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Informational Reading Assessment

Directions: Read the article about Harriet Tubman in your Social Studies book on pages 97-99 and then answer the following questions.

RI.4.1

Read the sentence from “Harriet Tubman: Guide to Freedom.”

“On my Underground Railroad I [never] run my train
off track [and] I never [lose] a passenger.”

What **two things** did Harriet mean when she made this statement?

- A) Her train has never been in an accident.
- B) She never let anyone change their mind and turn back.
- C) Her train is always filled with passengers.
- D) She always follows the same pathway of tunnels underground.
- E) All of the people she helped made it to safety.

RI.4.7

Study the comic strip at the top of pages 98 and 99. How do the pictures and captions help the reader understand the text?

- A) They include quotes from Harriet Tubman so the reader can know her thoughts.
- B) They are all new ideas that are not mentioned in the article.
- C) They help the reader visualize some of the information that is mentioned in the article.
- D) They are not related to the text and do not help the reader understand the text.

Directions: Use information from both articles about Harriet Tubman and answer the questions. (One article is the *Scholastic News* article and the other is in your Social Studies book on pages 97-99.)

RI.4.9

Both articles have similar information about Harriet Tubman. Which statement is NOT true?

- A) Both articles state that Harriet Tubman believed slavery was wrong.
- B) Both articles give details about how Harriet Tubman escaped slavery.
- C) Both articles tell how Harriet Tubman risked her life to help others escape slavery.
- D) Both articles mention that Harriet Tubman worked in hotels in Cape May, New Jersey.

RI.4.8, RI.4.9

The authors of both articles make it clear that Harriet Tubman was a courageous woman who risked her life to help others. What evidence from the articles supports this claim?

- A) "She was always in danger on these journeys." (*SS Book*)
- B) "She knew it was dangerous, but she believed that everyone should be free." (*Scholastic News*)
- C) "She helped about 70 people make it to freedom." (*Scholastic News*)
- D) All of the above

Directions

Read both accounts of the same event. Then answer the questions that follow.

Firsthand Account

With a single swift bound I sprang out in front of Peter. I stamped my sharp hoofs, lowered my head until the sharp points of my antlers, which people call horns, pointed straight at Peter, lifted the hair along the back of my neck, and made a motion as if to plunge at him.

"Oh!" cried Peter in a faint, frightened-sounding voice and leaped to one side.

I chuckled, satisfied. "Did you say I couldn't frighten any one?" I demanded.

Secondhand Account

With a single swift bound Lightfoot sprang out in front of Peter. He stamped his sharp hoofs, lowered his handsome head until the sharp points of his antlers, which people call horns, pointed straight at Peter, lifted the hair along the back of his neck, and made a motion as if to plunge at him. His eyes, which Peter had always thought so soft and gentle, seemed to flash fire.

"Oh!" cried Peter in a faint, frightened-sounding voice and leaped to one side before it entered his foolish little head that Lightfoot was just pretending.

Lightfoot chuckled. "Did you say I couldn't frighten any one?" he demanded.

RI.4.1, RI.4.6

Which account describes events from the deer's point of view?

- A) firsthand account
- B) secondhand account
- C) both
- D) neither

RI.4.1, RI.4.6

Which account shows that Peter was frightened by the deer?

- A) firsthand account
- B) secondhand account
- C) both
- D) neither

Directions

Read both accounts of the same event. Then answer the questions that follow.

Meteorologist



Hurricane Ziggy blew into Martin, FL with winds of 120 MPH. The outer bands reached land at 3:00 PM, and the town was hit with rain and strong winds for three hours. At this time there have been no reported injuries, but there are several reports of damage caused by fallen trees and debris. Count on channel 8 to keep you updated on all the current weather.

Martin, FL Resident



I was sitting in my house, when all of a sudden the wind started blowing harder and harder. I knew there was a hurricane heading my way, but I didn't know it was supposed to be here so fast. I sat in the hallway with a flashlight and blankets all afternoon, and I was pretty nervous. I had a few shingles fly off the roof of my house, and one tree fell down in my yard.

RI.4.1, RI.4.6

Which account describes events from the perspective of someone who experienced the hurricane?

- A) Meteorologist
- B) Martin, FL Resident
- C) both
- D) neither

RI.4.1, RI.4.6

Which account mentions the damaging effects of the hurricane?

- A) Meteorologist
- B) Martin, FL Resident
- C) both
- D) neither