

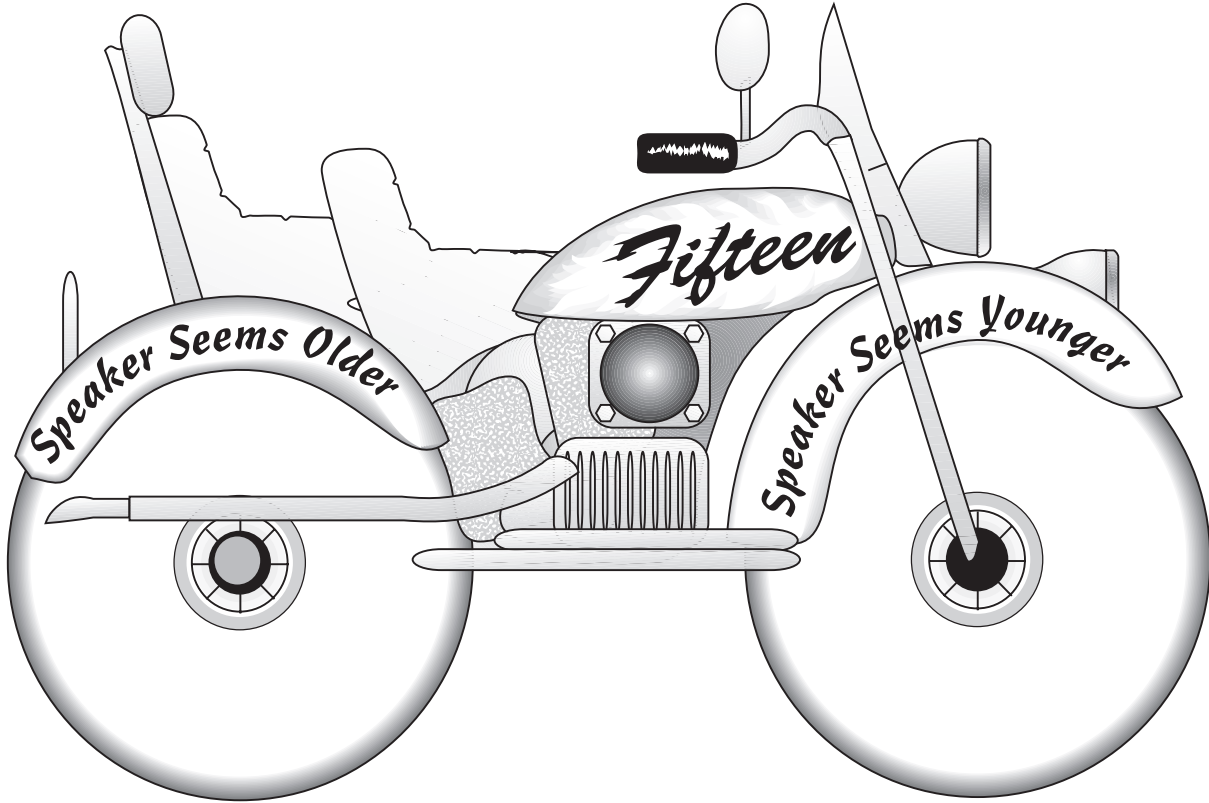
Graphic Organizer for Active Reading

Fifteen
William Stafford

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Coming Close

Read the first three stanzas of Stafford's "Fifteen" and think about the speaker's age. Based on the poem, in what ways does the speaker seem older than fifteen and in what ways does he seem younger? Jot down your ideas in the motorcycle's wheels below.



After You Read

1. Why do you think the speaker decided to look for the motorcycle's owner?

2. If you could tell the speaker what you think of his decision, what would you say to him?

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