Gallery Walk Sample Responses

During the gallery walk, students will analyze individual pages of the book *Honestly, Little Red Riding Hood Was Rotten!* by Trisha Speed Shaskan. As they analyze the text, images, and pages, they will try to find cultural characteristics within the story.

Below are some possible student responses for the various pages.

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| Cover |
| Cultural Characteristic | Example |
| * Heritage
* Way of Life
* Habits
* Beliefs
* Clothing
* Family Structure
 | * In the United States, it is common to see women who run their own households, take care of themselves, and get what they need when they need it, similar to the independent grandmother.
* Red Riding Hood has taken very good care of herself. She looks like she has done her hair and is wearing makeup. She looks “Instagram-ready.”
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 | * Red Riding Hood has taken very good care of herself. She looks like she has done her hair and is wearing makeup. She looks “Instagram-ready.”
* The wolf looks unsure of himself. He looks like he’s waiting on Red Riding Hood to tell him what to do, worried almost. With women running households, this seems to be the role he is settling into.
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| Page 1 |
| Cultural Characteristic | Example |
| * Habits
* Beliefs
* Food
* Language
 | * Wolf looks happy; he’s eating
* Makes a “punny” joke
* Talking with food in his mouth
* Using the knife as a fork
* Elbows on the table while he’s eating, but he’s using a napkin
* He seems cranky about everyone having heard the story already without ever talking to him. People do this now too. If they can’t tell their side of the story, then “it’s not fair.”
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| Page 2 |
| Cultural Characteristic | Example |
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 | * Homelessness and money issues are common. The wolf runs out of food. Did he not have money to pay for more?
* The wolf says, “Other wolves might’ve lunched on little forest critters: chipmunks, bunnies, squirrels. But I’m a vegetarian.”
* This sounds very “uppity,” like the wolf is saying he is better than everyone else because he doesn’t eat those critters. Speaking in this tone is very “American.”
* Vegetarianism is a lifestyle that is growing more and more popular in the US.
* The wolf loves apples. There are major apple orchards in the US.
* The wolf was so hungry that he couldn’t control himself. “Hangry” is an American pop culture term.
* He goes to investigate the smell. This is very nosy.
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| Page 3 |
| Cultural Characteristic | Example |
| * Beliefs
* Clothing
* Language
 | * Little Red Riding Hood looks “plump and juicy as a big, sweet APPLE.” Obesity is a cultural problem.
* Red Riding Hood waves her cape and asks, “Isn’t it pretty? Aren’t I pretty? With this cape, I’m even prettier than usual.” She’s very self-involved.
* Red Riding Hood is looking at her reflection in the puddle.
* Makeup is complete, hair is done. She is “Instagram-ready.”
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| Page 4 |
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 | * Little Red Riding Hood is twirling her hair and talking about how pretty she is. She is very self-involved.
* Her mother tells her all kinds of things that promote this self-centered attitude: “The cape looks grand with my skin. My skin shines like pearls.”
* The wolf is so hungry he can’t focus on anything but eating.
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| Page 5 |
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 | * Little Red Riding Hood is so obsessed with herself that she can’t see how much the wolf wants to hurt her. She is very trusting and tells him exactly what she’s doing and where she’s going. Kids are always sharing such private information online with strangers without thinking twice about the other person’s intentions.
* Little Red Riding Hood has her makeup done, her hair done. She’s dressed up, and she looks “Instagram-ready.”
* The wolf is a self-proclaimed vegetarian, but now, he’s ready to eat the grandmother and Little Red Riding Hood without a second thought. A lot of people say they are doing one thing (typically very extreme), and then they do another when it doesn’t suit their needs anymore.
* Family is held in high regard. A lot of grandparents now are helping to raise their grandchildren during their twilight years. Knowing Granny is important to Little Red Riding Hood. It fits in with the way kids view their grandparents now.
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| Page 6 |
| Cultural Characteristic | Example |
| * Customs
* Traditions
* Way of Life
* Habits
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* Language
 | * The wolf is looking very sneaky, like he has a secret that no one knows about, and he isn’t going to share it. A lot of people and kids are very selfish, and they don’t like to or know how to share.
* Little Red Riding Hood believes she is awesome at games, because she is the “prettiest and the fastest.” She thinks these two qualities are skills that she can use to win, but in reality, she doesn’t practice. She is just assuming she’ll win, because she always wins. In sports, scores are rarely kept anymore. Kids are taught that it is about having fun, and it doesn’t matter if you win or lose. Competition is removed from the conversation altogether.
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| Page 7 |
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| * Habits
* Beliefs
* Shelter
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 | * Americans are very trusting. Granny just let the wolf come into the house!
* Granny is standing in the window. She can see the wolf if she looks up from the mirror, but she’s not paying attention to her surroundings and is only focused on herself.
* The house looks pretty big for being in the middle of the woods. When I think of a house in the woods, it’s usually a shack. This house is well taken care of, and the lawn is nicely cut.
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| Page 8 |
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 | * The house has photos up all around. This is something you’d see in a typical home in the US. But the photos here are all of Granny! The walls in her house look like the wall of her Instagram feed with a bunch of selfies!
* The wolf is still thinking about the apples when he looks at Granny. He’s comparing her to a Granny Smith apple, one commonly grown in the US.
* Granny doesn’t pay attention to the person she’s talking to. She doesn’t even notice that it isn’t her granddaughter in the house, but it’s actually a wolf! She is so focused on what’s in front of her (a mirror).
* The wolf says, “You must’ve heard the saying, ‘The apple doesn’t fall far from the tree?’ Well, it’s true.” Here, he is comparing the actions, behavior, and appearance of Granny with Little Red Riding Hood, letting you know that they behave and look similarly. This happens when family members are incredibly close.
* The wolf is still so hungry that he doesn’t bother with his vegetarian beliefs. He’s just going to eat whatever he can.
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| Page 9 |
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 | * Little Red Riding Hood is so consumed by her looks and appearance that she doesn’t notice that Granny isn’t there.
* Little Red Riding Hood has on quite a bit of makeup. Her hair is done, her clothes are nice, and she looks “Instagram-ready.”
* The wolf dresses in Granny’s clothing to try to blend in with his surroundings. People do this all the time. When they go to school, they dress one way; when they go to the mall, they dress another.
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| Page 10 |
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* Food
* Clothing
* Language
 | * Little Red Riding Hood is so consumed with looking at her reflection in her mirror that she doesn’t pay attention to the other person in the room - the wolf!
* The wolf is so hungry that all he sees is a walking, talking apple.
* The wolf compares each of Little Red Riding Hood’s features to that of an apple.
* Little Red Riding Hood has on quite a bit of makeup. Her hair is done, her clothes are nice, and she looks “Instagram-ready.”
* The wolf dresses in Granny’s clothing to try to blend in with his surroundings. People do this all the time. When they go to school, they dress one way; when they go to the mall, they dress another.
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Language  | * The wolf dresses in Granny’s clothing to try to blend in with his surroundings. People do this all the time. When they go to school, they dress one way; when they go to the mall, they dress another.
* The house has photos up all around. This is something you’d see in a typical home in the US. But the photos here are all of Granny! The walls in her house look like the wall of her Instagram feed with a bunch of selfies!
* The wolf says that Little Red Riding Hood wasn’t as good as a real apple: “In fact, to be honest, she was a bit rotten.” The behavior of Little Red Riding Hood was self-obsessed. She didn’t focus on anyone or anything other than herself and what she wanted. She had “rotten” behavior which made her taste “rotten” also.
* The wolf was so hungry that he didn’t even care anymore about who he hurt, what he did, or the beliefs he held dearly.
* The wolf ate two people, and he’s still hungry! Now, he’s planning to eat an apple pie, too! This is very gluttonous of him.
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