GRADE 8

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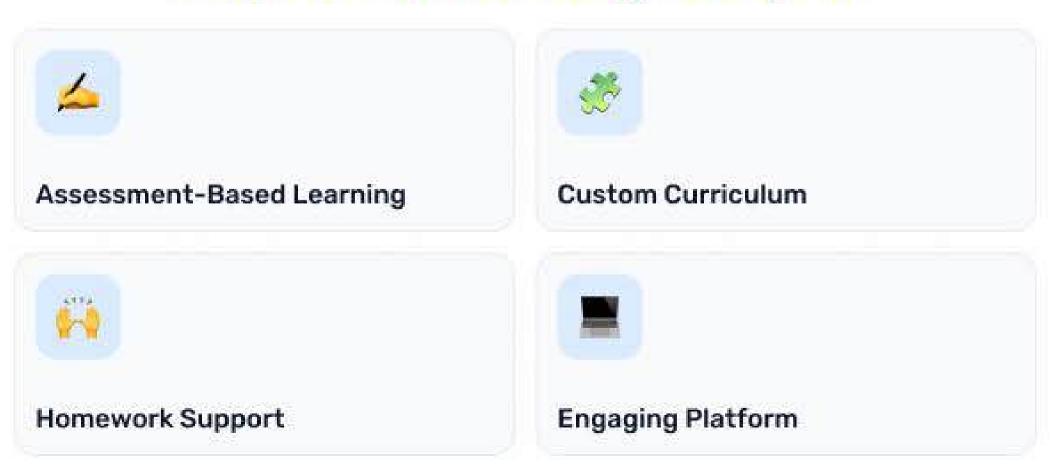
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Why Learn with Brighterly?



Topic: Understanding Theme and Character Development in Fiction

Passage Excerpt:

In The Secret Garden, Mary Lennox starts as a lonely, spoiled child, but as she spends time in the garden, she becomes kinder and more connected with others. Her transformation reflects the theme of growth, healing, and the power of nature.

01: What is the central theme of The Secret Garden?

- **A.** The importance of family
- **B.** The healing power of nature
- C. The value of material wealth
- **D.** The pursuit of personal happiness

Topic: Identifying Figurative Language in Text

Passage Excerpt:

"The snow fell in thick sheets, covering everything in a blanket of white."

Q2: What figurative language is used in the phrase "a blanket of white"?

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Topic: Vocabulary in Context

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Topic: Analyzing Character Motivation

Passage Excerpt:

In The Great Gatsby, Daisy Buchanan is torn between her love for Gatsby and her loyalty to her husband, Tom. Her motivations are influenced by her desire for wealth, status, and security.

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- **A.** Her love for Gatsby
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Topic: Analyzing the Author's Purpose

Passage Excerpt:

The author describes the protagonist's experiences in a bustling city, focusing on how the fast-paced life contrasts with the protagonist's inner calm.

- Q5: What is the author's purpose in describing the city's fast pace in contrast with the protagonist's calmness?
- A. To show the protagonist's discomfort
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Topic: Understanding Symbolism in Literature

Passage Excerpt:

In The Lord of the Rings, the One Ring symbolizes power and corruption, tempting those who seek to control it.

- **Q6:** What does the One Ring symbolize in The Lord of the Rings?
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Passage Excerpt:

The dark alley was so narrow that only a single person could pass through at a time, making it feel claustrophobic and suffocating.

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- A. Spacious and airy
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* Topic: Character Conflict

Passage Excerpt:

In The Odyssey, Odysseus faces many external challenges, including battles with monsters, while also struggling internally with his desire to return home.

Q10: What type of conflict is Odysseus experiencing in The Odyssey?

- A. External conflict with monsters
- B. Internal conflict with his own desires
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The narrator describes the final moments of the story with sadness and regret, reflecting on how things could have turned out differently.

Q11: What is the tone of the passage?

- A. Cheerful
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Right Answers

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