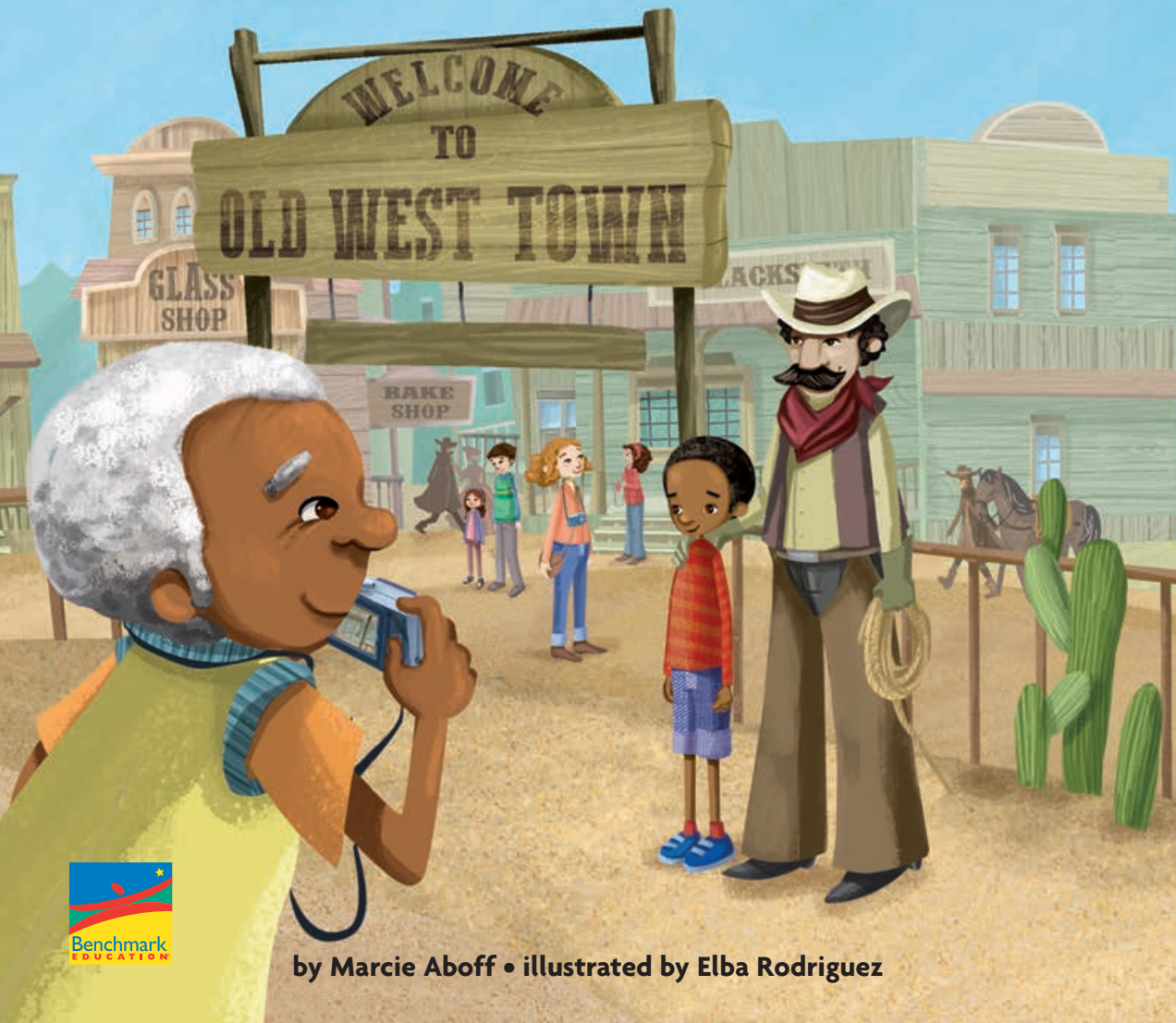


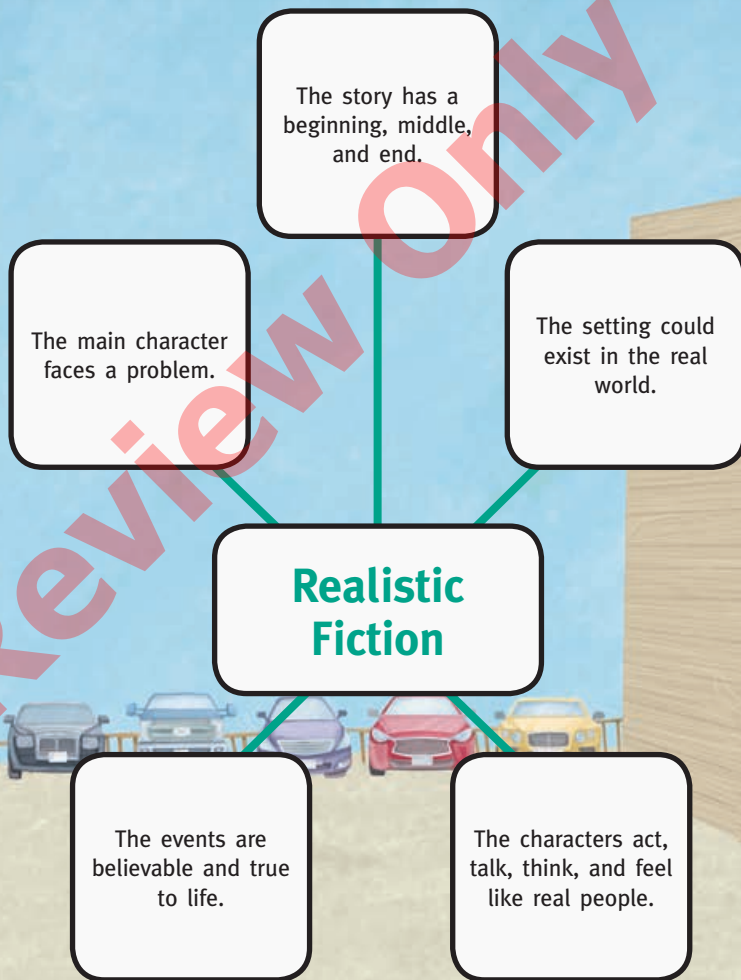
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Stan and Grandpa had been planning a trip out west for months. At last they had arrived. They were very happy.

“Welcome to Old West Town!”
a cowboy said.





Stan and Grandpa looked around. They felt as if they had gone back in time. First, they walked into the blacksmith's shop.



The blacksmith took red-hot metal out of the fire. Then he hit the metal with a hammer.

“Did you make all these tools?”
asked Stan.



“Yes, sir,” said the blacksmith. “I use heat to make the metal soft. I have to make tools quickly. If the metal cools, it hardens. Then I can’t use my hammer to shape the metal.”

Stan saw a lot of glass at the next shop.

“I use heat to melt sand and minerals to make glass,” said the glassblower.

“The sand mixture melts. Then I stretch it into different shapes.”





The glassblower blew into the red-hot glass with a long tube. She turned the tube around and around.

“Wow!” said Stan. “She’s making a bowl.”

At the bakery, the baker made bread.
He added ingredients. He mixed and
stretched the dough with his hands.
He molded it into a loaf. Then he
baked it in the oven.





Soon the baker took the freshly baked bread out of the oven.

“Yum!” said Grandpa.

Stan said, “This is the best bread I’ve ever had!”