

# Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

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**Because of Winn-Dixie**  
CCSS Assessment

**Directions:** Use what you know about **Because of Winn-Dixie** to answer each of the following questions.

**When the narrator says Winn-Dixie has a large heart, what does she mean?**

- ☐ A Winn-Dixie's heart is different
- ☐ B Winn-Dixie is a loving dog
- ☐ C Winn-Dixie has the heart of a bear
- ☐ D Winn-Dixie is a big dog

**RL.4.1**

**Which of the following is *not* a theme of the book?**

- ☐ A War
- ☐ B Friendship
- ☐ C Acceptance
- ☐ D Loneliness

**RL.4.2**

**The author tells you a lot about Winn-Dixie. List 6 of Winn-Dixie's character traits.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

**RL.4.3**

**What does the word "melancholy" mean in the following sentence?**  
"The taste of the Litmus Lozenge made the preacher feel **melancholy**. He was thinking of his wife."

- ☐ A Joyful
- ☐ B Sad
- ☐ C Angry
- ☐ D Excited

**The following sentence is an example of which type of figurative language?**  
"I could see him pulling his old turtle head back into his stupid turtle shell."

Common Core Assessment:  
One question for each Reading  
Informational OR Reading Literature  
standard (1-9)



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**Who is telling the story? How do you know?**

Answers will vary.  
Sample answers include:  
Opal is telling the story. I know because the entire story is from her perspective.

**RL.4.6**

**Read the following then underline the words that help you to visualize the scene.**

"She took her finger out of her mouth and looked at me. Her eyes were all big and round."

**RL.4.7**

**Compare the theme of friendship in *Because of Winn-Dixie* to another story with the same theme. List two ways the texts are similar.**

**Name another story with the same theme of friendship:**

Answers will vary.

**How are the texts similar?**

1. Answers will vary.

2. Answers will vary.

**RL.4.9**

**Because of Winn-Dixie can best be described as \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ☐ A Nonfiction
- ☐ B Fantasy
- ☒ C Realistic Fiction
- ☐ D Historical Fiction

**RL.4.10**

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Answer Key

