

Watercress CCSS Assessment	Name: _____ Score: / 9
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Directions:
Use what you know about **Watercress** to answer each of the following questions.

1. **What is the setting of the story in the beginning?**
 - A In a red car on the side of the road in Ohio
 - B In a house in Ohio
 - C On a summer day on a farm
 - D In a field in China
2. **Which sentence below best describes the lesson the main character learns in the story, *Watercress*?**
 - A Watercress tastes good.
 - B Being mad at your family is unhealthy.
 - C When you learn about your family's past, you can move on to create new memories.
 - D When you learn to deal with your emotions, you can be happy with your family.
3. **What caused the main character to decide to try watercress?**
 - A She learned about how her dad's family in China didn't have a place to sleep.
 - B She learned about how her mom's family in China didn't have enough to eat.
 - C Her parents told her the watercress was fresh and free.
 - D She noticed her brother trying the watercress and wanted to try it too.
4. **Which description below shows what the ditch felt like for the main character?**
 - A Untie our sneakers
 - B Long string stems with leaves round as coins
 - C The soggy bag, my sopping shirt, our sodden selves
 - D Bright, beautiful, natu

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5. **Which scene happened at the end of the story?** (RL.3.5)
 - A The main character tries the watercress and makes a new memory of the food with her family.
 - B The main character refuses to try the watercress and crosses her arms at the dinner table.
 - C The main character's parents stop their red car by the side of the road to collect watercress.
 - D The main character's mom pulls out photos of her family to show her kids.
6. **Why is watercress important to the main character's parents?** (RL.3.6)
 - A It's a food that is fresh and free, since they're trying to save money.
 - B It's a reminder of the food they ate in China with their family, even when they didn't have enough to eat.
 - C Watercress is healthy and nutritious.
 - D Watercress is a delicious vegetable eaten by their culture.
7. **Why did the illustrator decide to include pictures of the mom and dad in China when they were young?** (RL.3.7)
 - A To show how beautiful the country is
 - B To help the main character remember life long ago
 - C To show how their past life is not important anymore
 - D To show how their memories of China were carried into their current life in Ohio
8. **Which of the following big ideas from *Watercress* might NOT be found in other stories?**(RL.3.9)
 - A Learning about your family is important.
 - B Watercress is a hard vegetable to eat.
 - C Fitting in with your kids at school can be hard.
 - D Dealing with your emotions is a part of life.
9. **What genre is *Watercress*?** (RL.3.10)
 - A Fantasy
 - B Realistic Fiction
 - C Nonfiction
 - D Article

Answer Key

