Directions. As you read your book, “insert” ten (10) of these proverbs into the story. On a separate sheet, label the chapter number, the page number, and where on the page (top, middle, bottom). Write down the proverb. Then, explain why that proverb fits in that point in the story. What is going on in the story with those characters, which would call for that proverb? Each explanation should be 3-4 sentences.

Keep in mind:

• Do NOT use the same proverb more than once.
• Distribute the proverbs evenly throughout the book. (You cannot have six proverbs in the first chapter.)
• Since the ending of the book is so important, you should insert two proverbs in the final few pages of the book.
• Do NOT waste words by saying, “I chose this particular proverb because ...”
• Each explanation is 3-4 sentences not including the proverb you chose.

1. Absence makes the heart grow fonder.
2. All's fair in love and war.
3. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
4. Faint heart never won fair lady.
5. Marry in haste, repent at leisure.
6. The course of love never did run smooth.
7. To err is human (To forgive divine).
8. A man is known by the company he keeps.
9. A man of straw needs a woman of gold.
10. A wink is as good as a nod, to a blind man.
11. Blood is thicker than water.
12. Don't blow your own trumpet.
13. Do unto others as you would have them do to you.
14. He that hurts another, hurts himself.
15. He who wronged you will hate you.
16. A Joy shared is a joy doubled; a grief shared is a grief halved.
17. Laugh and the world laughs with you. Cry and you cry alone.
18. Never let the sun go down on your anger.
19. Persuasion is better than force.
20. You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.
21. Spare the rod and spoil the child.
22. You made your bed, now you must lie in it.
24. As one door closes, another always opens.
25. Cut your coat according to the cloth.
26. Familiarity breeds contempt.
27. Fortune favors the brave.
28. It never rains but it pours.
29. The best things in life are free.
30. The family that prays together, stays together.
31. The receiver is as bad as the thief.
32. While there's life there's hope.
33. A drowning man will clutch at a straw.
34. Better to be poor and healthy rather than rich and sick.
35. Better to wear out than rust out.
36. Bread never falls but on its buttered side.
37. Cleanliness is next to Godliness.
38. Greediness burst the bag.
39. Grumbling makes the loaf no larger.
40. Half a loaf is better than none.
41. Hunger is the best sauce.
42. It is no use crying over spilt milk.
43. The nearer the bone the sweeter the meat.
44. The proof of the pudding is in the eating.
45. There's many a slip, twixt cup and the lip.
46. Too many cooks spoil the broth.
47. What can't be cured must be endured.
48. You can't unscramble a scrambled egg.
49. Listen to the pot calling the kettle black.
50. Many a true word is spoken in jest.

**Wisdom**
51. A change is as good as a rest.
52. Empty barrels make the most noise.
53. Innocent as a newborn babe.
54. It's an ill wind that blows no one some good.
55. It is better to stay silent and be thought a fool, than to open one's mouth and remove all doubt.
56. Still waters run deep.
57. The darkest hour is before the dawn.
58. Two heads are better than one.
59. You can't tell a book by its cover.
60. Wisdom is better than strength.
61. A bad workman blames his tools
62. Many hands make light work.

**Animal related**
63. Curses, like chickens, come home to roost.
64. His bark is worse than his bite.
65. If you lie down with dogs, you'll get up with fleas.
66. It's no use closing the stable door after the horse has bolted.

**Rural**
73. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link.
74. A rolling stone gathers no moss.
75. As you sow, so shall you reap.
76. Empty bags cannot stand upright.
77. The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.
78. The longest journey begins with the first step.
79. You can't get blood out of a stone.
80. If you slip, make it part of the dance.
81. He has enough who is content.
82. He is rich that is satisfied.
83. A good conscience is a soft pillow.
84. Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater.
85. Don't put all your eggs in one basket.
86. Possession is nine tenths of the law.
87. The gods help those who help themselves.
88. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.
89. The squeaky wheel gets the grease.
90. God's help is nearer than the door.

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**Book Talk**

- Tell your classmates the title and author of the book
- Identify the **genre** of the book (historical fiction, science fiction, fantasy, realistic fiction, mystery, action/adventure)
- Describe the setting and characters
- Present examples of **three** important proverbs. Tell the class why that proverb is appropriate for that part of the story.