Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

Chapters Chapters 1-2

1. Directions: Match each vocabulary word with its definition. Type the letter in front of each definition in the box next to the correct vocabulary word.

Separate Measly Advantages Vanish Resist	a. to oppose something; to fight something off b. things or events that are useful to someone c. something that is set apart d. of little or no importance e. to disappear

2. What is a summary?

___ a. a written or spoken retelling of the key events of a story in order

___ b. the reason a character behaves or reacts in a certain way

___ c. the words characters speak that show what they are like

___ d. a point in the story where readers are unsure what will happen next

3. How does a reader make an inference?

__a. by using clues in the text and one's own experience to figure out what is not directly stated

___b. by sequencing details or events from the text in the order in which they appear or happen

___c. by using a dictionary to determine the meaning of unknown words and phrases in a text

___d. by skimming the text for key words and details to gain an understanding of its meaning

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4. Where did Peter get Dribble the turtle?

___ a. At the local pet store.
___ b. He found him outside.
___ c. At Jimmy's birthday party.
___d. He won him in a school contest.

5. Why doesn't Peter like sharing his room with Fudge?

___a. Fudge snores.
___b. Fudge steals his blankets.
___c. Fudge makes a slurping noise when he sleeps.
___d. Fudge puts all his stuffed toys in Peter's bed.

6. What new words did you learn in Chapters 1 – 2?

7. Based on what you have read so far, what is your opinion on Fudge?

Read the summary of what happens in "Cinderella" after the clock strikes midnight at the ball:

As Cinderella rushes to leave the ball, one of her glass slippers falls off, and she leaves it behind. The prince has fallen in love with the slipper's owner and wants to marry her. The next day, a guest, sent by the prince, arrives at Cinderella's door looking for the person whose foot fits the shoe. Cinderella shows the guest that she owns the matching slipper.

8. Which **key** detail should be added to the end to **accurately** complete the summary?

_____ a .The guest asks Cinderella to prove that the slipper is hers.
_____ b. The stepsisters fight to try on the slipper before Cinderella does.
_____ c. Cinderella tells the guest about her stepmother's cruelty.
_____d. The guest takes Cinderella to the prince and they soon marry.

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9. Select the context that **best** helps the reader understand the meaning of the phrase, *would curdle milk if they looked at it twice.*

Once she was eating well and proper, the girl bloomed into a right rare beauty. The stepmother couldn't fathom it. And meanwhile her own sour-faced daughters would curdle milk if they looked at it twice.

___a. *rare*

___b. *fathom*

___c. *sour-faced*

10. In Chapter 2, Mr. Yarby says he is a "firm believer in good old-fashioned manners". What do you think "firm believer" means?

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