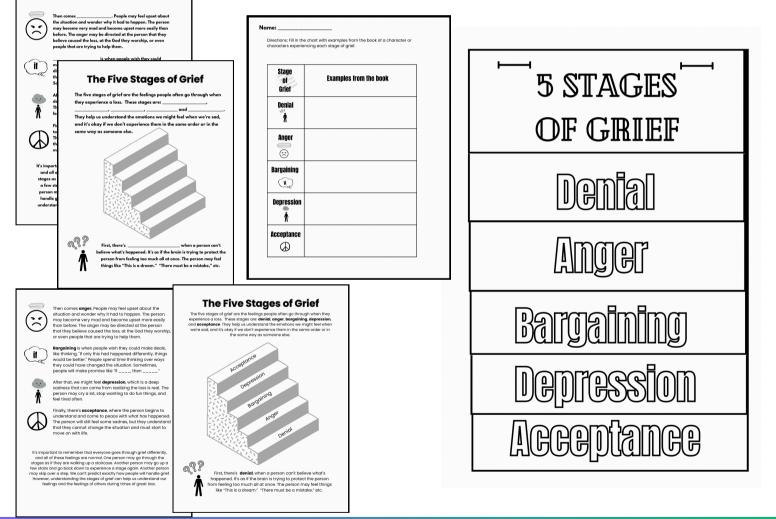
# 5 stages of Grief



#### handout, guided notes, worksheet, & flip book



### How to use this resource

This resource was designed to introduce students to the 5 stages of grief & make connections with the novel, <u>Out of the Dust</u>. It can be used as a supplement to that text, any book where the character experiences grief, or for teaching psychology or emotional health.

This resource comes with a handout explaining the stages of grief and a fill-inthe-blank guided notes option as well.

Next, there is a craftivity where students can make a flip book to help them understand the stages of grief. Students will cut out the boxes, put them order, and staple along the top. Students will color the words & draw an illustration to help them remember what each stage means. There are two options for this. One has the description and one is blank. Students will have to write down notes on the blank copies. There are two of the first two pages of the flip book on 1 page to help save on printing.

Finally, there is a chart for students to fill out with examples from the <u>Out of the</u> <u>Dust</u> book or any other book that involves grief. This can be done as you read a novel over several days or at the end of the book.









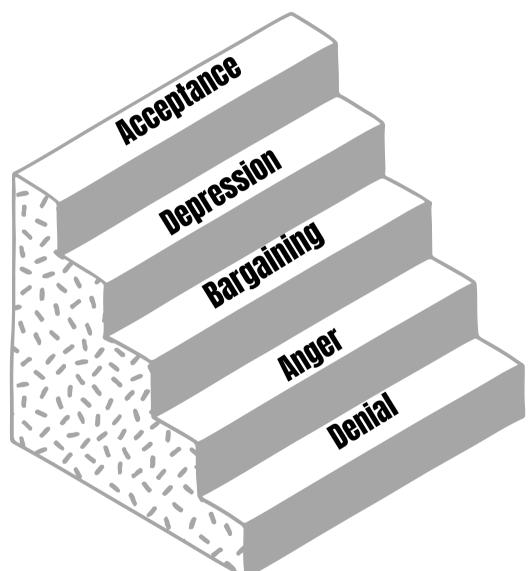
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#### The Five Stages of Grief

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First, there's **denial.** This is when a person can't believe what's happened. It's as if the brain is trying to protect the person from feeling too much all at once. The person may feel things like "This is a dream." "There must be a mistake," etc.



Then comes **anger.** People may feel upset about the situation and wonder why it had to happen. The person may become very mad and become upset more easily than before. The anger may be directed at the person that they believe caused the loss, at the God they worship, or even people that are trying to help them.



**Bargaining** is when people wish they could make deals, like thinking, "If only this had happened differently, things would be better." People spend time thinking about ways they could have changed the situation. Sometimes, people will make promise like "If \_\_\_\_, then \_\_\_\_."



After that, a person might experience **depression**, which is a deep sadness that can come from realizing the loss is real. The person may cry a lot, stop wanting to do fun things, and feel tired often. They may feel hopeless.



Finally, there's **acceptance**, where the person begins to understand and come to peace with what has happened. The person will likely still feel some sadness, but they understand that they cannot change the situation and must start to move on with life.

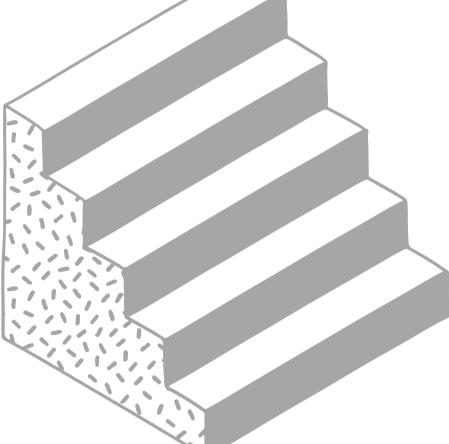
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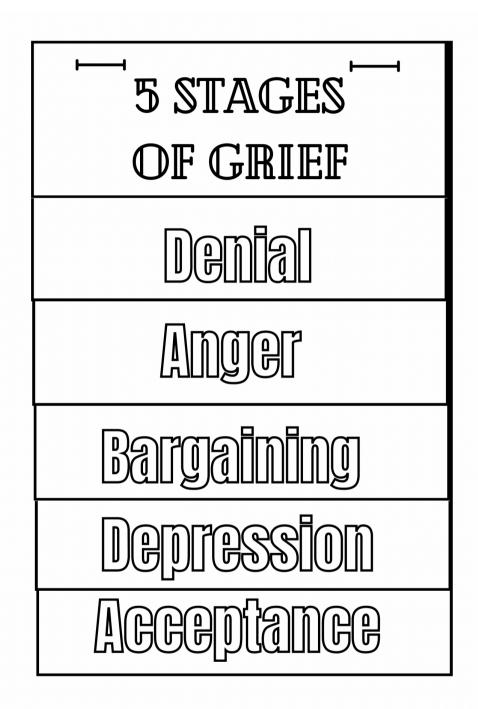
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Pages 8-13 will be cut out and put together to make this



You can also use page 8, 14-18. These are blank. Students will have to write notes & illustrate with these.





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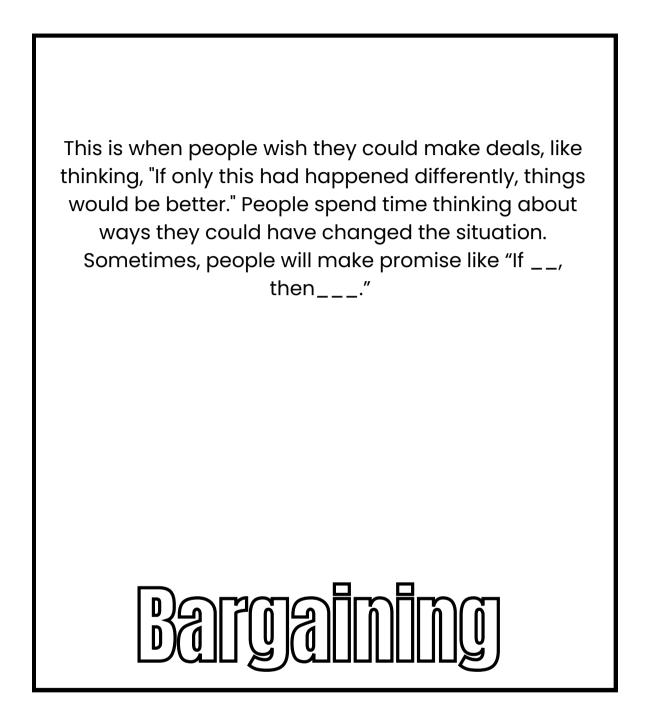
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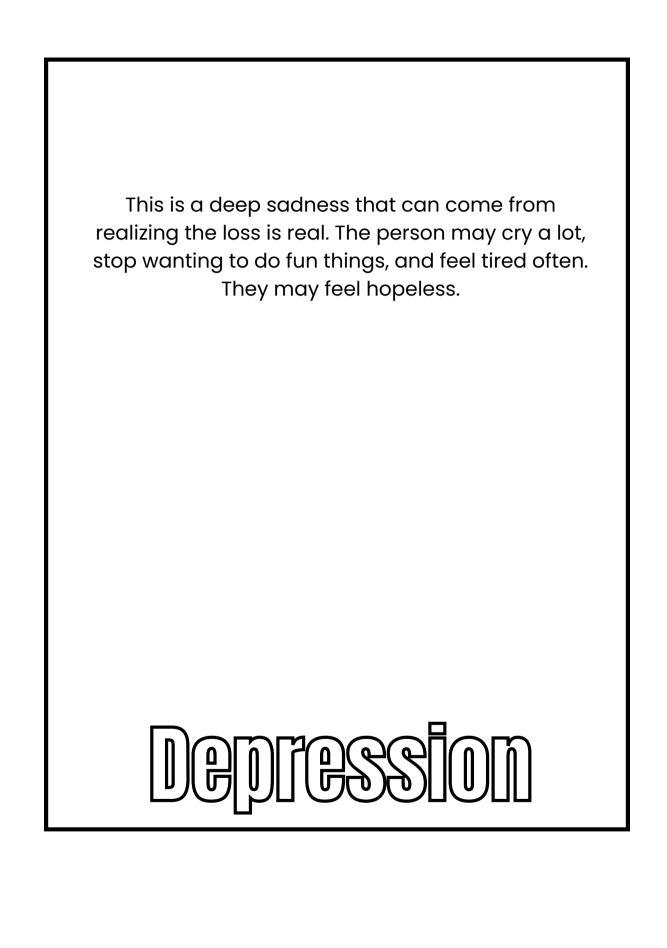
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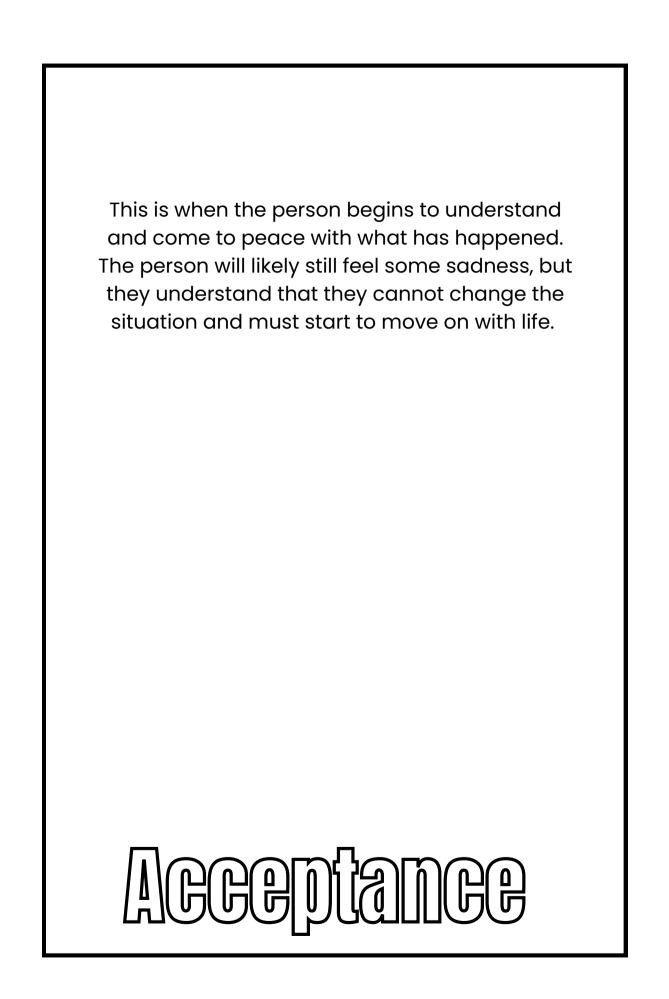


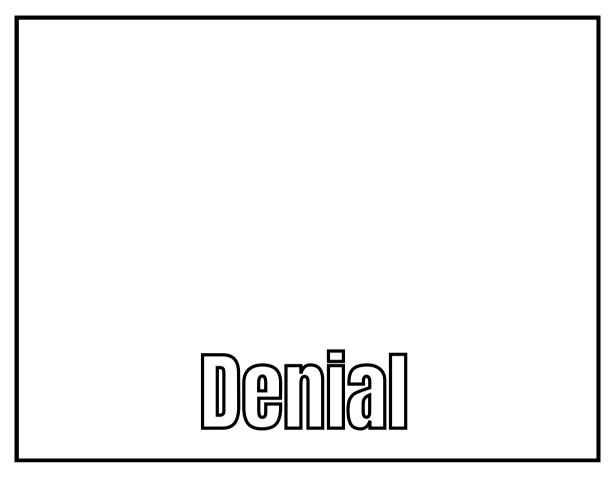
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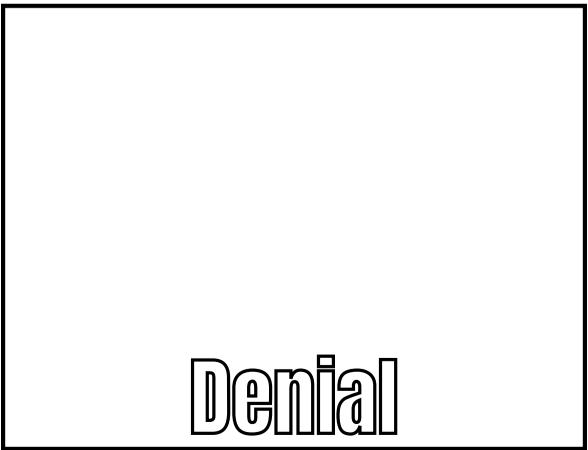


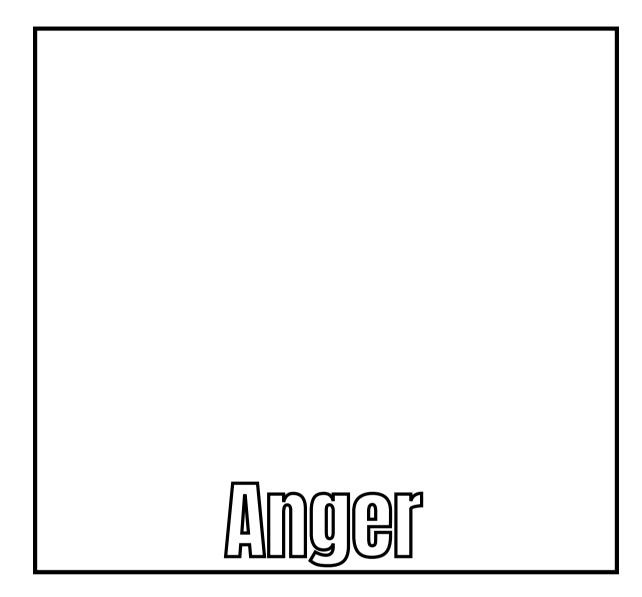




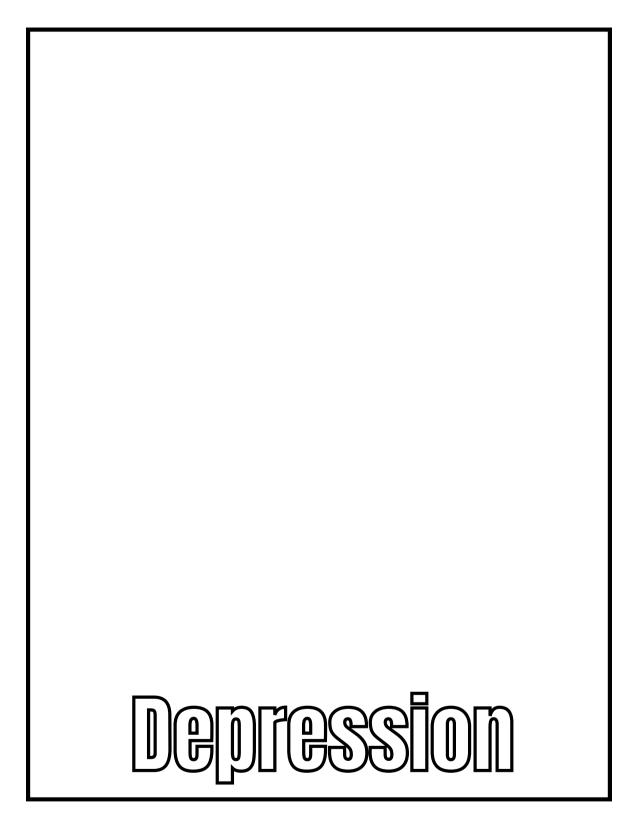














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Directions: Fill in the chart with examples from the book of a character or characters experiencing each stage of grief.

