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Grade 4 Reading

Date _____

Theme 1 Selection 1 “Akiak”

Read the selection, Akiak. Then, answer the following questions.

1. How were Akiak and the other dogs feeling at the beginning of the selection?
 - a) confident and excited
 - b) tired and unhappy
 - c) frustrated and angry
 - d) happy and bored

2. According to the selection, why did Akiak know the trail better than any of the other dogs?
 - a) she was ten years old
 - b) her musher, Mick, led the way
 - c) she had led her team through 7 Iditarod races on this same trail
 - d) she had never run this trail before

3. Read these sentences from the selection.

“The dogs were ready to break out, but Mick held them back. There was a right time – but not yet.”

The word “right” means :

- a) opposite of left
 - b) suitable
 - c) being good or just
 - d) a certain type of angle
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4. What was the main problem facing the characters in the selection?
 - a) Akiak had never run the trail before.
 - b) A blizzard separated Akiak from the team.
 - c) Akiak was ten years old now.
 - d) Akiak gets separated from Mick and the team because of an injury.

5. Where and when does the selection, “Akiak”, take place?
- a) Anchorage, Alaska; summertime
 - b) New York City; Iditarod Race Day
 - c) Anchorage, Alaska; Iditarod Race Day
 - d) Antarctica; ten years ago
6. This selection is an example of
- a) poetry
 - b) a nonfiction article
 - c) realistic fiction
 - d) a personal narrative
7. Which of these best describes how Mick feels about Akiak at the end of the selection?
- a) grateful
 - b) proud
 - c) jealous
 - d) confused
8. This selection is mainly about
- a) a musher named Mick who left her lead dog behind
 - b) a sled dog who is determined to lead her team to win the Iditarod Race
 - c) a sled dog who accidentally gets lost during a race
 - d) a blizzard in Alaska
9. A good summary for Day 6 would be
- a) The blizzard became too dangerous, so Akiak tunneled into a snowdrift to stay safe until the next morning.
 - b) Akiak got hurt and was separated from her team during the race.
 - c) Akiak escaped from the volunteers who had tried to put her into the plane.
 - d) Akiak was determined to win the Iditarod Race and she succeeded.

Open-ended response

Describe the relationship between Akiak and Mick? How did they feel about one another? Write a paragraph that describes their relationship. Use at least 3 details from the selection to support your answer.

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Theme 1 Selection 1 “Akiak” Answer Key

1. (a) (Summarize / Characterize)
2. (c) (Cause / Effect)
3. (b) (Multiple-meaning words)
4. (d) (Story Structure)
5. (c) (Story Structure)
6. (c) (Genre)
7. (b) (Summarize / Characterize)
8. (b) (Summarize / Main Ideas)
9. (a) (Summarize)

Open-ended Rubric

3 points:

Student describes the relationship between Mick and Akiak, using at least 3 relevant details from the passage.

2 points:

Student describes their relationship using 2 relevant details from the story.

1 point:

Student describes the relationship using 1 relevant detail from the story.

0 points:

Response is inaccurate in all respects, lacks details from the story to support the answer, is blank or illegible.