

Grade7**Reading Fiction****The Hidden Treasure of Maple Street**

In the small town of Harmony, there lived a group of adventurous eighth graders who called themselves "The Maple Street Explorers". Their leader, Alex, was known for his bravery and endless curiosity. Alex had a particular fascination with history, especially stories of hidden treasures and unsolved mysteries.

One day, while the group was gathered at their usual spot, an old abandoned house at the end of Maple Street, Alex shared a story he had recently discovered. It was about a hidden treasure believed to be buried somewhere in their town, over a hundred years ago by a notorious pirate named Captain Blackbeard. The treasure was said to be worth millions, and many had tried and failed to find it. The only clue left behind was a cryptic poem believed to point to its location.

Intrigued by the story, The Maple Street Explorers decided to take on the challenge of finding the hidden treasure. They spent days researching, decoding the poem, and following leads, their determination unwavering. They faced numerous challenges along the way, from deciphering the old language of the poem to navigating through the dense woods on the outskirts of town.

Despite the odds, the group's spirit and teamwork never faltered. They learned to rely on each other's strengths, realizing that each member brought something unique to the table. Sarah, with her keen eye for detail, noticed patterns in the poem that others missed. Michael, with his love for maps, was able to make sense of the geographical clues.

As days turned into weeks, the explorers finally found themselves standing before an old, decrepit barn, hidden deep within the woods. The final clue had led them here, and the air

was filled with excitement and anticipation. With bated breath, they began to dig, and after hours of relentless effort, they struck something hard.

Unearthed from the depths of the earth was an old, rusted chest. The Maple Street Explorers had found Captain Blackbeard's hidden treasure. Inside, they found gold coins, precious gems, and artifacts from long ago. Their journey had come to a triumphant end, and they had made history.

Questions:

1.What is the name of the group in the story?

- A. The Harmony Adventurers
- B. The Hidden Treasures
- C. The Maple Street Explorers
- D. The Treasure Hunters

2.Who is the leader of The Maple Street Explorers?

- A. Sarah
- B. Michael
- C. Alex
- D. Captain Blackbeard Correct

3. What did the group decide to search for?

- A. A lost city
- B. A hidden treasure
- C. A missing person
- D. A secret passage

4. Who was believed to have hidden the treasure?

- A. A local hero
- B. A notorious pirate
- C. An ancient civilization
- D. A mysterious stranger

5. What was the only clue left behind to find the treasure?

- A. A map
- B. A poem
- C. A letter
- D. A diary Correct

6. What did Sarah contribute to the group's efforts?

- A. Her strength
- B. Her knowledge of history
- C. Her keen eye for detail
- D. Her love for maps

7. What was Michael's contribution to the group?

- A. His strength
- B. His knowledge of history
- C. His keen eye for detail
- D. His love for maps

8. Where did the final clue lead The Maple Street Explorers?

- A. To an old house
- B. To a dense forest
- C. To an old, decrepit barn
- D. To a hidden cave

9. What did The Maple Street Explorers find inside the chest?

- A. Old books
- B. Gold coins and precious gems
- C. Ancient artifacts
- D. Both B and C

10. What lesson did The Maple Street Explorers learn from their adventure?

- A. The importance of bravery
- B. The importance of teamwork and relying on each other's strengths
- C. The importance of history
- D. The importance of solving mysteries

1. Correct Answer: C. The Maple Street Explorers Explanation: The passage mentions that the group of eighth graders is called "The Maple Street Explorers."
2. Answer: C. Alex Explanation: Alex is mentioned as the leader of "The Maple Street Explorers" in the passage.
3. Correct Answer: B. A hidden treasure Explanation: The passage discusses the group's decision to search for a hidden treasure believed to be buried in their town.
4. Correct Answer: B. A notorious pirate Explanation: The passage mentions that the treasure was believed to be hidden by a notorious pirate named Captain Blackbeard.
5. Answer: B. A poem Explanation: The passage states that the only clue left behind was a cryptic poem believed to point to the location of the treasure.
6. Correct Answer: C. Her keen eye for detail Explanation: The passage highlights Sarah's contribution as her keen eye for detail, which helped in noticing patterns in the poem that others missed.
7. Correct Answer: D. His love for maps Explanation: The passage mentions that Michael contributed to the group's efforts with his love for maps, which helped in making sense of the geographical clues.

8. Correct Answer: C. To an old, decrepit barn Explanation: The passage describes that the final clue led the group to an old, decrepit barn, hidden deep within the woods.
9. Correct Answer: D. Both B and C Explanation: The passage mentions that inside the chest, the explorers found gold coins, precious gems, and artifacts from long ago.
10. Correct Answer: B. The importance of teamwork and relying on each other's strengths Explanation: The passage highlights how the group learned to rely on each other's strengths and work as a team throughout their adventure.