

Literacy Homework



The Waterfall



- My family went backpacking in July. We set up camp by a pool of water with rocks and boulders around it. My brother and I went swimming. (2)
(16)
(29)
- We hiked along a creek. We heard a roaring sound. It was a huge waterfall. I wanted to climb it, but Dad said no. (43)
(53)
- That night, I couldn't stop thinking about the waterfall. When I went to sleep, I heard a growl. I was a little scared. (65)
(76)
- The next morning we found the tracks of a mountain lion. It made me feel excited, like when I had seen the waterfall. This time, Dad said we could climb the waterfall. (90)
(105)
(108)
- We hiked to the waterfall again. I scouted a safe path to climb. My brother and I stepped on ledges and put our fingers in cracks. We pulled ourselves up and up until...we reached the top! I was so happy that I did a little dance. (122)
(136)
(154)
(155)
- I found a piece of driftwood on our hike. It looked like a person dancing. I took it home with me. It will always remind me of the waterfall. (169)
(179)

Fluency & Comprehension - Please answer each question in complete sentences.

- 1) Complete five 1 minute reads, and record your words per minute score.

Read #1: _____ Read #2: _____ Read #3: _____ Read #4: _____ Read #5: _____

- 2) What was the roaring sound the boy heard on the hike?

- 3) What did the boy see that made him feel excited?

- 4) What does the word "scouted" mean?

- 5) What did the boy do when he reached the top of the waterfall?

Comprehension Common Questions

Name _____

1) What **genre** is this passage?

Fiction or
Non-Fiction?

Traditional Literature Realistic Fiction Science Fiction Historical Fiction Informational Biography Poetry Mystery Fantasy Folktale

2) What **point of view** is this passage?

First Person

Second Person

Third Person

(The author says "I" a lot)

(The author says "you" a lot)

(The author says "he, she or they" a lot)

3) What was the **author's purpose** for writing this passage?

Inform (Facts)

Persuade (To change your mind)

Entertain (Fun)

Explain (How to...)

4) What is the **setting** of this passage? Where does it take place?

5) Write a *complete sentence* stating the **main idea** or topic of this passage.

6) If possible, list a **main character**. List *one word* that could describe that character.

Character:

Adjectives:

7) If possible, list one **contraction** (ex: I am = I'm) and one **compound** word (ex: back + pack = backpack).

Contraction:

Compound:

8) If possible, list one **two-syllable** word, and one **three-syllable** word.

Two-syllable:

Three-syllable:

9) What **event** happened first in this passage?

10) What **event** happened last in this passage?
