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Analyzing: Read each section of the text and answer the following questions after reading and/or listening to the whole section. In order to truly analyze the text, you must read the text several times.

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Kino lived on a farm. The farm lay on the side of a mountain in Japan. The fields were terraced by walls of stone, each one of them like a broad step up the mountain. Centuries ago Kino's ancestors had built the stone walls that held up the fields.

Above all the fields stood the farmhouse that was Kino's home. Sometimes he felt the climb was a hard one, especially when he had been working in the lowest field and he wanted his supper. But after he had eaten at night and in the morning, he was glad that he lived so high up because he could look down on the broad blue ocean at the foot of the mountain.

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1. Tone is the feeling the attitude the narrator has based on the words they used. What words in that paragraph create a feeling? Select all that apply.

☐	Felt	☐	Broad
☐	Farmhouse	☐	Home
☐	Lowest	☐	Side
☐	Stone	☐	Centuries
☐	Especially	☐	Because

2. What perspective does the narrator give?
- A fisherman's son
 - A farmer's son
 - A school teacher's son
 - A priest
3. How does that feeling grow as the narrator continues?
- The narrator starts by talking about a hard climb but ends with his enjoyment of the beautiful view.
 - The narrator describes the rocks his ancestors moved.
 - The narrator wishes he had an easier path to his house.
 - The narrator starts by talking about his ancestors and ends with wishing he lived by the shore.
4. What is a common need of a farm?
- A house

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- b. A car
 - c. Land
 - d. Mountains
5. What is a common aspect of a mountain?
- a. Sharp peaks
 - b. Rolling hills
 - c. Grasslands
 - d. Beaches
6. Given the answers for number 4 and 5, why were the stone walls built?
- a. To stop water from coming down the mountain
 - b. To help make farmland up the mountain
 - c. To help the father climb up the mountain
 - d. To help the house stay up on the mountain
7. What is the setting of the story?
- a. China
 - b. Japan
 - c. Korea
 - d. Taiwan
8. How might the setting of the story effect the story?

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