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Period _____

The Serial Garden

Words from "The Serial Garden"

boy
cereal

cereal box
corner store

garden
magic spell

princess
shaggy dog

spring cleaning
teacher

My prediction:

Setting:

Characters:

Circle the type
of conflict in
each example

Conflicts:

1.

2.

3.

External
Internal

External
Internal

External
Internal

Solution/Outcome:

1.

2.

3.

FICTION PREDICTION SHEET

My Prediction	What Really Happened
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
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10.	
11.	
12.	

"The Serial Garden"

By Joan Aiken (LOL -Pg. 439- 454)

Words to Know

As you read "The Serial Garden", pay attention to the words that are defined for you in your textbook. This is an example of a text feature called a definitional footnote. Use these definitional footnotes to match the words to their meanings.

Example in the story: I'm tired of finding footprints in the Stilton ⁶

Definition at the bottom of the page: ⁶ Stilton: a rich crumbly cheese

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| _____ 1. Aggrievedly | a. (noun) a time of staying awake in order to keep watch or guard something |
| _____ 2. Chaos | b. (adjective) sickly, pale |
| _____ 3. Convalescing | c. (noun) extreme confusion or disorder |
| _____ 4. Forage | d. (verb) to search for what one wants or needs, especially for food |
| _____ 5. Gaudy | e. (adjective) easily affected or influenced |
| _____ 6. Incalculable | f. (adjective) too great to be measured or counted |
| _____ 7. susceptible | g. (verb) arousing interest without satisfying it |
| _____ 8. Tantalizing | h. (adjective) recovering gradually from an illness |
| _____ 9. Vigil | i. (adverb) in a manner suggesting that one has been badly treated |
| _____ 10. Wan | j. (adjective) excessively bright and showy |

Use a dictionary to look up the word *serial*. Write the definition in the space below.

Explain why you believe that Joan Aiken used "serial" as opposed to "cereal" in the title of her story.