

Name _____

Family Times

Summary

Shutting Out the Sky

In 1900, at the age of sixteen, Marcus Ravage travels to America from Romania. Marcus faces many challenges in this unfamiliar place. Working as a street peddler to earn money, he begins to adapt to his new life. Eventually he graduates from college and finds success as a writer.

Activity

How Do You Say? Imagine that a young person from a foreign country has just arrived in your town or city. With a member of your family, write a list of things about life in your community that might seem strange or confusing to this person.



Comprehension Skill

Cause and Effect

The **cause** is what made something happen. The **effect** is what happened as a result of the cause. An effect may have more than one cause, and a cause may have more than one effect. Sometimes authors use clue words such as *because* and *so* to show a cause-and-effect relationship.

Activity

One Thing Leads to Another Pick a favorite story about something funny or dramatic that happened to you or one of your relatives in the past. Talk with a family member about the cause (or causes) that made this event occur.