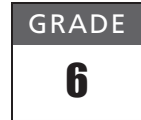


DISTRICT ASSESSMENT OF READING TEAM (DART)  
ORAL READING



SPRING

***One Brave Heart*** (Suzanne Moyers)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Rudy and others have been helped by great improvements in prosthetics—from hearts to teeth to toes. Artificial limbs are now stronger and more comfortable than ever before.

In the past, prosthetic arms and legs were made from wood. They were heavy and wore out quickly. The leather straps that attached a limb to the body didn't provide a very good fit. Today, artificial legs like Rudy's are made with titanium. It is a lightweight but strong metal commonly used by NASA. Suction cups and handmade sockets give a better fit. Scientists are using the finest designs in nature to craft prosthetics. For instance, customized legs for runners are often curved like those of a cheetah. This enables the wearer to cover greater distance in a single stride.

Halting      Careful      Confident      Fluent      Expressive