

Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

The Lotus Seed
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Directions:

Use what you know about *The Lotus Seed* to answer each of the following questions.

1. Why did the emperor cry?

- A He lost his Lotus seed.
- B Bombs were falling all around him.
- C He lost his throne and was no longer Emperor.
- D He lost some gold and knew he would be in trouble.

2. This story teaches us it is important to hold onto the stories from our culture. Which sentence supports that?

- A The girl will plant the Lotus and give the seeds to her children, telling them the story of her grandmother.
- B She took a seed from a Lotus pod.
- C The family was in a boat on a stormy sea.
- D Her brother forgot where he planted the seed.

3. Why does the grandmother take care of the seed her whole life?

- A She loves Lotus flowers.
- B She thought she could sell it for a lot of money.
- C She is an excellent gardener.
- D It reminds her of her country and all that her people went through.

4. Grandmother mentions that no matter how long the seed lies dormant, it will still bloom. What does dormant mean?

- A buried in the mud
- B unplanted, a dry seed
- C in the water
- D in Vietnam

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5. How does reading about grandmother's life help us understand why she is so upset when the boy steals it and plants it? (RL.3.5)

- A It was the only thing she had from Vietnam, and she had kept it safe for so long.
- B The seed was too old, and she knew it would not grow.
- C She is upset because she wanted to plant the seed.
- D She was angry because he might have ruined her onion patch.

6. Which characters from the story share the point of view that we should remember our past and our culture? (RL.3.6)

- A Grandmother (Bà) and the narrator's little brother
- B Grandmother and her husband
- C Grandmother and the emperor
- D Grandmother (Bà) and granddaughter (the narrator)

7. Based on the illustrations, how did the family feel when they received Lotus seeds of their own? (RL.3.7)

- A confused
- B nervous
- C happy
- D bored

8. How was her new home different, after grandmother left Vietnam on the boat? (RL.3.9)

- A It was pretty much the same – mountains, gardens, and palm trees.
- B The new place was much bigger and busier, and they spoke a different language.
- C There were bombs because a war was going on.
- D They could not have a family altar anymore.

9. Which of these is not a message or theme from *The Lotus Seed*? (RL.3.10)

- A good vs. evil
- B family
- C Perseverance through hard times
- D passing on your culture

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Answer Key

