

Book Club Focus Assessment and Rubric

Name: _____

The One and Only Ivan
Book Club Focus Assessment

Determining Importance

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

What is a universal theme?

A theme that applies to a book about outer space.

A main idea of a story.

An idea in a story that can be easily applied to life in general.

None of the above.

Which of the following conflicts occurred in the story?

Mack disagreed with George on what should be done for Stella.

Julia disagreed with the protesters.

George didn't think Bob should sleep on Ivan's stomach.

Ivan thought Stella and Ruby should perform more tricks.

Which of the following statements would NOT express a theme of the story?

Animals live lives that have some things in common with people.

We should not support zoos.

Silverbacks are dangerous animals and we should stay away from them.

All living things are precious.

How did Ivan solve the conflict of the story?

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Focus Assessment for Point of View

Answer Key

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Summarize this passage and tell to whom it refers.
"I walk to the glass that separates us. I put my hand where Julia's is, palm to palm, finger to finger. My hand is bigger, but they are not so very different."

Answer: Ivan is saying he and Julia have a lot in common and they care about each other.

Which of Ivan's expressions below is the best statement by Ivan to summarize the theme of the story?

The last time I was in a box, my sister died.

But most of all, I miss Bob. My belly's cold without him.

I'm not ready for this. I'm not ready to be a silverback. I'm Ivan, just Ivan, only Ivan.

To a human, Mud might not sound like much. But to me, it was everything.

Best Answer: C- but each of the quotes can be defended by details, depending on the theme students select.

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Determine Theme Focus Assessment Rubric

Student: _____ Date: _____

CCSS Reading Literary Text Standard 4.2
Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

Levels	Beginning	Developing	Proficient	Secure
Correct Answers	0 – 1 Correct	2 – 3 Correct	4 – 5 Correct	6 Correct
Specific Skill: Determine theme	Is not able to or is beginning to be able show what events in the text mean.	Is able to show how ideas in the text support a theme some of the time.	Is able to show how ideas in the text support a theme most of the time.	Is able to show with detail how ideas in the text support the universal theme of the text all of the time.

If student is less than secure, he or she needs to work on the following:

- Finding the main idea
- Summarizing the plot
- Examining the main character's actions
- Tell what the story is mostly about
- Identifying the ways in which conflicts affect characters

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Rubric with Optional Common Core Alignment