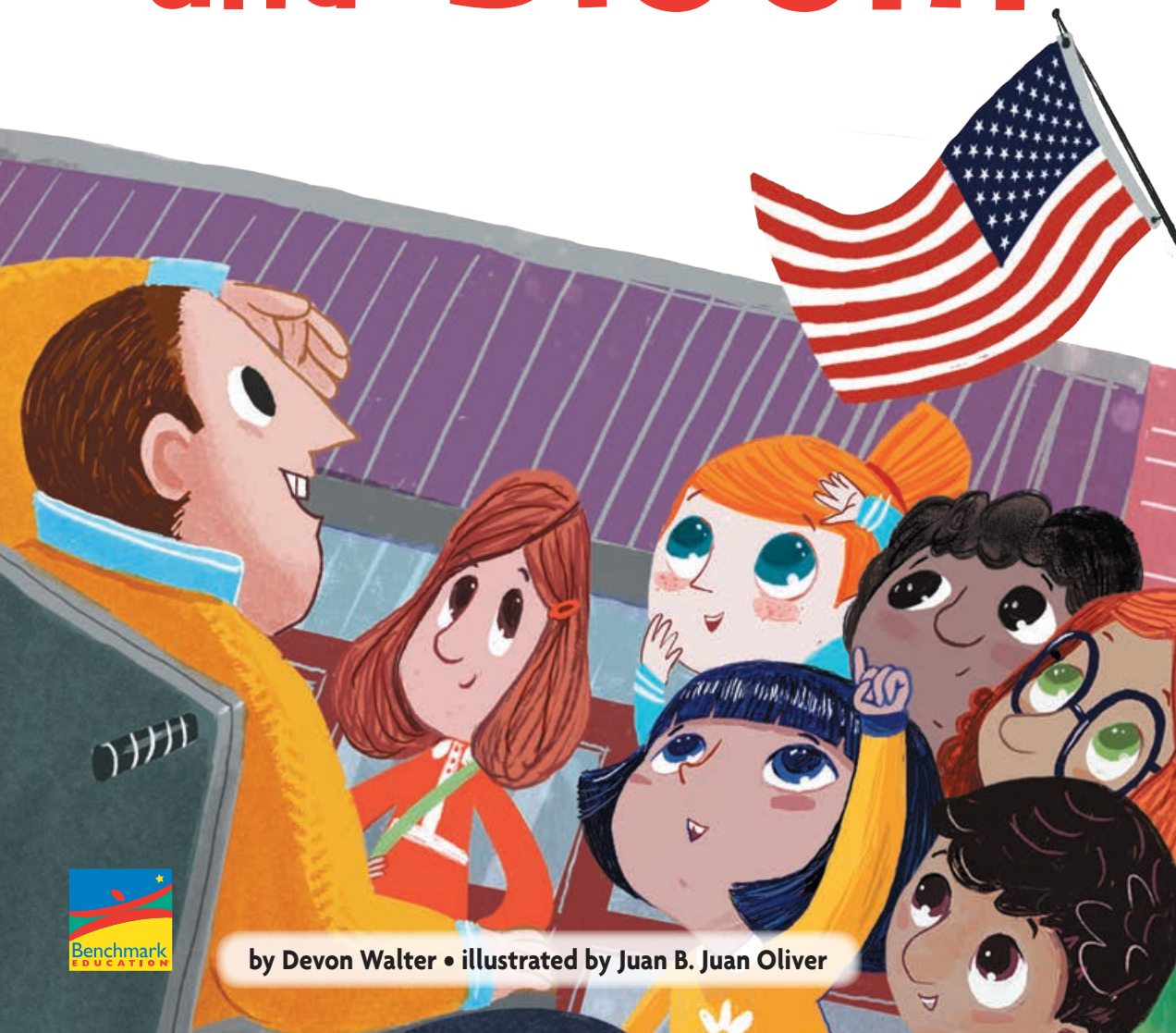
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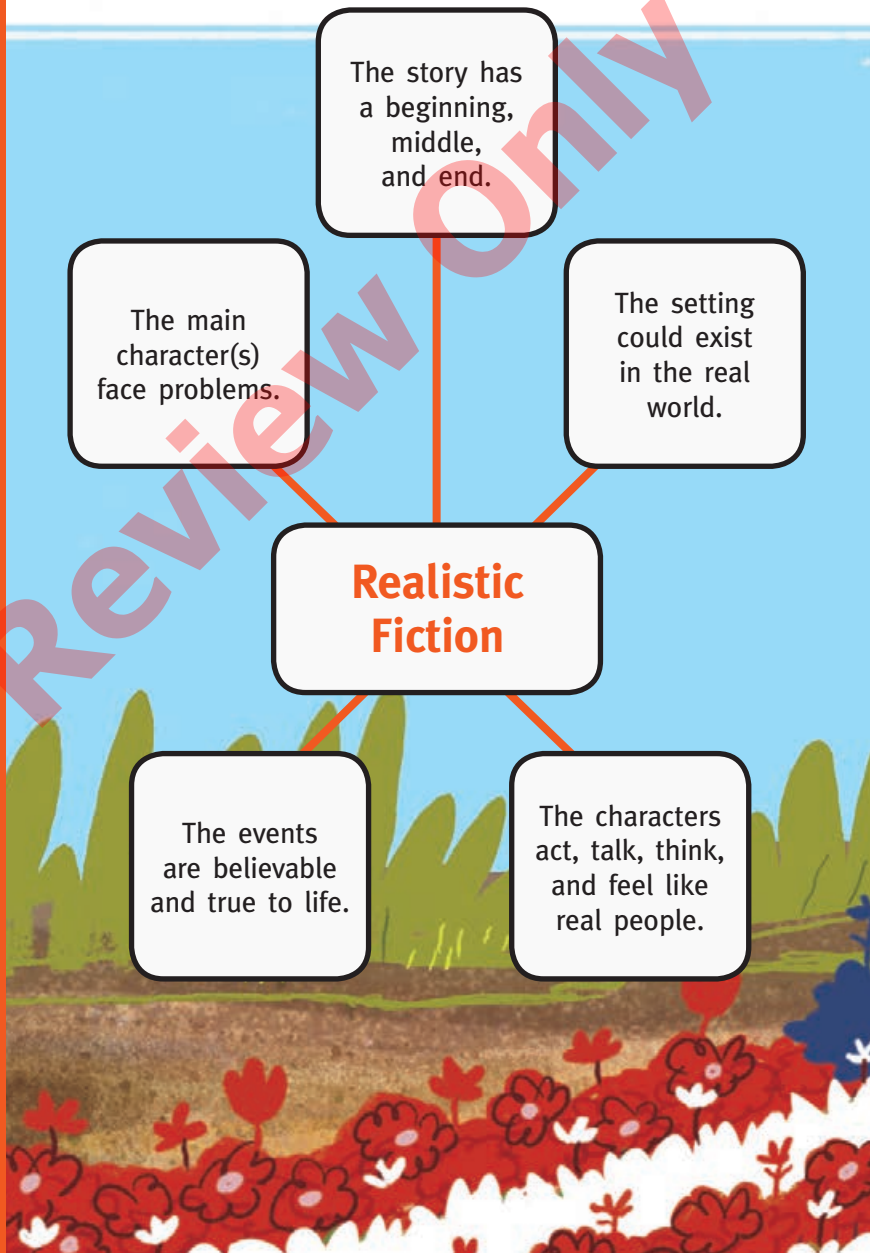
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CHAPTER 1

A Big Plan

The Good Citizen Club is excited to meet the mayor. She needs help from the club.

"Our veterans are people who have served our country," says Mayor Santos. "We want to make a special place in the park to thank them."

She tells the club to work on a plan for the park. "Your plan must use symbols, or things that stand for our country. It must be ready by Veterans Day."



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Later that day, Ms. Kelly, the club leader, meets with the kids at the library. They talk about their ideas for the park.

"I think we need to ask veterans what their favorite symbol is," says Jamal.

"My grandfather is a veteran," Ms. Kelly says. "He would be happy to help."

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Ms. Kelly takes the kids to meet her grandfather. He lives in a special place with other veterans.

"This is my grandfather, Mr. Kelly," says Ms. Kelly.

"You can call me Grandpa Bill," he says. "I have some friends I want you to meet. They can help you decide on an idea."



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Jamal and Emma meet Mr. Davis.

"Is there one symbol that makes you think of our country?" asks Emma.

Mr. Davis shows Jamal and Emma a picture of a bald eagle on his hat.

"The bald eagle is strong and beautiful," says Mr. Davis. "That is why it is our country's national bird."

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Ms. Kelly and Yin visit Mrs. Lee in the art room.

"This is a painting of the Statue of Liberty," says Mrs. Lee. "It tells people from other parts of the world they are welcome in our country. That is why it is my favorite symbol."



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Mr. Jones takes Dev to the library.

"You must see my favorite book," says Mr. Jones.

"It is about the Liberty Bell. It is a symbol of freedom in the United States," he says.

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The kids meet Mr. Rapp last.

"What are you doing?" asks Yin.

"I am saying the Pledge of Allegiance," says Mr. Rapp. "I do it every day. Why don't you join me today?" he asks.

"Our flag brings people together," says Mr. Rapp. "It is what I love most about the United States."

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CHAPTER 2

The Big Idea

The Good Citizen Club meets again at the library. The kids talk about what they learned on their visit. They agree on an idea for the park. Then they make a list of the things they need for it.



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