

The Wild Duck's Nest Michael McLaverty

A. True/False. Write T for a true statement. Write F for a false statement.

1. Colm spies a wild duck circling a lake. _____
2. He throws a rock at the duck. _____
3. Colm finds the duck's nest on an islet. _____
4. He puts the duck's egg in his pocket. _____
5. At the end of the story, he discovers that the duck has forsaken the nest. _____

II. Answer the followings questions:

1. Identify the major character in the story and write one sentence describing that character.
2. What is the setting of this story?
3. What is the central conflict or problem facing the main character?
4. How is the conflict or problem resolved at the end of the story?

III. Multiple choice. *Click on the correct answer*

1. Which one of the following statements about this story is true?
 - a. The story has several main characters.
 - b. The setting is an island off the coast of Ireland.
 - c. The time covered is several weeks.
 - d. The boy wants to tame the wild duck.
2. Which one of the following statements about Colm is false?
 - a. He is a country boy who walks barefoot to school.
 - b. He does not feel guilty for his actions.
 - c. He loves the outdoors.
 - d. He is a happy boy who dislikes cruelty.
3. Why had Colm gone down to the tiny lake the first time?
 - a. To bring home the cow
 - b. To search for duck eggs
 - c. To look for wild birds
 - d. To explore the area
4. To judge from the story, Colm most enjoys
 - a. working on the farm
 - b. being with Paddy
 - c. being outdoors
 - d. being in school
5. Why does Colm refuse to tell Paddy the location of the duck's nest?
 - a. He is angry with Paddy.
 - b. Paddy might rob it.
 - c. Paddy wouldn't believe him.
 - d. Colm is too selfish to share.
6. Colm is upset for all of the following reasons *except* one. Which one?
 - a. He lifted the egg.
 - b. Paddy taunted him.
 - c. The nest is neglected.
 - d. He has told a lie.
7. Why does the duck fly away from her nest the second time?
 - a. She is abandoning her nest forever.
 - b. Colm drives her away in order to look at the eggs.
 - c. She is frightened by something Colm did.
 - d. She senses that Colm has touched one of the eggs.
8. What will Colm most probably do about the two eggs?
 - a. Give them to Paddy
 - b. Take them to school
 - c. Take them home with him
 - d. Return to see if they will hatch