Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

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The One and Only Ivan
CCSS Assessment

Directions: Use what you know about ***The One and Only Ivan*** to answer each of the following questions.

What was the author's purpose in writing this story?

(A) To show how abused animals are in zoos.
(B) To give the reader a look into the mind, story, and voice of a gorilla.
(C) To show how gorillas can learn to draw.
(D) To help children learn how to protest about things that are important.

RL.4.1

Which best describes a theme of this story?

(A) Mack tells the story of how he adopted Ivan.
(B) Julia tells the story of her friendship with Ivan.
(C) Ivan tells about his life in captivity and shows how he feels.
(D) Bob tells about what it's like to be Ivan's friend.

RL.4.2

Identify and describe the setting (time, place, and social environment) in which the story takes place.

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

Answer Key

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What does the word <u>hungry</u> mean in this sentence?

"In my new life as a human, I was well tended. I ate lettuce leaves with Thousand Island dressing, and caramel apples, and popcorn with butter. My belly ballooned. But hunger, like food, comes in many shapes and colors. At night, lying alone in my Pooh pajamas, I felt <u>hungry</u> for the skilled touch of a grooming friend, for the cheerful grunts of a play fight, for the easy safety of my nearby troop, foraging through the shadows."

Answer: Ivan felt a deep need and desire for things other than food.

RL.4.4

What is the purpose of the "chapter" title *new beginning* on page 148?

Answers will vary. Sample answers include: After Stella died, Mack started over, training Ruby for Stella's tricks. But it wasn't really a new beginning because he did the same bad things to her that he had done to Stella.

RL.4.5

Who is telling the story?

(A) Bob
(B) Julia
(C) Mack
(D) George
● Ivan

RL.4.6

Answer Key