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Grade 4 Reading

Date _____

Theme 3: Selection 1: “The Stranger”

Read the selection, “The Stranger”.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. This selection is an example of

- a) nonfiction
- b) poetry
- c) fantasy
- d) folk tale

2. Read this sentence from the passage: “He held it in a trembling hand and, without thinking, blew on it with all his might.”

What is a synonym for trembling?

- a) weak
- b) steady
- c) still
- d) shaking

3. Which phrase below tells you that the stranger is “unusual”?

- a) he walked across the yard
- b) he doesn’t talk and seemed confused about buttonholes and buttons
- c) he helps dad on the farm
- d) he watched the setting sun

4. Reread page 308. What causes a draft in the house that makes Mrs. Bailey shiver?

- a) the stranger blowing on his spoonful of hot soup
- b) someone let the door open
- c) steam rising from the hot soup.
- d) the stranger walked across the yard

5. Read this sentence from the passage: And etched in frost on the farmhouse windows are words that say simply, “See you next fall.” How do those words get there?

- a) the rabbits write on the window
- b) Katy is playing a trick on her family
- c) the stranger writes it on the window
- d) mom writes it when she cleans the windows

6. When the stranger leaves, what happens to the weather?

- a) it gets hot like summer
- b) it begins to snow
- c) the leaves stay green
- d) it gets colder and the leaves turn colors

7. Which of these best describes how the Bailey family feels about the stranger?

- a) they enjoy having him around and think of him as a friend
- b) they think he is weird
- c) they do not like him being in their house
- d) they wonder when he will finally leave

8. When did the Bailey’s know that the stranger had decided to leave?

- a) he told them he was leaving
- b) he just disappeared one day
- c) he packed up all of his things that he brought with him
- d) he was dressed in his old leather clothes and had tears in his eyes

9. Read this sentence: “He hugged them all once, then dashed out the door.” What is a synonym for dashed?

- a) raced
- b) crawled
- c) crashed
- d) skated

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Open-ended Response: What is a word or phrase that would be used to describe the stranger in this story? Use three examples to support your answer. Be sure to write a paragraph using complete sentences.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

<u>Item</u>			
<u>Number</u>	<u>Answer</u>	<u>Descriptor</u>	<u>Eligible Content</u>
1	c	Genre	R4.A.1.6.1
2	d	Synonyms	R4.A.1.1.2
3	b	Drawing conclusions	R4.A.1.3.1
4	a	Cause/effect	R4.B.1.1
5	c	Drawing conclusions	R4.A.1.3.1
6	d	Cause/effect	R4.B.1.1
7	a	Summarize/characterize	R4.A.1.5.1/R4.B.1.1
8	d	Drawing conclusions	R4.A.1.3.1
9	a	Synonyms	R4.A.1.1.2
Open-ended response		Characterization	R4.B.1.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Student specifies a word or phrase that describes the stranger in the story.

Student uses three examples to support his/her answer.

Student uses complete sentences.

2 Points

One of the above criteria is absent from the student’s response.

1 Point

Two of the above criteria are absent from the student’s response.

0 Points

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