Before Reading:

Pre-reading: Look at the cover and the illustrations throughout the book. Make a prediction of what you think this book might be about.

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Connect: Have you ever read any other books from the Mercy Watson series? If so, what do you remember about them?

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After Chapter 1:

Narrative Elements: Complete the narrative elements.

Characters

Setting

Problem
**Point of View:** Which point of view is this story written?

a. First person (I, me, my)
b. Third person (He, she, they)

Which words or phrases helped you to determine the point of view?

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**Citing Evidence:** Which sentence proves Mr. Watson and Mrs. Watson love Mercy?

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**Cause and Effect:** Fill in the effect.

*Cause:* “Mercy’s room becomes very dark.”

*Effect:* ____________________________

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After Chapter 2:

Read for Details: What was Mr. Watson’s dream about?

  a) Buttering hot toast.
  b) Flying an airplane.
  c) Driving a fast car.

Parts of Speech: “…hot buttered toast was piled high on her favorite blue plate…”

Which part of speech is blue as used above?

  a) adjective
  b) verb
  c) noun

Reading for Details: What does Mercy love to eat?

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Prediction: What do you think is causing the floor to moan and the bed to creak? What do you think is going to happen next?

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After Chapter 3:

**Summarize:** Summarize Chapter 3. Be sure to include the central (main) idea of the chapter.

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**After Chapter 4:**

**Reread to Clarify:** Answer the Chapter 4 multiple choice questions.

1. **What caused Mercy’s stomach to growl?**
   - a. She was scared.
   - b. She was hungry.
   - c. It was the house growling, not Mercy’s stomach.

2. **Why did Mercy go next door?**
   - a. To get sugar cookies.
   - b. To get help.
   - c. To warn her friends about the earthquake.

**Connect:** How do you feel about Mercy? Why do you feel that way? Explain your thinking.

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**Prediction:** What do you think is going to happen next?

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After Chapter 5:

**Compare and Contrast:** Compare and contrast how Eugenia and Baby feel about Mercy. Cite at least two pieces of evidence from the text to support your answer.

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**Connect:** Who’s opinion do you agree with?

a) Eugenia

b) Baby

c) Other: ____________________________
Read for Details: Why did Eugenia call the fire department?

a) There was a fire in her kitchen from making buttered toast.

b) She thought there was a monster near Baby's window.

c) She was scared of the earthquake and wanted to be rescued.

Vocabulary - Prefix: "There is a crisis of an uncertain nature..."

Underline the base word and circle the prefix in:

uncertain

What does the prefix mean? ______________________

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What does uncertain mean? ______________________

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In which word does the prefix ‘un’ mean the same as it does in ‘uncertain’:

a) uniform

b) underwear

c) unhappy
After Chapter 6:

Vocabulary-Context Clues: Define the underlined words using context clues and/or a dictionary.

“Eugenia scowled. She pressed her nose against the window pane.”

scowl - __________________________________________

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Circle the face that is scowling.

a.  b.  c.

Why was Eugenia scowling?

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Citing Evidence: Which sentence proves Baby cares about Mercy?

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After Chapter 7:

Sequence of Events: Put the following events in order from first to last using the numbers 1 – 8.

____ Mercy let Eugenia get very close to her and then said “oink” and ran away.

____ The firemen are wondering if the pig chase is the emergency.

____ Mercy ran in circles and kicked up her heels.

____ Baby told her sister to be careful.

____ Eugenia ran toward Mercy, which made Mercy’s heart beat faster.

____ Eugenia shouted, “NO PIGS ALLOWED!”

____ A fire truck pulled up into the Lincoln Sisters’ driveway.

____ Eugenia yelled for Mercy to get out of her yard.
After Chapter 8:

**Analyze:** Analyze and explain what Lorenzo meant when he said:

“There’s something to be said for that opinion.”

Parts of Speech: “I thought I saw a monster at my bedroom window.”

Which part of speech is *monster* as used above?

- a) adjective
- b) verb
- c) noun

**Prediction:** The firemen heard someone yelling for help, who do you think is yelling for help? Why do you think this?
After Chapter 9:

Read for Details: Who does Mr. and Mrs. Watson think alerted the fire department?
   a) Eugenia
   b) Mercy
   c) Baby

Vocabulary - Synonym and Antonym: Write a synonym and an antonym of the underlined word.

"She is amazing!"

Synonym of amazing: ______________________________

Antonym of amazing: ______________________________

Reread to Clarify: Describe what happened to Mr. and Mrs. Watson’s bed.

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After Chapter 10:

**Summarize:** Summarize Chapter 10. Be sure to include the central (main) idea of the chapter.

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After Chapter 11:

Reread to Clarify: Answer the Chapter 11 multiple choice questions.

1. Who sat at the head of the table for breakfast?
   a. Lorenzo
   b. Mrs. Watson
   c. Mercy

2. Look at the picture on pages 62-63. Who is the only person not happy to be eating with Mercy?
   a. Eugenia
   b. Ned
   c. Baby

3. What is the mood at the end of Chapter 11?
   a. suspenseful
   b. joyful
   c. frightening

Connect: In your opinion, do you think pigs should be celebrated and be able to sit at the kitchen table? Explain your thinking.

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After Chapter 12:

**Infer:** What caused Mercy to become so tired?

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**Mood:** What was the mood of Chapter 12?

a) terrifying
b) thrilling
c) peaceful

**Connect:** Do you consider Mercy a hero? Why or why not? Explain your thinking.

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After Finishing the Story:

**Character Traits:** Identify and describe one character trait of Mercy Watson.

- Cite two pieces of evidence from the text to support your answer.
- Circle your character trait and underline your evidence from the story.

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Sequence of Events: Put the following events in order from first to last using the numbers 1 – 9.

___ Mercy can’t find a snack in the kitchen, so she decided to go next door because Baby Lincoln always has sugar cookies.

___ Mercy takes a nap on the couch.

___ Mercy and her family are dreaming. The bed starts to creak and the floor moans.

___ The firemen save Mr. and Mrs. Watson.

___ Baby thought there was a monster outside her window. Eugenia called the fire department.

___ Everyone except for Eugenia toasts Mercy for being a hero.

___ Mr. and Mrs. Watson turned off Mercy’s lights, Mercy became scared and got into her parents’ bed.

___ The firemen arrive and see Eugenia chasing Mercy.

___ The Watsons’ woke up when they heard loud noises from the earthquake. Mercy jumps off the bed. Mr. and Mrs. Watson think she is going to find help.

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Author’s Purpose: What was the author’s purpose for writing *Mercy Watson to the Rescue*?

a. Persuade  
b. Inform  
c. Entertain

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Rating: How many stars would you rate this book?

- 1 being terrible and 5 being awesome.  
- Be sure to color or shade your rating!

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