

My Great-Grandmother's Gourd

1. Why did villagers want a child to be the first to use the pump?
2. What did the villagers do before the pump to get water?
3. What water source is fatima accessing?
4. Is Grandmother excited to use the pump? Why?
5. What can you tell is happening in the picture on page 348 ?
6. In what way is the baobab tree like the gourd?
7. " Fatima doesn't agree with her grandmother but still wants to spend time with her."use evidence from the text to support this statement.
8. Why did Fatima and her grandmother dig a deep circle around the tree?

9. What sound image does the author use to describe the work of the pump? Why?
10. What happens to make Omar and Musa bring out tools?
11. What is the climate of the village?
12. How has the function of the villagers changed?
13. How does climate affect the story?