GRADE 8

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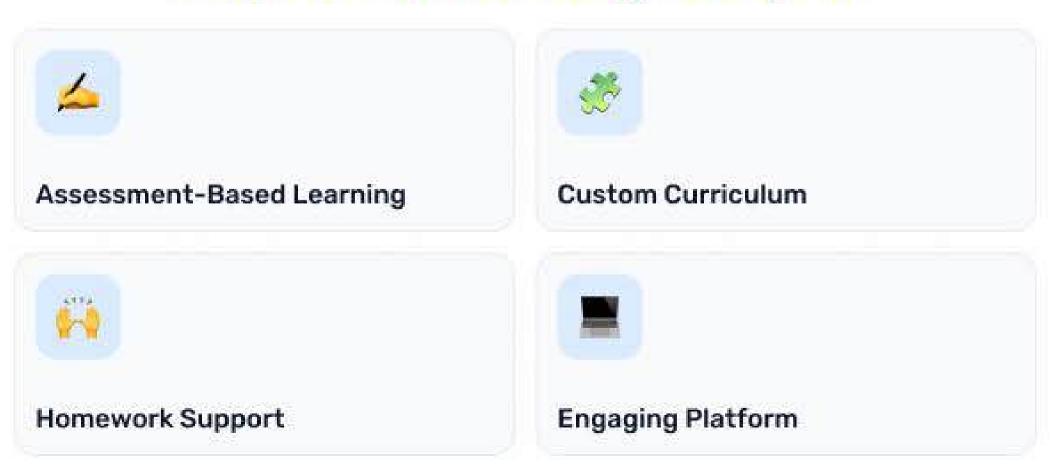
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Why Learn with Brighterly?



Topic: Understanding Theme and Character Development in Fiction

Passage Excerpt:

In the story The Necklace by Guy de Maupassant, Mathilde Loisel dreams of a life of luxury, far beyond her means. She borrows a beautiful necklace to wear at a ball, but loses it. To replace it, she and her husband borrow money and live in poverty for ten years. In the end, Mathilde finds out that the necklace was a fake, and the sacrifice she made was unnecessary.

Q1: What is the central theme of The Necklace?

- A. The value of material wealth
- **B.** The consequences of pride and dishonesty
- C. The importance of hard work
- **D.** The futility of social status

Topic: Identifying Figurative Language in Text

Passage Excerpt:

"The stars twinkled like diamonds in the dark velvet sky, each one a tiny beacon of light."

Q2: What figurative language is used in the phrase "like diamonds in the dark velvet sky"?

- A. Simile
- **B.** Metaphor
- **C.** Hyperbole
- **D.** Personification

Topic: Vocabulary in Context

Passage Excerpt:

The old mansion stood at the edge of the cliff, its crumbling stone walls and broken windows hinting at its forgotten past.

Q3: What does the word "crumbling" mean in the context of the passage?

- A. New and well-maintained
- B. Decaying or falling apart
- C. Bright and shiny
- **D.** Protected from damage

Topic: Analyzing Character Motivation

Passage Excerpt:

In To Kill a Mockingbird, Atticus Finch defends Tom Robinson, a black man falsely accused of raping a white woman. He believes in justice and fairness, and even though it's unpopular, he upholds his moral duty.

Q4: What motivates Atticus Finch to defend Tom Robinson?

- A. His desire for fame
- **B.** His belief in justice and equality
- **C.** His need for money
- **D.** His personal friendship with Tom Robinson

Topic: Analyzing the Author's Purpose

Passage Excerpt:

The author describes the protagonist's struggle against the storm, painting a vivid picture of nature's power.

Q5: What is the author's purpose in emphasizing the storm in this passage?

- A. To show the protagonist's strength
- **B.** To highlight the uncontrollable power of nature
- C. To focus on the beauty of nature
- **D.** To make the protagonist seem weak

Topic: Understanding Symbolism in Literature

Passage Excerpt:

In Lord of the Flies, the conch shell represents law, order, and civilization, while the breaking of the conch symbolizes the loss of societal structure and the descent into chaos.

Q6: What does the conch shell symbolize in Lord of the Flies?

- A. Power and control
- B. Law, order, and civilization
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- **D.** Fear and destruction

Topic: Analyzing Point of View

Passage Excerpt:

The story is told through the eyes of a character who only knows their own thoughts and experiences, providing a limited view of the world.

Q7: Which point of view is used in the passage?

- A. First-person
- B. Third-person omniscient
- C. Third-person limited
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Topic: Understanding Irony

Passage Excerpt:

In The Gift of the Magi, Jim and Della both sacrifice something valuable to buy each other a gift, only to discover that their sacrifices make their gifts useless.

Q8: What type of irony is used in The Gift of the Magi?

- A. Verbal irony
- **B.** Situational irony
- **C.** Dramatic irony
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The mountain peak was shrouded in a dense fog that blocked all visibility, making the journey dangerous.

Q9: What does the word "shrouded" mean in the context of the passage?

- A. Exposed
- B. Covered or hidden
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Topic: Character Conflict

Passage Excerpt:

In Macbeth, Macbeth struggles with his conscience after deciding to murder King Duncan, torn between his ambition and his guilt.

Q10: What type of conflict is Macbeth experiencing in Macbeth?

- A. External conflict with Lady Macbeth
- **B.** Internal conflict with himself
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The narrator describes the city at night, with the streets empty and the only sound the distant hum of traffic, evoking a sense of quiet solitude.

Q11: What is the tone of the passage?

- A. Cheerful
- **B.** Melancholy
- C. Anxious
- **D.** Nostalgic

Topic: Understanding Mood

Passage Excerpt:

The loud thunder and flashing lightning create a mood of intense fear and tension as the storm rages on.

Q12: What mood is created in the passage?

- A. Calm and peaceful
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- **C.** Happiness and excitement
- **D.** Indifference



Right Answers

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