

Literacy Homework



The Ice Girl



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Trolls were raiding the valley. They swooped down from ice mountain caves, looking for workers and burning houses and barns. Those unlucky enough to be caught never saw daylight again. The people in the valley called a meeting to deal with the problem.

Greta sat and knitted. Ever since Father had fallen, Brother was doing all the family chores. Even at this late hour, he had gone to town while Father slept. Greta helped as best she could. In her spare time, she knitted and knitted. Perhaps her work would help to keep them from selling a cow.

Suddenly, Greta heard a noise outside. Trolls! She slipped out a side door and stood waiting. Sure enough, four ugly trolls peered around the barn. Greta stood still. Slowly the trolls crept closer and closer, but Greta never moved. Finally she felt the steam from their mouths. Then she gathered all her strength and yelled, "Boo!" as loud as she could. The trolls jumped. Then they ran off, as fast as their feet could move. From that day on, no troll ever came back to the valley again.

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) Where did the trolls come from?

- 3) What did Greta like to do in her spare time?

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

- 5) How did Greta scare off the trolls?

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?
