

SNOWFALL



FOCUS: Friendship and Loyalty

SYNOPSIS:

This story is about Alex and Caitlin. The two friends meet to skate one evening, unaware that a blizzard is descending upon them. At one point Caitlin learns that Alex was grounded by his parents and is not supposed to be out at all. He swears her to secrecy. In an effort to get home more quickly, the two take a shortcut. Alex falls through weak ice and is rescued by Caitlin. His ankle is injured. She has to leave him and go for help. She breaks her promise of secrecy in order to save him.

VOCABULARY LIST:

deserted	blizzard	snuck	chill—including popular usage as an expression
lead	frigid	concrete	hesitated
consciousness	“cut her eyes at him”		

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Prompts:

- What qualities would you like in your friends? Write a list of the qualities that they see in you. Now write another list, if you need to, of other qualities you might need to develop.

FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why did the hockey game end early?
2. What does the sentence, “Alex hung his head,” suggest to you?
3. In the story, Caitlin makes a choice. Express that choice in your own words. (see last sentence)