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Grade: 5 Reading

Theme Two Selection: 2

"Katie's Trunk"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. Katie's family members are called "Tories." What is a Tory?

- a) A person who supported the efforts of the colonists.
- b) A loyal supporter of Great Britain.
- c) A member of the rebel forces.
- d) A person living in Great Britain.

2. What causes Katie to race back into the house?

- a) She is being chased by the rebels.
- b) She becomes angry thinking about Reuben Otis and John Warren hurting her family's possessions.
- c) She was being called for mealtime by her mother.
- d) She doesn't want to hide in the woods alone.

3. What problem does Katie's family face because they are Tories?

- a) They cannot hold office in the community.
- b) They must pay higher taxes than their neighbors.
- c) They must march and drill each day in the meadow.
- d) Many neighbors and former friends won't speak to them.

4. Read this sentence from the selection.

"Papa peered out the window at the rebels."

What does the word peered mean in this sentence?

- a) fell
- b) looked
- c) leaned
- d) called

5. Katie heard gunfire during the skirmish between the Tories and the rebels.

Which word in this sentence helps you figure out the definition of skirmish?

- a) gunfire
- b) Tories
- c) rebels
- d) heard

6. What is the setting of the story?

- a) A small town in England during the late 1800's
- b) A small town in England in 1775
- c) A New England colony in the early 1700's
- d) A New England colony in 1775

7. "Why, it makes me skittish as a newborn calf" is an example of..

- a) simile
- b) metaphor
- c) personification
- d) onomatopoeia

8. Which of these sentences would not appear in a summary of the story?

- a) Katie runs back into the house and hears men coming to the door.
- b) She hides in her mother's wedding trunk.
- c) The Tories dump tea into the Boston Harbor.
- d) John Warren opens the trunk and realizes that someone is inside.

9. Why does John Warren leave the trunk open when he leaves the house?

- a) He forgets to close it.
- b) He wants Katie to be able to breathe.
- c) He is in a big rush.
- d) He does not want to put everything away.

Open-ended Response

Both Katie and Paul Revere face challenges caused by the conflict with England. What do you think is the biggest challenge each one faces? Which common character trait do Katie and Paul share as they respond to each challenge? Use details from the story in your answer.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	b	Vocabulary	R5.A.1.1.
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3	d	Details	R5.A.1.4.1
4	b	Multiple Meaning	R5.A.1.1.1
5	a	Context Clues	R5.A.1.2.1
6	d	Setting	R5.B.1.1.1
7	a	Simile	R5.B.2.1.2
8	c	Summarizing	R5.A.1.5.1
9	b	Inference	R5.A.1.3.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Paragraph thoroughly and accurately describes with detail each person’s challenge and a character trait they share.

2 Points

Paragraph describes each person’s challenge and a character trait they share, without further detail.

1 Point

Paragraph describes a challenge or character trait, but is lacking supporting details from the story.

0 Points

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete