Quick Check

Odysseus and the Bag of Winds

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Read this sentence: *Odysseus refused to **relinquish** the helm of the ship to anyone else.* What does **relinquish** mean?

Ⓐ to give something up or turn it over to another person

Ⓑ to hide it under a chair

Ⓒ to keep it for yourself

Ⓓ to put something in a special place

2. What did Odysseus do that proves he did not completely trust his crew?

Ⓐ He hid the bag of winds.

Ⓑ He didn't take advice from his men.

Ⓒ He didn't let his men meet his friend Aeolus.

Ⓓ He didn't believe them when they said they saw Ithaca.

3. Why did Odysseus finally give the helm to someone else?

Ⓐ He believed everyone should have a turn to steer.

Ⓑ He didn't want his men to spend their time sleeping and dreaming.

Ⓒ He believed the other person could sail safely the rest of the way home.

Ⓓ He wanted to protect the bag of winds from being opened by the other men.

4. Read this sentence: *He always took the lion's share.* What does this statement mean?

Ⓐ He acted bravely.

Ⓑ He took most of it.

Ⓒ He stole from a lion.

Ⓓ He gave a great deal away.

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5. How did Odysseus feel when he realized he wouldn't be going home?

Ⓐ excited and happy

Ⓑ fearless and brave

Ⓒ calm and hopeful

Ⓓ heartbroken and helpless

6. Which of the following could not really happen?

Ⓐ The winds howled.

Ⓑ Men hugged each other.

Ⓒ The men talked and became angry.

Ⓓ The god of the winds put the winds in a magical bag.

7. What event happened after Odysseus's men opened the bag?

Ⓐ Odysseus pleaded with Aeolus for help.

Ⓑ Aeolus gave Odysseus a gift.

Ⓒ Odysseus fell asleep.

Ⓓ Odysseus placed the bag under his seat.

8. If Odysseus had let the other men steer the boat, do you think they would have made it home?

Ⓐ No, because only Odysseus knows how to get home.

Ⓑ No, because the other men did not want to go home.

Ⓒ Yes, because the men would not have been so angry and jealous and probably would not have opened the bag.

Ⓓ Both A and B

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9. What is the best summary statement for the chapter titled "Jealousy and Greed"?

Ⓐ Odysseus prayed to the gods of the sea and sky to end the storm so he and his men could return safely home.

Ⓑ While Odysseus slept, his crew opened the secret bag containing the winds, which then escaped and blew the ship off course.

Ⓒ Odysseus finally gave up the helm and slept peacefully while his crew released a few winds from the bag, which blew them peacefully home.

Ⓓ Aeolus refused to assist Odysseus in his attempts to return home because he felt that the gods must have been against him.

10. Why do people still read myths that were written thousands of years ago?

Ⓐ People want to understand what life was like long ago.

Ⓑ The stories are exciting and the characters are interesting.

Ⓒ People want to compare the beliefs of people who lived then to people's beliefs today.

Ⓓ All of the above

11. Extended Response: What happened in this story that proves that Odysseus was correct in his judgment about not trusting his men?

12. Extended Response: Explain what you think Odysseus could have done to prevent his men from releasing the winds.

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Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. (A) *Vocabulary*
2. (A) *Analyze Character*
3. (C) *Cause and Effect*
4. (B) *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. (D) *Analyze Character*
6. (D) *Reality or Fantasy*
7. (A) *Sequence Events*
8. (C) *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
9. (B) *Main Idea and Details*
10. (D) *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Answers should include the following idea: *as soon as Odysseus was asleep, his men secretly took the bag of winds out and set them free, which prevented them from returning to Ithaca.*
12. Answers will vary. Example: *He could have explained to his men what was in the bag and what the result of opening it would be, or he could have stayed awake until they were docked in Ithaca.*

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