

## Read

# SAVING the TRAIN

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1 Owen and Amy walked along the Green River. They had never seen the water so high. A storm the day before had brought heavy rain. As they walked around a bend in the river, they could hardly believe their eyes. The railroad bridge over the river had fallen into the rushing water!

2 “The noon train will be here soon!” Owen said to his sister. “It’ll crash right into the river. We’ve got to go tell someone!”

3 “There’s no time to get anyone,” Amy said. “We’ll have to stop it ourselves. I have an idea!” she shouted, as she turned and sped home.

4 When she got there, Amy took a big white tablecloth from the table. She grabbed a can of red paint and a brush. Then she painted the words “STOP! BRIDGE OUT!” on the cloth.

5 Amy dashed as fast as she could back to Owen. They could hear the train coming! They held the painted cloth between them and waved. But the train flew by. Had no one seen their warning?

6 A second later the train’s brakes screeched, and its whistle blew loudly. It came to a full stop. Amy and Owen had saved the train!

### Close Reader Habits

**Underline** key details about important parts of the story. These are details that answer *who*, *what*, *when*, *where*, and *why* questions.

**Explore**

What questions can you ask and answer about the key details of the story?



I will ask questions to help me as I read. I can ask who, what, where, why, or how.

**Think**

- 1 Write questions in the chart. Reread the story to find the answers. Write the answers in the chart.

Ask Questions	Answer Questions

**Talk**

- 2 Think of another question about a key detail in the story. Find and underline the answer in the story. Ask your partner the question and discuss the answer.

**Write**

- 3 **Short Response** Why does Amy make the warning sign? What happens in the first part of the story that helps you answer this question? Write your answer in the space on page 98.

**HINT** Reread the first part of the story before you write your answer.



**Write** Use the space below to write your answer to the question on page 95.

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