

Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

One Candle
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Directions:

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

1. What about Grandma and Great-Aunt Rose's past is a key detail?

- A Grandma is younger than Great-Aunt Rose.
- B They always spend Hanukkah together.
- C They eat brisket with gravy and latkes with sour cream.
- D When they were young, they were put into a camp called Buchenwald during the war.

2. What lesson are Grandma and Great-Aunt Rose trying to pass down to their families?

- A You must light one candle on the first night of Hanukkah.
- B It is important to be strong in a bad time and remember it even in good times.
- C You can make a candle out of a potato, oil, and a string.
- D Raw potato is good to eat if there is nothing else.

3. What effect did raising their glasses to the one potato candle in the window have on the family?

- A Their minds and hearts were lifted to the stars.
- B They got cold outside.
- C It made everyone cry.
- D They got very mad about what had happened to them.

4. The girl says she, "*shrugs her shoulders* when she is not sure why Grandma wants to do the toast every year". The italicized words are an example of _____.

- A rhyming
- B repetition
- C rhythm
- D alliteration

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5. What does the narrator explain before we hear Grandma and Rose's story that helps us understand the story better? (RL.2.5)

- A She explains what happened during World War II.
- B She explains what "L'chayim" means.
- C The narrator tells us about the family Hanukkah traditions now.
- D She explains how to make a candle out of a potato.

6. What kind of voice would a fluent reader use to read *One Candle* out loud? (RL.2.6)

- A sad, but also hopeful
- B angry and rough
- C happy and excited
- D a little sad and slow

7. What can we learn about Buchenwald from the words and illustrations? (RL.2.7)

- A It was a camp where they were training to be cooks.
- B It was a nice place in America.
- C We learn how Rosa and Lilly were separated.
- D We can learn how the Jewish people were treated very badly at the camp.

8. How is the Hanukkah in Buchenwald the same as the Hanukkah the family is celebrating now? (RL.2.9)

- A They had more food in Buchenwald.
- B Grandma Lilly and Great-Aunt Rose were not in Buchenwald.
- C They had the candle, special prayers, and people they cared about.
- D Now, they do not burn candles to celebrate.

9. Based on what you've read about their traditions, what will this family do next year at Hanukkah? (RL.2.10)

- A They will all get together and enjoy a delicious meal.
- B They will say special prayers and light the first candle of the menorah.
- C They will retell the potato story, light it, and raise their glasses to it from outside.
- D All of the above answers.

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Answer Key

