

Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

Balloons Over Broadway
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Name: _____
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Directions:
Use what you know about **Balloons Over Broadway** to answer each of the following questions.

1. What is Tony Sarg famous for helping to create?

- A He started using puppets in store windows.
- B He figured out a way to feed chickens without getting out of bed.
- C He started the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City.
- D He invented Indonesian rod puppets.

2. What is the main idea readers should remember about Tony Sarg?

- A He was creative and determined, and created one of America's favorite traditions.
- B He loved puppets.
- C He was an immigrant.
- D He was happy just creating window displays.

3. What was the result of the parade getting very popular and crowded?

- A They cancelled it.
- B They made the tickets really expensive so only rich people could go.
- C They stopped doing balloons and just went back to floats and marching bands.
- D Tony Sarg figured out a way to get the balloons higher for everyone to see.

4. What did the author do to make sure the reader understands the word "articulate" when talking about balloons and puppets?

- A She included a glossary.
- B The first time she used
- C She wrote a note that
- D She drew a diagram/

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One question for each Reading
Informational OR Reading Literature
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5. If you wanted to know more about Tony Sarg and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which keywords should you use to search online? (RI.3.5)

- A Balloons
- B Creator of Thanksgiving Day Parade
- C Broadway in New York City
- D parades

6. Which would best describe the author's point of view on Tony Sarg and his accomplishments? (RI.3.6)

- A She thinks he just got lucky, and now we have a parade every year.
- B She believes the parade is a waste of time and resources.
- C She thinks that he gets all the credit when he didn't do anything.
- D She believes he was amazing and that everyone should know what he created.

7. This is non-fiction, but has illustrations. How do the illustrations support the text? (RI.3.7)

- A They are colorful and creative, just like Tony Sarg and his balloons.
- B The author had to draw because she couldn't find any photos.
- C The illustrations are Tony Sarg's drawings.
- D The illustrations create a timeline of his life, from birth until he died.

8. How are marionettes different from the high-flying balloons used in the parade? (RI.3.9)

- A Marionettes are people, but balloons are animals.
- B Marionettes and balloons are both colorful and fun to watch.
- C Marionettes are controlled from above, while balloons are controlled from below.
- D Marionettes are very old and no one makes them anymore.

9. Where could you look/go if you have more questions about Tony Sarg and the parade? (RI.3.10)

- A There is a bibliography at the end with more books/websites you can read.
- B Reread the book.
- C Look in an atlas for New York City.
- D Go to Macy's.

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Answer Key

