

Grade 4

Unit 7

Assessment Guide: Unit Assessment

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Reading and Language

Reading

Answer fill-in-the-blank questions in complete sentences and use evidence from the text to back up your answer.

1. How are the boys punished when Bobby Gene and Caleb trade their sister for Cory's fireworks?

2. What is the Great Escalator Trade? Summarize it in your own words.

3. What item do the boys want to have at the end of their Great Escalator Trade?

- a. a bag full of fireworks
- b. the Grasshopper, a moped
- c. a lawn mower
- d. bus tickets to Indianapolis

4. Who is Pixie?
- a. Bobby Gene and Caleb's sister
 - b. Cory's sister
 - c. Styx's sister
 - d. Styx's cousin
5. How do Styx's experiences differ from Bobby Gene and Caleb's, and how do they impact his perspective?

6. In chapter 30, Caleb says it "didn't feel wrong" to keep a secret from his parents. How does that quotation show how he has changed since the beginning of the novel?

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7. How do the brothers and Styx get the motor for the lawnmower?
- a. They steal it.
 - b. They trade for it.
 - c. Someone gifts it to them.
 - d. They find it in the woods.
8. How would you describe the relationship between Caleb and Bobby Gene?
- _____
- _____
- _____
9. How do the boys finally obtain the Grasshopper?
- a. They steal it.
 - b. They trade for it.
 - c. Someone gifts it to them.
 - d. They find it in the woods.
10. Why is it meaningful that Caleb's dad gives him tickets to the Children's Museum in Indianapolis?
- _____
- _____
- _____

Language

11. What does Caleb's dad mean when he tells Caleb he's "extraordinary"?
- a. He is very ordinary.
 - b. He is a typical young man.
 - c. He is unusual or special in an amazing way.
 - d. He is a troublemaker when he is with his friends.
12. When a text is written using the pronouns *he*, *she*, and *they*, what point of view is it in?
- a. first person
 - b. second person
 - c. third person
 - d. fourth person
13. Which of the following is an example of foreshadowing?
- a. Styx teaching the brothers about the Great Escalator Trade
 - b. Pixie saying that fishing is cruel
 - c. Cory telling the brothers that he loves babies
 - d. Caleb getting a funny feeling in his stomach before they go to Mr. Pike's house

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14. Does the following sentence show optimism or pessimism? How do you know?

If it rains tomorrow and we cannot go to the zoo as planned, we can go bowling instead.

Optimism or pessimism:

Evidence:

15. Write a short phrase or sentence using the verb in past progressive, present progressive, and future progressive tenses. Use the pronoun or proper noun in parenthesis. An example has been provided for you.

Example: ice-skating (*I*)

- Past progressive tense: I was ice-skating.
- Present perfect tense: I am ice-skating.
- Future progressive tense: I will be ice-skating.

eating dinner (*we*)

- Past progressive tense: _____
- Present perfect tense: _____
- Future progressive tense: _____

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Writing

Respond to the following prompt, writing in complete sentences:

The novel is told in first person from Caleb's perspective, but he often talks about Bobby Gene reacting differently from him when problems arise. Write a scene from the novel in first person from Bobby Gene's perspective.

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Answer Key

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Reading

Answer fill-in-the-blank questions in complete sentences and use evidence from the text to back up your answer.

- How are the boys punished when Bobby Gene and Caleb trade their sister for Cory's fireworks?
Answers may vary, but they could include that all three boys must do chores at both families' houses
- What is the Great Escalator Trade? Summarize it in your own words.
Answers may vary, but they should include that it's starting with something small and continuing until you obtain something of much greater value.
- What item do the boys want to have at the end of their Great Escalator Trade?
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- Who is Pixie?
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- How do Styx's experiences differ from Bobby Gene and Caleb's, and how do they impact his perspective?
Answers may vary, but they could include that Styx thinks he doesn't have anyone to rely on, but Bobby Gene and Caleb have many people to rely on in their lives.
- In chapter 30, Caleb says it "didn't feel wrong" to keep a secret from his parents. How does that quotation show how he has changed since the beginning of the novel?
Answers may vary, but they could include that since meeting Styx, Caleb has become more independent, keeps more secrets, and sometimes breaks his parents' rules.

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Answers may vary, but they could include that even though the brothers sometimes disagree, they are supportive and protective of each other.
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- Why is it meaningful that Caleb's dad gives him tickets to the Children's Museum in Indianapolis?
Answers may vary, but they could include that Caleb's dad is protective and wants to keep his children safe in Sutton, but he gives Caleb the tickets because he knows the trip is important to him and is showing that he trusts Caleb more

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14. Does the following sentence show optimism or pessimism? How do you know?

If it rains tomorrow and we cannot go to the zoo as planned, we can go bowling instead.

Optimism or pessimism:

optimism

Evidence:

The speaker is thinking or feeling that things will turn out for the best.

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