

Chapter 14: The Grateful Crane

Fill in the blanks

1. The old man found the snow crane trapped in a _____ in the snowy field.
2. The crane's wings were described as _____ and _____, with a distinctive red beak.
3. When the old man freed the crane, it circled above him and cried "_____ " before flying away.
4. The young girl appeared at the couple's door during a _____, pleading for shelter from the cold.
5. To repay the couple, the girl wove magical cloth using _____ from her own body.
6. The girl made the old couple promise not to _____ while she worked in the storeroom.
7. The old man sold the silk cloth in town, singing that it was fit for a _____ and a _____.
8. The old woman broke the promise by peeking through a _____ in the storeroom window.
9. When the crane-girl left, she promised to visit once a year by _____ over their cottage.
10. The story's moral emphasizes the consequences of broken _____ and the value of _____.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why did the crane transform into a human girl instead of repaying the old man in her animal form?
 - a) To test if humans would recognize her true identity
 - b) Because only humans can weave silk cloth
 - c) To provide companionship to the lonely couple
 - d) To teach the couple that kindness crosses species boundaries
2. What does the loom symbolize in the story?
 - a) The pain of sacrifice hidden behind beauty
 - b) The cycle of life and death
 - c) The connection between nature and human industry
 - d) The old couple's poverty
3. How does the old woman's curiosity differ from the old man's obedience?
 - a) She represents human weakness; he represents wisdom
 - b) She seeks truth, while he values trust
 - c) Her curiosity is selfish; his obedience is fearful
 - d) Both are equally flawed
4. Why did the crane forbid the couple from watching her weave?
 - a) The magic required secrecy
 - b) To test their self-control
 - c) To protect them from guilt over her sacrifice
 - d) The process was too violent to witness
5. What literary device is used when the crane's wings "shone like snow crystals"?

- a) Metaphor
- b) Personification
- c) Simile
- d) Hyperbole

6. How does the story's snowy setting contribute to its themes?

- a) It mirrors the coldness of human ingratitude
- b) It contrasts the warmth of the crane's kindness
- c) It symbolizes life's hardships
- d) It foreshadows the crane's disappearance

7. What does the crane's final promise ("I'll fly over your cottage yearly") suggest?

- a) She regrets helping humans
- b) Her gratitude is eternal but distant
- c) The couple will see her true form again
- d) She punishes them with fleeting visits

8. Why did the old man sing about the silk being "fit for a queen"?

- a) To attract wealthy buyers
- b) To honor the crane's royal nature
- c) To exaggerate the cloth's value
- d) To mock human vanity

9. Which theme is MOST emphasized by the crane's departure?

- a) Nature is superior to human industry
- b) Sacrifice should be secret
- c) Loneliness is inevitable

- d) Trust once broken cannot be repaired

10. How might the story differ if the couple had kept their promise?

- a) The crane would have stayed forever
- b) The magic would have continued indefinitely
- c) The couple would never have known her truth
- d) All of the above