

ANSWERS – VOCABULARY

CHAPTERS 25 –28

Cascade	A series of small waterfalls	Clatter	Rattling sound
Consumed	Ate	Disheveled	A mess
Etched	Drawn into the surface	Flailing	Moving irrationally
Litterbug	Careless with trash	Looming	Come into view
Lopsided	Leaning	Plodded	Walked heavily
Plummet	To decline steeply	Precipice	Steep side of a mountain
Sprawl	To lie/spread out	Simultaneously	Done together

ANSWERS - SEQUENCING

CHAPTERS 25 – 28

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| 3. Tess makes emerald angels. | 6. Gabriela tells where Grandma is. |

Name: _____ Date: _____

TRUE OR FALSE?

Directions: Please read the following statements. If it is true write "true" next to the statement. If it is false, write "false".

- _____ 1. Olivia followed Tess' Candy wrappers in order to track her cousins
- _____ 2. In the past Tess has eaten \$20 worth of muffins
- _____ 3. Cagney wants to be a landscape photographer when she is older
- _____ 4. Aidan likes to fly
- _____ 5. Lissy enjoys riddles
- _____ 6. Grandma prefers a south facing room
- _____ 7. Senor Gustavo has coffee and donuts with Grandma
- _____ 8. Lucila almost runs over a crowd of teenagers
- _____ 9. Gabriela told Pietro she came to Lima because she needed a doctor
- _____ 10. Pietro has red hair
- _____ 11. Mrs Snoops is the cousins teacher
- _____ 12. Machu Picchu was discovered by Henry Bingley
- _____ 13. Huayna Picchu means young mountain.
- _____ 14. Vilcabamba is the nearest village to Machu Picchu

ANSWERS - TRUE OR FALSE?

True 1. Olivia followed Tess' Candy wrappers in order to track her cousins.

True 2. In the past Tess has eaten \$20 worth of muffins.

False 3. Cagney wants to be a landscape photographer when she is older. A. Cagney wants to be a fashion photographer.

False 4. Aidan suffers from motion sickness and he hates to fly.

True 5. Lissy enjoys riddles.

True 6. Grandma prefers a south facing room.

False 7. Senor Gustavo and Grandma have tea and sticky buns.

True 8. Lucila almost runs over a crowd of teenagers.

True 9. Gabriela told Pietro she came to Lima because she needed a doctor.

False 10. Pietro has blond hair.

False 11. Mrs Snoops is Grandma's next-door neighbor.

False 12. Machu Picchu was discovered by Hiram Bingham.

True 13. Huayna Picchu means young mountain.

False 14. Aguas Calientes is the nearest village. Vilcabamba is the village Hiram Bingham was initially searching for.

MINOR CHARACTERS

Directions: Choose two of the words below and one of your own, to best describe the minor characters.

Only use each word once. Not all words will be used.

competent

enthusiastic

funny

pretty

angry

mysterious

artistic

smart

loud

flamboyant

shy

scary

impatient

colorful

kind

fake

lovable

untrustworthy

happy

sarcastic

Own Word Choice

Lucila

Senor Gustavo

Pietro

Gabriela

Octavio

Name: _____ Date: _____

WHICH EMAIL GOES WITH WHICH CHARACTER?

Directions: Imagine you are a character in Operation Golden Llama who needs an email address. Match the correct character with the most likely email address.

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|-----|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ___ | 1. Cagney | A. useyournoodle@learningalore.us.com |
| ___ | 2. Olivia | B. soaringwings@flyme.com |
| ___ | 3. Aidan | C. treasuretrovetrekker@goldlover.net |
| ___ | 4. Lissy | D. speedqueen@honk.pr.com |
| ___ | 5. Tess | E. pageturner@ink.net |
| ___ | 6. Senor Gustavo | F. fashionsnapper@glamour.pr.com |
| ___ | 7. Grandma | G. dimplesgalore@theyappingdog.tx.com |
| ___ | 8. Mrs Snoops | H. ihatecats@theagency.gov |
| ___ | 9. Lucila | I. thespywhoshovedyou@girlslife.tx.me |
| ___ | 10. Pietro | J. mcdwarfinthecloud@mp.net |
| ___ | 11. Gabriela | K. disappearingdonuts@yumyum.com |
| ___ | 12. Sneezy | L. laundrygoddess@suds.com |
| ___ | 13. Emelio | M. MamboKing#5@boogienight.pr.net |
| ___ | 14. Octavio | N. thequietlifeforme@retired.tx.com |

ANSWERS – WHICH EMAIL GOES WITH WHICH CHARACTER?

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TEXT-TO-SELF CONNECTION

Savvy readers often think about the bigger meaning of the text they are reading.

Sometimes a reader might come across a situation or theme in the book that makes him/her think about his/her own life. When a reader thinks about his own life while reading, he/she is making a text-to-self connection. Please write about a text-to-self connection you experienced while reading *Operation Golden Llama*. It could be a recent event or something that happened a few years ago.

If you want, you can use the suggestions below to help you.

1. The cousins are thrust into a completely unfamiliar situation. Have you ever had something happen to you that you had no control over? How did you cope?
2. The cousins lose pictures that do not belong to them. Have you ever lost anything that belonged to someone else? How did you make it right?
3. Cagney realizes blaming Lissy for losing the pictures is wrong. Have you ever had to apologize for doing something wrong? How did this make you feel?
4. When Tess is in trouble Olivia tries to protect her. Have you ever tried to protect a brother/sister or friend or had anyone protect you?

Checklist

1. Indentation/Capitalization/Punctuation/Spelling
2. Topic Sentence
3. The event that happened in the book
4. A similar event that happened in your life
5. Concluding sentence

QUESTIONS – SPECIFIC PERUVIAN VOCUBULARY

See if you can match the word with the definition. A bit tricky this one. All things to do with Peru – duh!

Directions: Write the letter of the correct definition next to each word.

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| ___ 1. Vilcabamba | A. Capital of Peru |
| ___ 2. Fer-de-lance | B. A traditional Peruvian dish |
| ___ 3. Aguas Calientes | C. Mountain that rises over Machu Picchu |
| ___ 4. Nuevo Sol | D. Spanish explorer and conqueror of the Inca Empire |
| ___ 5. Hiram Bingham | E. Ancient geoglyphs (motifs/lines) located in the desert in south Peru |
| ___ 6. Alpaca | F. South American Indians |
| ___ 7. Pizarro | G. A large and extremely venomous pit viper |
| ___ 8. Atahualpa | H. Nearest village to Machu Picchu |
| ___ 9. Machu Picchu | I. South American animal related to the llama |
| ___ 10. Nazca Lines | J. 15th-century Inca site located 7,970 ft above sea level |
| ___ 11. Cuzco | K. Explorer, treasure hunter and politician from the United States who discovered Machu Picchu |
| ___ 12. Inca | L. Last of the native Lords to rule over the Inca Empire |
| ___ 13. Lima | M. Peruvian currency |
| ___ 14. Huayna Picchu | N. Village in South Peru being searched for when Machu Picchu was discovered. |
| ___ 15. Choclo | O. Capital of the Inca Empire |

ANSWERS – SPECIFIC PERUVIAN VOCABULARY

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| 15. Choclo | B. A traditional Peruvian dish |

Name: _____ Date: _____

FACTUAL QUESTIONS

1. What is the Capital of Peru? _____
2. How many people live in the Capital? _____
3. What does indigenous mean? _____
4. Name three animals you can find in Peru? _____
5. Name the Mountain range that splits Peru in half? _____
6. How long is the Mountain range? _____
7. What are the people called who originally lived in Peru? _____
8. Who invaded Peru and what was the name of their leader? _____
9. What year did they invade? _____
10. What is the name of the currency of Peru? _____
11. Name the traditional Peruvian game the Cousins play with Santiago? _____
12. How many skulls did the Cousins see at the Convent San Francisco? _____
13. What percentage of the world's butterflies live in Peru? _____
14. How wide does the Amazon River get and what did scientists find there? _____

Name: _____

15. What type of Peruvian instrument do the Cousins hear when they stop for lunch with Lucila? _____

16. What is the square root of 9,604 and what does this have to do with the story? _____

17. What is the name of the drawings in the desert that the Cousins fly over? _____

18. What does Machu Picchu mean and which American politician discovered it? _____

19. What is the name of the deadly snake that lives in the Peruvian jungle? _____

20. What is the name of the lake that separates Peru from Bolivia? _____

21. Name three facts about llamas. _____

22. Name two ways you can overcome altitude sickness. _____

23. What is Jorge Chavez famous for? _____

FACTUAL ANSWERS

1. The capital of Peru is Lima.
2. Almost eight million people live in Lima.
3. Indigenous means it is native to a particular place.
4. Llamas, penguins, dolphins, chinchillas, tapirs, butterflies and giant armadillos.
5. The mountain range that runs through the whole of Peru is called the Andes.
6. The Andes are the longest mountain range at 4,500 miles, meandering through 7 countries and in places is over 300 miles wide.
7. Inca are the indigenous people of Peru.
8. Peru was invaded by the Spanish led by Francisco Pizarro.
9. The Spanish invaded in 1532.
10. The currency of Peru is Nuevo Soles.
11. Sapo is a traditional Peruvian game.
12. There are 80,000 skulls buried beneath the Convent San Francisco.
13. Twenty percent of the world's butterflies lie in Peru.
14. The Amazon reaches over a mile wide in places. A hot pink dolphin was found there.
15. Panpipes are a traditional Peruvian instrument.
16. The square root of 9,604 is 98 and it is what Lissy mumbled when awakened by Cagney.
17. The drawings in the desert are called The Nazca Lines.
18. Machu Picchu means old mountain. Hiram Bingham discovered it in 1911.
19. One of the world's deadliest snakes is the fer-de-lance.
20. The lake that separates Peru from Bolivia is named Lake Titicaca.
21. Llamas are pack animals and one of the most sure-footed creatures in the world. They are indigenous to Peru. They are kept for their wool or their meat. They can grow up to six feet and spit up to eight.
22. Altitude sickness can be overcome by drinking lots of water or moving to a lower altitude.
23. Jorge Chavez is famous for trying to cross the Alps by plane. The airport in Lima is named after him.

BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS

At the very beginning of our story Chaos the cat has been turned green. What do you think happened to him?

Why do you think the study is now off limits?

We never really get a good description of Grandma. What do you think she looks like?

What do you think the Pet Sitter is doing in Lima?

The cousins fly over the Nazca Lines. How do you think they were drawn and why?

Why do you think the Inca abandoned Machu Picchu?

Would you rather stay at the Cloud Hotel or at Hotel Misourias? Give your reasons.

Why do you think Grandma got involved with this adventure?

Which is your favorite cousin and why?

Which cousin do you think you are most like?

If you could visit any country in the world, where would you go?

WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

1. Once the book has been read ask students to write describing their response to the novel as a whole. What did they find particularly appealing about the story? Which characters did they relate to the most? Is there any part of the story they can relate to their own experience?
2. At the beginning of the book the five cousins are lamenting how boring their lives are before they are whisked off to Peru. Ask students to write about a situation they thought would be boring, but turned out to be fun.
3. Ask students to read the third chapter and write about traveling with family members. Does the third chapter remind you of a time you had to travel with friends or family?
4. The five cousins are swept off to another country. Ask students to write describing a time in their life when something unexpected happened to them.

BREAK A LEG

Please read the following dialogue from Chapter Ten. Ask students to be as expressive as they can.

Remembering where each character is from (accent). The age of each character and the overall comic tone of the dialogue.

Once the students have performed, distribute the script to the class so it can be compared with the original text. This will help serve as a model as they create their own readers' theater performances.

Directions: Form groups of 4-7 students who have finished reading Operation Golden Llama.

Have students decide what part of the novel they would like to perform for their classmates. Passages with lots of dialogue work best.

Have students divide the text into parts according to who is speaking. Add a part for the narrator if necessary.

Ask the students to retype the passage taking out all the superfluous words not needed in a script (he said/she said etc.)

Assign one member as Director. They will be responsible for making suggestions on how to perform the passage.

Students will then decide which part they will perform and practice reading the script in order to perform in front of their classmates. Sequence the class performances so the readings are in chronological order.

If students are unable to come up with a passage to perform the following may be suggested:

Chapter Two – Meeting the Pet Sitter.

Chapter Six – Meeting Senor Gustavo.

Chapter Ten/Eleven – Explaining about seeing Gabriela and the pet sitter.

Chapter Eleven (end) – Realizing someone has broken into the room.

Chapter Thirteen – Figuring out the code.

Chapter Fifteen – Deciphering the riddle.

Chapter Seventeen –Flying of the Nazca Lines.

Chapter Eighteen – Meeting Octavio.

Chapter Twenty – Explaining to Gabriela they lost the pictures.

Chapter Twenty-six – Discovering the treasure.

BREAK A LEG

OPERATION GOLDEN LLAMA - CHAPTER TEN

The scene: The cousins have returned from a day out discovering Lima only to find that while they have been gone Grandma has been visiting with Señor Gustavo.

Characters: Señor Gustavo – Peruvian man in his late fifties – enthusiastic (MAJOR ROLE)

Cagney – age 13 – annoyed (MAJOR ROLE)

Lissy – age 9 – concerned (MAJOR ROLE)

Aidan – age 10 – impatient (MINOR ROLE)

Gabriela – young Peruvian woman – confused (MINOR ROLE)

Olivia – age 11 – doubtful (MINOR ROLE)

Tess – age six – happy (MINOR ROLE)

Señor Gustavo: “Ah, here are my Puddelitos. Señor Gustavo has a message for you.”

Cagney: “It's a note from Grandma.”

Lissy: “Grandma’s here?”

Señor Gustavo: “I am sorry Puddelitos, but you just missed her.”

Cagney: “What?” She's gone again?”

Señor Gustavo: “Puddelitos, you cannot expect a woman like your grandmother to hang around and wait.”

Lissy: “We can't?”

Señor Gustavo: “No, we can't.”

Aidan: “Why was she here then?”

Señor Gustavo: “Tea. We had a nice cup of tea and a plate of sticky buns. Ah! It was just like old times.”

Gabriela: “Señorita Puddleton was at the hotel?”

Señor Gustavo: “Yes, yes. It was wonderful to see her again. She is so funny, she makes Señor Gustavo's belly shake with laughter.”

Cagney: “Grandma's funny?”

Señor Gustavo: “Of course. She is a wonderful mimic.”

Olivia: “Are you sure we're talking about the same grandma? You know, short, grey hair, yells if you eat too many cookies.”

Señor Gustavo: “The one and the same.”

Lissy: “Gabriela, did *you* see her?”

Gabriela: “Unfortunately not. I arrived only a few minutes before you.”

Lissy: “I wish we hadn't missed her. I wanted to tell her about the gold museum.”

Gabriela: “I am disappointed too. Your grandma sounds fascinating.”

Olivia: "Believe me, she gets more fascinating by the second."

Aidan: "Come on Cagney. Don't just stand there. Read the note."

Cagney: *"My friends tell me you are having a lot of fun. I hear they are taking good care of you. Enjoy Lima and keep out of mischief. Stay at the hotel and I will see you soon. Grandma."*

Lissy: "Do you think she's okay?"

Tess: "She had tea and sticky buns. Sounds like she's okay to me."

Gabriela: "Come. Tell me what you did today."

Aidan: "Lucila showed us all kinds of cool things."

Olivia: "Skulls."

Cagney: "Gold."

Tess: "Chocolate. Well, kind of."