

# STORY ELEMENTS: WINTER QUILT

Reading: Story Elements

Read the story. Complete the graphic organizer that follows.

## Winter Quilt

by Buffy Silverman | Art by Todd Zalewski

After the snow falls, a gray squirrel peeks out of a hole in an oak tree. He climbs up the tree's trunk. Snow slips off as he leaps across a big branch. A brown leaf hangs from a twig above him. The squirrel stretches on his hind legs, grabs the leaf, and crumples it into his mouth.

Reaching up, he pulls off one leaf after another.

Soon the squirrel's mouth can hold no more leaves. He dashes across the branch and dives down into his hole.

Another squirrel peeks out of the hole. She climbs up the other side of the trunk and runs across a skinny branch. The branch bounces up and down while she pulls off leaves. She stuffs the leaves into her mouth, then brings them back to the nest hole.



All morning the two squirrels carry oak leaves to their nest. The snow begins to fall again. A cold wind blows. Snow swirls around the oak tree. The two squirrels snuggle, safe and warm in their blanket of leaves.



Fill in the graphic organizer with the details from the story.

**Title**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Author**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Setting**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Characters**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Summary**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**My favorite part**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

