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Subject: Comprehension Graded Worksheet (Little Mangy One)

Section: Elementary

Read the following selection. Then answer the following questions in complete sentences.

“Little Mangy One”
Lebanese folk tale, retold by Inea Bushnaq

Once upon a time three little goats were grazing on the side of a stony hill. Their names were Siksik, Mikmik, and Jureybon, the Little Mangy One. Soon a hyena scented them and loped up. “Siksik!” called the hyena. “Yes sir!” answered the goat. “What are those points sticking out of your head?” “Those are my little horns, sir,” said the goat. “What is that patch on your back?” continued the hyena. “That is my hair, sir,” replied the goat. “Why are you shivering?” roared the hyena. “Because I am afraid of you, sir,” said the goat. At this the hyena sprang and gobbled him right up. Next the hyena turned to Mikmik, who answered like his brother, and he too was quickly devoured. Then the hyena approached Jureybon, the Little Mangy One. Before the hyena came within earshot, Jureybon began to snort. As the hyena grew nearer, Jureybon bellowed, “May a plague lay low on your back, O cursed one! What have you come for?” “I wish to know what the two points on your head are,” said the hyena.

“Those? Why those are my trusty sabers!” said the goat. “And that patch on your back, what is that?” said the hyena. “My sturdy shield, of course!” sneered the goat. “Then why are you shivering?” asked the hyena. “Shivering? I’m trembling with rage! I’m shaking with impatience, for I cannot wait to throttle you and squeeze your very soul till it starts out of your eye sockets!” snarled the goat, and began to advance on the hyena.

The hyena’s heart stopped beating for an instant; then he turned and ran for his life. But Jureybon sprang after him over the rocks and gored him with his sharp little horns, slitting open his belly and freeing his two little brothers inside.

➤ Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What is the conflict in this story? Identify its type. **(2 points)**

2. List two character traits that describe Jureybon. Use evidence from the text to support your answer. **(4 points)**

3. What is the theme of the story? Support your answer with details from the text. **(3 points)**

4. What is the author's purpose of the text? Support your answer with details from the text. **(3 points)**

5. Identify the author's point of view. Use evidence from the text. **(2 points)**

➤ Choose the best answer. (2 points each)

6. Unlike Siksik and Mikmik, Jureybon responds to the hyena by

- a. Running away
- b. Refusing to talk to him
- c. Attacking him
- d. Answering all of his questions

7. The words Jurebon uses to describe his horns and the patch on his back suggest images of

- a. Strength
- b. Anger
- c. Hunger
- d. Fear

8. The first paragraph contains a context clue you can use to figure out the meaning of devoured. Which group of words helps you understand devoured?

- a. “gobbled him right up”
- b. “the hyena sprang”
- c. “I am afraid of you”
- d. “turned to Mikmik”