

Grade 5**Reading Autobiography****An Unexpected Adventure**

Growing up in the small town of Maplewood was an experience filled with adventure, mischief, and countless lessons learned. The town was nestled between green hills and surrounded by thick forests. The heart of Maplewood was its central park, with a playground, a duck pond, and large oak trees that had been there longer than any of its residents.

I was the middle child, sandwiched between my older brother, Sam, and my younger sister, Lila. We were a trio of trouble, always finding new corners of our town to explore. Our favorite spot was the mysterious "Whispering Woods", a part of the forest that was dense with tall trees and was believed to hide ancient secrets.

One day, on a bright summer afternoon, we decided to go on an expedition into these woods. Equipped with sandwiches, a flashlight, and our dog, Bella, we ventured in, hoping to uncover its hidden treasures. The trees were so close together that barely any sunlight penetrated through, and the deeper we went, the darker it got.

We stumbled upon a clearing with an old stone well in the middle. There were strange symbols carved into its side. Curiosity got the best of us, and we peered into the well. To our astonishment, it wasn't deep. Instead, there were steps leading downward. After a brief discussion (and a dare from Sam), we decided to see where it led.

Down we went, each step taking us into a cooler and more echoing environment. At the bottom, we found a cavern filled with glowing crystals, illuminating ancient drawings on the walls. It was breathtaking! The drawings told stories of the people who once lived in Maplewood, their traditions, and their connection with nature.

We spent hours deciphering the stories, eating our sandwiches, and marveling at our discovery. By the time we climbed back out, the sun was setting. We raced home, bursting with excitement to share our discovery.

That day not only gave us a fantastic story to tell but also made us realize the importance of curiosity, bravery, and teamwork. We had ventured into the unknown, and it had rewarded us with knowledge and a deeper appreciation for our town's history.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Where did the narrator grow up?

- a) In a big city
- b) Maplewood
- c) Whispering Woods
- d) Near a duck pond

2. Who is the oldest sibling?

- a) The narrator
- b) Lila
- c) Bella
- d) Sam

3. What did the trio decide to explore one summer afternoon?

- a) The duck pond
- b) The playground
- c) The Whispering Woods
- d) The central park

4. What did they find in the clearing of the woods?

- a) An old house
- b) A stone well
- c) A hidden treasure chest
- d) A map

5. What was special about the well?

- a) It had a treasure inside
- b) It was bottomless
- c) It had steps leading down
- d) It was filled with water

6. What illuminated the cavern they discovered?

- a) Torches
- b) Flashlights
- c) Glowing crystals
- d) Fireflies

7. What did the drawings in the cavern depict?

- a) Monsters and beasts
- b) Maps of hidden treasures
- c) Stories of the people of Maplewood
- d) Instructions for a ritual

8. By the time they returned from the cavern, it was:

- a) Noon
- b) Raining
- c) Sunrise
- d) Sunset

9. What is the name of their dog?

- a) Sam
- b) Bella
- c) Lila
- d) Maple

10. What lesson did the siblings learn from their adventure?

- a) The importance of staying home
- b) The dangers of the woods
- c) The importance of curiosity, bravery, and teamwork
- d) The secrets of Maplewood's history

1. Answer: b) Maplewood

Explanation: The first paragraph mentions that the narrator grew up in Maplewood.

2. Answer: d) Sam

Explanation: The narrator says they are the middle child between Sam and Lila.

3. Answer: c) The Whispering Woods

Explanation: The narrator mentions their decision to explore the Whispering Woods.

4. Answer: b) A stone well

Explanation: In the story, they find a stone well in the clearing.

5. Answer: c) It had steps leading down

Explanation: The narrator says there were steps inside the well leading downward.

6. Answer: c) Glowing crystals

Explanation: The cavern was lit by glowing crystals.

7. Answer: c) Stories of the people of Maplewood

Explanation: The drawings told stories of the ancient people of Maplewood.

8. Answer: d) Sunset. *Explanation: They mention that by the time they climbed out, the sun was setting.*

9. Answer: b) Bella. *Explanation: The dog's name is mentioned as Bella*

10. Answer: c) The importance of curiosity, bravery, and teamwork. *Explanation: In the end, the narrator reflects on these qualities that they learned from their journey.*