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► Read each section of "Because of Winn-Dixie."
After reading each section, fill in the story map below.

Possible responses are shown.

Section 1 page 548

Characters

Opal Buloni, Winn-Dixie,
Miss Franny Block

Setting

the library in Naomi,
Florida

Section 2 pages 548–553

Plot Events

- Opal leaves Winn-Dixie outside the library. He stands up on his hind legs and looks in the window so he can see her.
- Miss Franny Block thinks Winn-Dixie is a bear. She hides behind her desk.

Section 3 pages 554–557

- Miss Franny tells Opal the story of a real bear that came into the library when Miss Franny was a girl.
- Opal suggests that she and Winn-Dixie become friends with Miss Franny.

► Use the information in the story map to write a summary of "Because of Winn-Dixie."



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► Read the story. Then complete the graphic organizer.
Possible responses are shown.

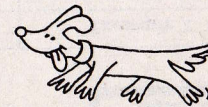
Pete Leong and his family had just moved to Chicago. Pete still missed his friends back in Dallas. One day Pete and his brother Matt were playing catch in the park. Matt threw the ball too high, and it went sailing over Pete's head. Pete ran after it, but before he could grab the ball, it was snatched up by a huge black dog. "Oh no!" Pete thought. "Now what am I going to do?"

Just then the dog's owner came up. He was about Pete's age. "Sorry. Elsie likes to play catch," he said, pulling the ball out of his dog's mouth.

"Thanks," said Pete, taking the ball. "She's better at catch than I am! Do you two want to play with us?" That's how Pete made his first new friend in Chicago.

Characters	Setting
Pete, Pete's brother, Elsie, Elsie's owner	a park in Chicago

Plot Events
• Pete and his brother play catch.
• Pete misses the ball and a dog snatches it up.
• The dog's owner comes up.
• Pete invites the dog's owner to play catch.
• Pete makes his first new friend in Chicago.



School-Home Connection

Choose another story your child has read, or a movie or TV show your child has watched. Talk about the characters, setting, and plot in it.