Grade 6.

Module 4. Drama and Comedy. Oliver Twist. Life in the workhouse

Life in the workhouse was very hard and the boys were always hungry. The food was always the same every day - a bowl of soup, which consisted mainly of water, and on Sundays a small piece of bread. The master of the workhouse served soup from a large pot and gave each boy one plate. The boys were so hungry that one day they decided that someone should ask for more. They thought that if one boy got more soup, they would all get more. They chose Oliver. The host served the soup, as usual, and the boys ate it quickly. They licked their fingers and then looked at Oliver and the big pot of soup. "Then come on! Come on!" - they whispered quietly and pushed Oliver with their elbows. Oliver was frightened, but stood up, picked up his empty bowl, and slowly walked toward the master. There was complete silence. All the boys were waiting, hopefully. Oliver held out his bowl.

'Please, sir. I want more ." The Master couldn't believe his ears. He looked at Oliver's pale, thin face and the empty bowl. "What???" "Please, sir, I'm hungry. I'm not full. I want more," Oliver said again. "Mr. Bumble!" shouted the owner, angrily, and hit Oliver on the head with his big soup spoon. All the boys waited to see what would happen. Mr. Bumble appeared at the door. "What happened, master? Have the boys eaten?" "Oliver Twist wants more soup!" Mr. Bumble's face turned red and he looked very angry. " What? That's impossible! Nobody ever asked for more Oliver Twist, you bad ungrateful boy."

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	Match the following statements True or False		T
1	The boys had difficult life at the workhouse.		
2	The children were very happy and eat a lot.		**or**
3	Mr Bumble hit Oliver with a spoon.		
4	Mr Bumble called Oliver an ungrateful boy.		**F**

	Answer the questions	Answer
1	Who wrote the book Oliver Twist?	
2	Who are the main characters?	
3	What did the boys eat every day?	
4	Why did they decide someone must ask for more soup?	