

Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

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The Tale of Despereaux
CCSS Assessment

Directions: Use what you know about *The Tale of Despereaux* to answer each of the following questions.

In the coda, the author says, "reader, I would like it very much if you thought of me as a mouse telling you a story." What does she mean by this?

RL.5.1

Which of the following statements best reflects the theme of the story?

- A It never pays to be mean to people because we will lose in the long run.
- B We are better off forgiving people because that makes us a better person.
- C Stories are not worth telling if they don't end happily ever after.
- D People and rodents can never really get along.

RL.5.2

How are Botticelli and Roscuro alike and different?

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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 is the best meaning of this passage: "Pea was aware, suddenly, of how fragile her heart was, how much darkness was inside of it, fighting always, with the light"?

- A Pea is afraid of Roscuro and might have a heart attack.
- B Pea's heart is dark because she is in the dungeon.
- C Pea is trying to get out of the dungeon into the light and her heart is preventing her.
- D Pea has hatred in her heart as well as love, and the two sometimes are hard to figure out.

RL.5.4

Which best explains the difference between the chapters in this story and Book One, Two, Three and Four?

- A The books are longer than the chapters.
- B Some books are about separate characters.
- C The books show when the events happen in time.
- D All of the above.

RL.5.5

What is the narrator's perspective in the story?

- A The narrator is an outside observer.
- B The narrator is in the story.
- C The narrator is a character, telling the story about the events from the first person.
- D A and C.

RL.5.6

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