

## Novel Organizer

Due Monday, August 23

I. Title: *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*

II. Author: Kimberly Willis Holt

III. Point of View (Who is telling the story?)

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IV. Tell why the following two characters are the most important ones. You will not be able to answer this question until you start reading and find out who they are and what their roles in the story are.

Toby \_\_\_\_\_

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Cal \_\_\_\_\_

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VIII. Plot-Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

### Chapter One:

This chapter is an example of exposition (giving the reader background information that may be important later on). List three important pieces of exposition in chapter 1:

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**4. How Did Cal get a black tooth?**

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**5. Who is Scarlett Stallings? Describe her.**

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**6. What favor does she ask of Toby?**

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**Chapter Two:**

**1. Who is Zachary Beaver?**

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**2. What kinds of things does Cal's older Brother Wayne write to him about? Why do you think he writes about these things rather than the war?**

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**3. What surrounds Zachary in the trailer? Why does Toby think that this is necessary**

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**4. What is Toby's "lowest moment ever"?**

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**Chapter Three:**

**Toby opens up chapter three by describing the town of Antler. List 5 important elements of description (or facts) about Antler:**

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**1. What does Toby's father do for a living?**

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**2. What aspect of Zachary Beaver's life does Toby envy? Why?**

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**Chapter Four:**

**1. Why is Kate the only high school junior in Antler without her driver's license?**

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2. Why does Ferris think that it is odd that the “freakshow fella” took off in his thunderbird?

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**Chapter Five:**

1. What do Cal and Toby go to the library to research? How does Myrtle Mae know exactly what they are looking for?

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2. Why does Cal appear upset when Ms. Myrtle Mae asks Toby to mow her lawn?

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**Chapter Six:**

1. What are Cal and Toby doing at the beginning of Chapter 5? Why?

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2. What does Cal drop at the end of chapter 5? What does Toby do with it?

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**Chapter Seven:**

1. What happens that causes Toby and Cal to accidentally break the window on Zachary’s trailer?

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2. When the Sheriff shows up at Toby's house, and what does he want?

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3. How old is Zachary? Where is he from?

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4. What does Cal find in Zachary's gold box? Why does Zachary say it is special to him? Why does Cal doubt that this is true?

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**Chapter Eight:**

1. What disappointing news does Toby get at the beginning of chapter eight?

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2. Why did Scarlett and Juan break up?

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**Chapter Nine:**

1. What does Toby tell Mrs. McKnight when she asks Toby how his mother did?

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2. What did the sheriff stop by Ms. Myrtie Mae's for?

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3. What does Ms. Myrtie Mae ask for Toby to do for her on his way home?

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**Chapter Ten:**

1. What does Toby do when he enters Scarlett's room to get her radio?

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2. At the end of chapter ten, why does Toby say that his middle name is "Loser"?

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**Chapter Eleven:**

1. Why does Toby go to Zachary's trailer? What does he find when he gets there?

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2. What does Toby find lying on his bed when he returns home? Why does it upset him?

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**Chapter Twelve:**

1. **What do Toby and his dad do the second Saturday of the month?**

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2. **What is the significance of the sunflowers?**

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**Chapter Thirteen:**

1. **What kind of a plan regarding Zachary is Cal trying to put together at the beginning of chapter 13?**

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2. **How do the boys convince Kate to take part in their plan?**

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3. **Zachary uses an extended metaphor to describe the plains. What does he compare them to? Explain how he extends this description.**

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4. **What makes Toby realize that Zachary has not been to all of the places he claims to have gone to?**

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5. What idea does Cal have at the end of chapter 13?

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**Chapter Fourteen:**

1. What was in the bag that Kate took from Zachary's trailer?

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2. What question does Toby ask Ms. Mattie May? Why?

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3. What present does Toby get from his parents room for Scarlett? What happens after he delivers the present?

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**Chapter Fifteen:**

1. Why does the Reverend visit Toby's home?

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**2. What happened to the gift that Toby left for Scarlett?**

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**3. What dream does Mrs. McKnight share with Toby?**

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**4. What causes Mrs. McKnight to chop down her rosebush?**

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**Chapter Sixteen:**

**1. What does Toby watch Cal do to the ladybugs at the beginning of chapter sixteen?**

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**2. Explain the Lady Bug Waltz.**

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**3. What is Ferris referring to when he says, “You know what they say is true”?**

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**4. What does Cal give to Toby when he enters Zachary’s trailer? What does he say to them after that?**

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5. What two truths does Cal reveal before he leaves the trailer?

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**Chapter Seventeen:**

1. What does the sheriff reveal about Zachary's mother?

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2. What does Scarlett tell Ferris about the pearls? Why does she say this?

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**Chapter Eighteen:**

1. What question does Juan ask Toby that surprises him?

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2. What does Juan have in the cardboard box next to him? What do the contents of the box help Toby to understand about Juan?

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3. What is Toby's plan to get Charlotte and Juan back together?

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**Chapter Nineteen:**

1. What does Toby's dad do with the fish that he catches? What reason does he give for doing this?

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2. What reason does Toby's dad give for settling down in Antler rather than in Dallas?

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3. Why does Toby chase Cal to the lake?

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**Chapter Twenty:**

1. What do Toby and Cal decide to give Zachary as a going away gift?

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2. What does Toby ask Ferris to do for him?

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**Chapter Twenty-One:**

1. How do the boys and Kate get Zachary to the lake?

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**2. What makes Zachary's baptism a bittersweet moment?**

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**3. What does Toby do at the end of chapter twenty-one?**

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**Chapter Twenty-two:**

**1. What does Wayne ask of Cal in his last letter to him?**

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**2. Describe the scene when the ladybugs are released.**

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**3. Why does Ferris call the wall of photos "The Ballad of Zachary Beaver"?**

