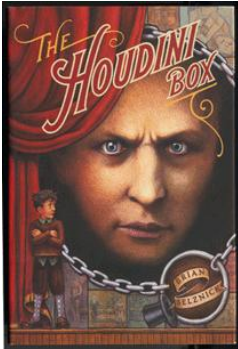Name_____

Reading Homework

The Houdini Box

Read the vocabulary words and definitions.
Find each word **while reading the story.**

Vocabulary:

1. appeared: was seen; came in sight
2. bustling: being noisily busy and in a hurry
3. crumbled: fell to pieces; decayed
4. escape: to get out and away; to get free
5. magician: person who entertains by art or skill of creating illusions, especially a sleight of hand
6. monument: something set up to honor a person or an event. A monument may be a building, pillar, arch, statue, tomb, or stone.
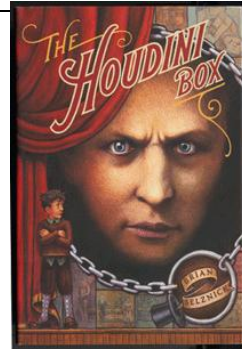**7. vanished:** disappeared, especially suddenly

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Turn over for Comprehension

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Reading Homework

The Houdini Box

Read pp. 396–409

Answer the comprehension questions.

1. How is Victor like Houdini?
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2. What is Victor's problem in the
story? _____

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3. How does Houdini plan to help
solve Victor's problem? _____

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4. Explain why Victor vowed never to
think of Houdini again. _____

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5. How did baseball with his son
reconnect Victor with Houdini years
later? _____

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