

## The Secret Keepers

► Read “The Secret Keepers” and answer each question. Select one answer ONLY.

1 The first three paragraphs of the passage suggest that one of the author’s main purposes is to...

- (A) describe Reuben’s appearance.
- (B) provide information about Reuben’s habits, show
- (C) that Reuben is brave.
- (D) build excitement about what will happen to Reuben.

2 How is Reuben’s discovery of his jack-in-the-box important to the plot of the passage?

- (A) It makes him worry that The Smoke may be acting through his toys as well as his watch. It reminds him that
- (B) Mrs. Genevieve probably knows the secret to making the watch work. It makes him realize that activating
- (C) the watch may not be a wise idea.
- (D) It suggests a possible solution to the problem he is having.

3 How do Reuben’s feelings about Mrs. Genevieve develop over the passage?

- (A) Reuben begins to suspect she is working with The Smoke. Reuben
- (B) comes to realize that she is right about the watch. Reuben learns to trust
- (C) her more than he trusts his mother. Reuben begins to find her ideas
- (D) hard to believe.

4 The passage says that Reuben’s excuse for not watching a movie with his mom was plausible.

This means that the excuse was

- (A) upsetting.
- (B) amusing.
- (C) believable.
- (D) original.

5 Which statement provides the best summary of the passage?

- (A) A boy is able to grow closer to his mother after she helps him through a frightening time.
- (B) A boy is unable to discover the secret of the magical objects in his room.
- (C) A boy discovers through an experiment that a mysterious watch has the power to make him invisible.
- (D) A boy learns to control the magical powers he has been given.