

Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

Fireboat
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Name: _____
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Directions:

Use what you know about **Fireboat** to answer each of the following questions.

1. What is a key detail for understanding why the Harvey was a hero?

- A The Harvey was launched in 1931.
- B Friends fixed the Harvey up shiny and new.
- C People thought the Harvey could never again be used for fighting fires.
- D They mayor said everyone would work together.

2. Why was the Harvey given an award?

- A The Harvey fought a lot of fires at the piers.
- B The Harvey came out of retirement to help fight the fires in the Twin Towers.
- C The Harvey was the fastest boat on the Hudson River.
- D The Harvey had five engines.

3. What is one way New York City changed from the 1930s to 1995?

- A There were no piers in the 1930s.
- B The Twin Towers were the tallest buildings in 1995, not the Empire State Building.
- C In 1995, more fireboats were needed in the city.
- D They city needed more scrap metal in 1995.

4. What is the meaning of the word "launched" in this sentence? "The Harvey was launched."

- A Shot up into the air
- B Sunk into the river
- C Taken out of the water
- D Put into service

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One question for each Reading
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5. Why does the author repeat the word "up" when she talks about the Empire State Building being built? (RI.2.5)

- A The author wants to show that the building was very tall.
- B The author wants the story to rhyme.
- C The author wants to form a song in your head.
- D The author wants to make a joke about the building.

6. What is the author mostly telling about in this book? (RI.2.6)

- A The author is telling about the events of 9/11.
- B The author is telling the story of the Harvey's crew members.
- C The author is telling why fireboats aren't used anymore.
- D The author is telling the story of the fireboat, the John J. Harvey.

7. How were the illustrations of the events before 9/11 different from the illustrations of the events during 9/11? (RI.2.7)

- A The pictures before 9/11 are dark and the pictures after 9/11 are lighter.
- B Before 9/11, the pictures are mostly of New York City.
- C The pictures before 9/11 were simple and calm; the pictures during 9/11 were messy and confused.
- D All the pictures before 9/11 are about events in the 1930s.

8. How does the author feel about the John J. Harvey? (RI.2.8)

- A The author doesn't care about the John J. Harvey.
- B The author feels the Harvey didn't deserve an award.
- C The author is jealous of the Harvey for winning an award.
- D The author feels proud of the John J. Harvey.

9. What is the difference between fiction and nonfiction? (RI.2.9)

- A Fiction is made up, and nonfiction is true.
- B Some parts of nonfiction are made up, but all fiction is true.
- C Nonfiction always tells a story, and fiction does not.
- D There is no difference between fiction and nonfiction.

Answer Key

