

Graphic Organizer for Active Reading

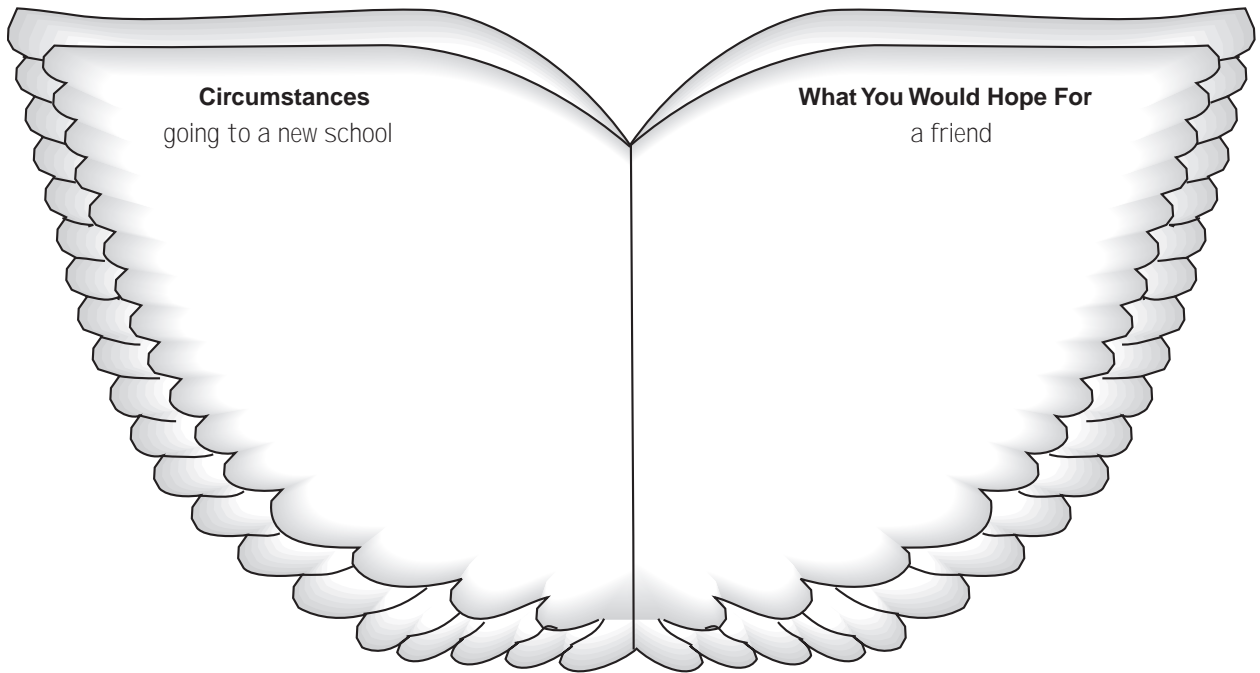
“Hope” Is the Thing with Feathers

Emily Dickinson

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On Wings of Hope

In this poem, Dickinson compares hope to a bird. No matter how bad things get, the bird sings on—even when it is not fed. On the left wing below, list some circumstances that could make a person need to hear hope’s song. On the right wing, list what you would hope for in such circumstances. An example has been provided.



1. What characteristics of birds make Dickinson’s metaphor a fitting one?

2. If hope’s tune had words, what do you think they might be?
