ACTIVITY: THE QUEST

A quest story tells the tale of a hero who sets off on a journey. And we get to come along for the ride! Examples of quest stories from literature and popular culture include Lord of the Rings, The Wizard of Oz, and the Star Wars series. Though it takes place in the "regular" world, Ms. Bixby's Last Day is also a quest story. In Ms. Bixby's Last Day there are no sword fights or evil villains to overcome, but there are three heroic fifth graders: Topher, Steve, and Brand, setting off on a dangerous journey with one goal in mind—to give their teacher the best last day on earth ever!	THE CALL TO SERVICE: what is the character's motivation to go on this journey?
	STAKES: what risks does the character face in taking this journey?
	THE JOURNEY: what challenges does the character face along the way? Be sure to describe this journey from the point of view of a single character.
	THE TRIALS: what obstacles, fears, or danger does the character need to face to achieve his goal?
Create a quest story plot graph for each one of the characters. Each arc will be a little different depending on which character it belongs to. Be sure to include the following important quest plot points:	THE VICTORY: how does the character achieve his goal and complete the quest?
	THE RETURN: how has the character changed or transformed through the experience of the quest?