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**Strategies Sheet**  
**Skateboard Renegade - Chapter One**

Vocabulary:

Word	Definition (in your own words)	Page

Cause and effect:

	Page	Cause	Effect
1.			Mom was excited.
2.		Zach did well on his entrance exam.	
3.		The driveway was downhill to the street.	
4.		There was a sidewalk sale.	
5.			Zach's face flushed.
6.			Brian's mom freaked.

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**Strategies Sheet**  
**Skateboard Renegade - Chapter Two**

**Vocabulary:**

Word	Definition (in your own words)	Page

**Cause and effect:**

	Page	Cause	Effect
1.			Brian is not being sarcastic.
2.		Moorehead Park has broken glass and pavement.	
3.		Sergeant Rizzo takes the boys home to their parents.	
4.			

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## Strategies Sheet Skateboard Renegade - Chapter Three

Vocabulary:

Word	Definition (in your own words)	Page

Cause and effect:

	Page	Cause	Effect
1.		Police brought Zach home.	
2.			Lorena calls him Thack.
3.			
4.			
5.			

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**Strategies Sheet**  
**Skateboard Renegade - Chapter Four**

Vocabulary:

Word	Definition (in your own words)	Page

Cause and effect:

	Page	Cause	Effect
1.			Zach took Zoey's money.
2.			Zach may have to walk home from the mall.
3.			Zach feels his knees go weak as he is walking through the mall.
4.			

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**Strategies Sheet**  
**Skateboard Renegade - Chapter Five**

Vocabulary:

Word	Definition (in your own words)	Page

Cause and effect:

	Page	Cause	Effect
1.		Zach's hair is bleached.	Parents =
2.		Zach's hair is bleached.	Zoey =
3.		Zoey knows Zach had no money.	
4.		Zach cries in front of Zoey.	
5.			

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## Strategies Sheet Skateboard Renegade - Chapter Six

Vocabulary:

Word	Definition (in your own words)	Page

Cause and effect:

	Page	Cause	Effect
1.		Benny joked with Zach about being “different.”	
2.			

Fact, Fiction, Opinion

	Page	Text	Fact, fiction, or opinion - BECAUSE
1.		Benny said, “Did you ever meet a fat vegetarian before?”  <b>A vegetarian can be fat.</b>	
2.		“So what’s up with the hair and pants?” Enid asked. “Are you trying to annoy your parents or something?”  <b>Enid’s thoughts about the hair and pants.</b>	
3.			

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## Strategies Sheet Skateboard Renegade - Chapter Seven

Vocabulary:

Word	Definition (in your own words)	Page

Cause and effect:

	Page	Cause	Effect
1.		Zoey threatened to tell mom and dad about the piggy bank.	
2.			Zach flung his helmet and stormed into the house.
3.			Zach couldn't hear Kareem on the phone.

Fact, Fiction, Opinion

	Page	Text	Fact, fiction, or opinion - BECAUSE
1.		"That was fun!" Zoey said happily.  <b>"I like falling the best."</b>	
2.			

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## Strategies Sheet Skateboard Renegade - Chapter Eight

Vocabulary:

Word	Definition (in your own words)	Page

Cause and effect:

	Page	Cause	Effect
1.			Zach felt the blood pounding in his ears again, and he knew his face had to be as red as a beet.
2.			Zach took Zoey's other earring.

Fact, Fiction, Opinion

	Page	Text	Fact, fiction, or opinion - BECAUSE
1.		<b>There was no pain,</b> to Zach's surprise.	
2.		The blond spikes would look okay on some of the other guys. But he didn't care what the hairstylist had said. <b>They didn't look good on him.</b>	
3.			



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Strategies Sheet  
Skateboard Renegade - Chapter Nine

Vocabulary:

Word	Definition (in your own words)	Page

Cause and effect:

	Page	Cause	Effect
1.		Benny made Zach laugh.	
2.		The kids at Amherst mostly wore khakis.	
3.		Brian teased Zach about playing with girls.	
4.		Zoey learned that Zach took her earring.	

Fact, Fiction, Opinion

	Page	Text	Fact, fiction, or opinion - BECAUSE
1.		“Those things shrink if you wash and dry them on high heat.” <b>Jeans shrink in the hot dryer.</b>	
2.		“Sorry, I ruined my jeans.” <b>Zach was sorry the jeans were ruined.</b>	

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## Strategies Sheet Skateboard Renegade - Chapter Ten

### Vocabulary:

Word	Definition (in your own words)	Page

### Cause and effect:

	Page	Cause	Effect
1.			Zach's skateboarding skills were getting better.
2.			Benny and Zach will be working on the computer engineering project at Benny's house.
3.			The Santangelos have a great workshop in their basement.
4.			Next time the boys worked together it would be at Zach's house.

### Fact, Fiction, Opinion

	Page	Text	Fact, fiction, or opinion - BECAUSE
1.			

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## Strategies Sheet Skateboard Renegade - Chapter Eleven

Vocabulary:

Word	Definition (in your own words)	Page

Cause and effect:

	Page	Cause	Effect
1.			Zach can't meet with Brian to get a tattoo.
2.		Skeeter fixes other people's boards for a living.	
3.		Skeeter had a lot of time while recovering from the fall.	
4.		Skeeter has no family.	
5.		Tattoos hurt and are permanent.	

Fact, Fiction, Opinion

	Page	Text	Fact, fiction, or opinion - BECAUSE
1.		Zach talking about Benny to Brian  <b>"He's pretty cool."</b>	
2.		Tattoos hurt a lot, he knew. All those needles puncturing you. <b>And they sometimes got infected . . .</b> And they were part of you forever.	
3.		<b>Skeeter has a real job.</b>	

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## Strategies Sheet Skateboard Renegade - Chapter Twelve

**Vocabulary:**

Word	Definition (in your own words)	Page

**Cause and effect:**

	Page	Cause	Effect
1.			Zach confessed to dad that he and Benny had not started on their project.
2.			The boys called the project "Skeeter Skate."
3.			The boys will be snowboarding rather than skateboarding.
4.			

**Fact, Fiction, Opinion**

	Page	Text	Fact, fiction, or opinion - BECAUSE
1.		<b>Uncle Skeeter's a rebel, like me.</b>	
2.			

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### Responsibility

As the book is read, record acts of responsibility and acts that showed no responsibility.

Page	Who	For	What was or was not done	Responsible?
5	Zach	self	wore his safety equipment	yes
5	Zach	Zoey	put away his skateboard	no

Teacher Key  
Possible answers by chapters

## Chapter 1

Possible vocabulary:

1. “grab” over a fire hydrant (page 6)
2. cess slide (page 6)
3. slalom (page 6)
4. humiliation (page 7)
5. pierced (page 8)

Cause and effect:

1. cause = Zach’s acceptance at Amherst Academy, effect = Mom is excited. (page 1, 2)
2. cause = Zach did well on his entrance exam. effect = He was accepted at the academy. (page 2)
3. cause = The driveway was downhill to the street. effect = Zoey rolled into the street. (page 5)
4. cause = The sidewalk sale, effect = Zach had to ride in the street. (page 7)
5. cause = The police yelled at Zach. effect = Zach’s face flushed. (page 7)
6. cause = Brian bleached his hair and pierced his ear. effect = Brian’s mom freaked. (page 9)

Responsibility:

1. Zach showed responsibility for himself when he put on his pads and helmet before riding. (page 5)
2. Zach did not show responsibility for Zoey by not putting his board away. (page 5)

## Chapter 2

Simple machines:

The skateboard has two sets of wheel-and-axles, and on page 13, students should identify the ramp as an inclined plane.

Possible vocabulary:

1. sarcasm (page 17)
2. reputation (page 19)
3. juvenile (page 19)
4. delinquent (page 19)
5. persecuted (page 20)
6. utter (page 20)

Cause and effect:

1. cause = Brian hits the lady and has to talk to the police. effect = Brian is not being sarcastic. (page 17)
2. cause = Broken glass and broken pavement, effect = No one rides their board at Moorehead Park. (page 20)
3. cause = Sergeant Rizzo takes each kid home to their parents. effect = The boys panic. (page 21)

Responsibility:

1. Sam was being responsible for others when he was the lookout. (page 13)
2. Kareem was being responsible for himself when he did not ride without his helmet. (page 15)
3. Brian was not being responsible to himself when he did not wear his helmet and did not wait for Sam to give the go-ahead when skateboarding. (page 16)

## Chapter 3

Possible vocabulary:

1. outrageous (page 24)
2. moron (page 24)
3. lisp (page 25)
4. intently (page 26)

Cause and effect:

1. cause = Police brought Zach home. effect = Zach has no skateboarding before school starts, and he has to stay around the house. (page 23)
2. cause = Lorena lisps. effect = She calls Zach “Thack.” (page 25)

Responsibility:

1. Zach’s parents talk about responsibility on page 22, but there are no displays of, or lack of, responsibility that should be listed.

## Chapter 4

Possible vocabulary:

None identified for this chapter.

Cause and effect:

1. cause = Zach needs money. effect = Zach takes Zoey’s money without asking. (page 30)
2. cause = Zach is not allowed to ride his board. effect = He may have to walk home from the mall. (page 31)
3. cause = Zach plans to bleach his hair and pierce his ear. effect = Zach feels his knees go weak. (page 33)

Responsibility:

1. Zach was not being responsible for himself or to Zoey when he took her money. (page 28 – 30)
2. Zach was not being responsible for himself when he was making his stomach hurt by worrying about what he was about to do to himself. (page 35)

## Chapter 5

Possible vocabulary:

1. geek (page 48)
2. freaks (page 48)
3. nerds (page 51)

Cause and effect:

1. cause = Zach’s bleached hair, effect = Parents did not seem to care. (page 39)
2. cause = Zach’s bleached hair, effect = Zoey yells and runs to her room. (page 40)
3. cause = Zoey knows Zach has no money. effect = Zoey runs to check her piggy bank. (page 41)
4. cause = Zach cries in front of Zoey. effect = Zoey makes a deal not to tell her parents in exchange for skateboarding lessons. (page 42)

Responsibility:

1. Zach is not being responsible to himself or to Zoey when he lies about the money. (page 42)

## Chapter 6

Possible vocabulary:

1. vegetarian (page 53)

Cause and effect:

1. cause = Benny joked with Zach about being different. effect = Benny and Zach became friends. (page 54 - 55)

Fact, fiction, opinion:

1. Benny said to Zach, "Did you ever meet a fat vegetarian before?" A vegetarian can be fat. It is a **fact** because it can be proven. (page 53)
2. "So what's up with the hair and pants" Enid asked. "Are you trying to annoy your parents or something?" Enid's thoughts about the hair and pants show her feelings, so it is an **opinion**. (page 57)

Responsibility:

None apparent in this chapter.

## Chapter 7

Possible vocabulary

1. complicated (page 65)

Cause and effect:

1. cause = Zoey threatened to tell mom and dad about the piggy bank. effect = Zach gave a skateboard lesson. (page 58, 60-62)
2. cause = The lesson lasted too long and Zach missed his friends at the park. effect = Zach flung his helmet and stormed into the house. (page 63)
3. cause = Dad was loading the dishwasher. effect = Zach couldn't hear Kareem on the phone. (63)

Fact, fiction, opinion:

1. "That was fun!" Zoey said happily. "I like falling the best." This statement is based on Zoey's feelings, so it is an **opinion**. (page 62)

Responsibility:

1. Zach made Zoey wear pads and a helmet even though she complained. Zach is being responsible for Zoey. (page 59)
2. Zach taught the girls the correct way to slide. He is being responsible for the girls. (page 61)



## Chapter 8

### Possible vocabulary:

1. cubic zirconium (page 68)
2. exasperated groan (page 69)
3. wheelies (page 74)
4. Ollies (page 74)
5. wack (page 76)

### Cause and effect:

1. cause = The rest of the guys didn't bleach their hair or get pierced. effect = Zach felt the blood pounding in his ears again, and he knew his face had to be as red as a beet. (page 76)
2. cause = Without an earring, his hair would look totally wack. effect = Zach took Zoey's other earring. (page 76)

### Fact, fiction, opinion:

1. There was no pain, to Zach's surprise. This is based on Zach's feelings, so it is an **opinion**. (page 67)
2. The blond spikes would look okay on some of the other guys. But he didn't care what the hairstylist had said, They didn't look good on him. This is based on Zach's feelings, so it is an **opinion**. (page 67)

### Responsibility:

1. Zach was finally honest showing responsibility for himself. (page 76)

## Chapter 9

### Possible vocabulary:

1. altering (page 80)
2. pathetically (page 83)
3. audible (page 83)
4. confrontation (page 89)
5. humiliation (page 90)

### Cause and effect:

1. cause = Benny made Zach laugh. effect = Milk squirted out Zach's nose. (page 77)
2. cause = The kids at Amherst wore mostly khakis. effect = Zach decided to get khaki pants. (page 84)
3. cause = Brian teased Zach about playing with girls. effect = Zach told the crew about why he had to give the girls lessons. (page 89)
4. cause = Zoey learned that Zach took her earring. effect = Zoey told her mom and dad about Zach taking her money. (page 91)

### Fact, fiction, opinion:

1. "Those things shrink if you wash and dry them on high heat." Kids wear jeans straight from the dryer, so they should know that this is a **fact**. It can be proven. (page 80)
2. "Sorry I ruined my jeans." Since this sentence is based on Zach's feelings, it is an **opinion**. (page 83)

### Responsibility:

1. Zach is being responsible for Lorena when the boys teased her about her lisp. (page 88)

## Chapter 10

Possible vocabulary:

1. splurged (page 93)
2. enabled (page 93)
3. routine (page 93)
4. slalom (page 93)
5. reluctantly (page 98)
6. lathe (page 99)
7. phat (page 100)
8. lamely (page 101)
9. twang (page 103)
10. reluctance (page 104)

Cause and effect:

1. cause = Zach practiced the same tricks every day while on restriction. effect = Zach's skateboarding skills were getting better. (page 93)
2. cause = Zach feels like he is in prison at his house since he is on restriction. effect = Benny and Zach will be working on the computer engineering project at Benny's house. (page 94)
3. cause = Mr. Santangelos likes to do wood projects. effect = The Santangelos have a great workshop in their basement. (page 99)
4. cause = Nothing was done on the project at Benny's house. effect = Next time the boys work together it would be at Zach's house. (page 102)

Fact, fiction, opinion:

None noted for this chapter.

Responsibility:

None noted for this chapter.

## Chapter 11

Possible vocabulary:

1. condolences (page 108)
2. amigo (page 110)
3. henna (page 119)

Cause and effect:

1. cause = Zach going to visit his uncle. effect = Zach can't meet Brian to get a tattoo. (page 108)
2. cause = Skeeter fixes other people's boards for a living. effect = Skeeter had lots of skateboards in his house. (page 112)
3. cause = Skeeter had a lot of time while recovering from the fall. effect = Skeeter learned to fold dollars to make things and other "mad skills." (page 122)
4. cause = Skeeter has no family. effect = Skeeter gets lonely. (page 123)
5. cause = Tattoos hurt and are permanent. effect = Zach got a henna. (page 124)

Fact, fiction, or opinion:

1. Zach talking about Benny to Brian - "**He's pretty cool.**" It is Zach's **opinion** since it is his feeling or emotion. (page 107)

2. Tattoos hurt a lot, he knew. All those needles puncturing you. **And they sometimes got infected** . . . And they were part of you forever. Since any puncture to the skin can get infected, this is a **fact**. It can be proven. (page 108)
3. **Sketter has a real job**. Since Skeeter earns money repairing skateboards, according to Wester, it is a job. This is a **fact**. (page 123)

Responsibility:

1. Zach showed responsibility to himself when he had a henna rather than a tattoo as the henna is safe and not permanent. (page 124)

## Chapter 12

Possible vocabulary:

1. rebel (page 128)
2. keister (page 134)

Cause and effect:

1. cause = Skeeter told Zach “Be trustworthy, and you’ll earn their trust.” effect = Zach confessed to dad that he and Benny had not started on their project. (page 129)
2. cause = Skeeter gave Zach a lot of new skateboarding ideas. effect = The boys called the project “Skeeter Skate.” (page 131)
3. cause = Snow, effect = The boys will be snowboarding rather than skateboarding. (page 136)

Fact, fiction or opinion:

1. “Uncle Skeeter’s a rebel, like me.” is Zach’s **opinion** of himself and of Skeeter. (page 128)