Connections

Writing
How might the story be different if Red didn’t stop to pick the flowers? Write a paragraph describing how the story would change.

Social Studies
Does this story take place in a suburban, rural, or city setting? How do you know? Share your ideas with a partner.
How do Red’s choices affect the story?

Words to Know

- awoke
- clump
- roared
- strangers
- swallowed
- tickled
There once lived a girl named Little Red Riding Hood. Everyone called her “Red.”

One day, Red’s mom asked her to take some cake to Grandma. “Go quickly through the woods, and do not talk to strangers!” Mom said.
In the woods, though, Red met Wolf.
“Where are you going, child?” Wolf asked.

“I’m taking cake to Grandma’s house,” she said.
Wolf looked at Red and licked his lips.
He decided he would eat Grandma for lunch and Red for dessert. "Where does Grandma live?" Wolf asked. "Farther on in the woods, under the three large oak trees," Red said.

"Wouldn't your grandma like some pretty flowers?" Wolf suggested. Red bent down to pick some flowers. While she picked, Wolf ran straight to Grandma's house.
He went to Grandma’s bed and **swallowed** her whole. He dressed himself in her clothes and pulled on her cap. Then, he laid himself in her bed.

When Red arrived, she went to the bed. “Grandma, what big ears you have!” Red said. “All the better to hear you with, child,” Wolf said.
“Grandma, what big eyes you have!” Red said.
“All the better to see you with, child,” Wolf said.

“Oh, Grandma, what a big mouth you have!” Red said.
“All the better to eat you with!” Wolf roared.
Then he swallowed up Red, flowers, cake, and all.
Wolf lay down again in the bed and fell asleep.
Inside Wolf’s stomach it was dark and crowded.

Inch by inch, Red lifted her clump of flowers.
She tickled Wolf’s throat until he coughed her up.
Red grabbed onto Grandma’s hand and pulled her out, too.
Wolf was still asleep.
They tied him to Grandma’s bed.
Then Grandma and Red sat down
for tea and cake.
When Wolf **awoke**, you can be sure
he didn’t get any!

**Glossary**

**awoke** *(v.)* past tense of awake;
to stop sleeping (p. 15)

**clump** *(n.)* a group or lump of things
that are close together (p. 14)

**roared** *(v.)* made the sound that
a lion makes (p. 12)

**strangers** *(n.)* unfamiliar or
unknown people (p. 4)

**swallowed** *(v.)* caused or allowed
something, such as food
or liquid, to pass through
the mouth, down the
throat, and into the
stomach (p. 9)

**tickled** *(v.)* caused or had an irritated
or uncomfortable feeling
on part of the body (p. 14)