

Grade 8
Reading Fiction

The Mysterious Forest

Passage:

Once upon a time in a small, tranquil village nestled between lush, rolling hills, lived a group of adventurous teenagers. They had heard tales of an enchanted forest from their elders, stories passed down through generations. The forest, filled with towering trees and vibrant flora, was said to be home to mystical creatures and hidden treasures. However, it was also shrouded in mystery and peril, for no one who entered had ever returned.

Among the teenagers, Emily, a brave and curious girl, was most fascinated by these tales. She had an insatiable thirst for adventure and a heart full of courage. Her best friend, Jake, was more cautious, yet he couldn't resist Emily's enthusiasm and decided to join her on her quest to uncover the secrets of the forest.

The day of the expedition finally arrived. Armed with a map, some supplies, and a great deal of excitement, Emily and Jake set out on their journey. The moment they stepped into the forest, a veil of fog surrounded them, and the atmosphere changed. The air was filled with whispers, and the path ahead was unclear.

As they ventured deeper, the forest revealed its wonders. Flowers that glowed in the dark, trees that whispered secrets, and sparkling streams that seemed to dance with joy. However, the forest was also a labyrinth, and soon Emily and Jake realized they were lost.

Just when they thought all hope was lost, a mysterious figure appeared before them. It was an old man with a long beard and kind eyes. He was the guardian of the forest, a keeper of its secrets. He had been watching Emily and Jake, impressed by their bravery and determination.

The old man decided to help them, sharing tales of the forest's magic and guiding them through its maze. He told them that the forest was alive, and it tested the hearts of those who entered. Only those with pure intentions and brave hearts could uncover its secrets and find their way back.

With the old man's guidance, Emily and Jake navigated the forest's challenges, their bond growing stronger with every step. They discovered the forest's magic, its beauty, and its lessons.

As the sun began to set, they found their way back to the village, their hearts full of awe and gratitude. They had not found hidden treasures or mystical creatures, but they had discovered something more valuable—the magic within themselves and the beauty of friendship.

Questions:

1. What is the main setting of the story?

- A) A bustling city
- B) A tranquil village
- C) A mysterious forest
- D) A dark cave

2. Who are the main characters in the story?

- A) Emily and Jake
- B) The old man
- C) The villagers
- D) The mystical creatures

3. What trait best describes Emily?

- A) Fearful
- B) Cautious
- C) Curious
- D) Disinterested

4. What motivates Emily and Jake to enter the forest?

- A) To find hidden treasures
- B) To meet mystical creatures
- C) To uncover the secrets of the forest
- D) To get lost

5. What challenges do Emily and Jake face in the forest?

- A) They get lost
- B) They meet dangerous creatures
- C) They run out of supplies
- D) They have a disagreement

6. Who helps Emily and Jake in the forest?

- A) The villagers
- B) The old man
- C) The mystical creatures
- D) No one

7. What does the old man teach Emily and Jake?

- A) To be fearful
- B) About the forest's magic
- C) To avoid the forest
- D) To search for treasures

8. What is the main theme of the story?

- A) Adventure
- B) Friendship
- C) Mystery
- D) Peril

9. What do Emily and Jake discover in the forest?

- A) Hidden treasures
- B) Mystical creatures
- C) The magic within themselves
- D) A way to get rich

10. How does the story end?

- A) Emily and Jake are lost forever
- B) They find a hidden treasure
- C) They return to the village with a new understanding
- D) The old man reveals he is a mystical creature

1. Answer: C) A mysterious forest Explanation: The story primarily takes place in a mysterious forest, which is described as being filled with towering trees, vibrant flora, and being shrouded in mystery.
2. Answer: A) Emily and Jake Explanation: Emily and Jake are the teenagers who decide to embark on an adventure to uncover the secrets of the forest, making them the main characters.
3. Answer: C) Curious Explanation: Emily is described as being brave, curious, and having an insatiable thirst for adventure.
4. Answer: C) To uncover the secrets of the forest Explanation: Emily and Jake are fascinated by the tales of the enchanted forest and embark on a quest to uncover its secrets.
5. Answer: A) They get lost Explanation: The forest is described as a labyrinth, and Emily and Jake soon realize that they are lost within it.
6. Answer: B) The old man Explanation: The old man, who is the guardian of the forest and a keeper of its secrets, appears to help guide Emily and Jake through the forest.
7. Answer: B) About the forest's magic Explanation: The old man shares tales of the forest's magic and guides Emily and Jake through its challenges, teaching them about its wonders.
8. Answer: B) Friendship Explanation: Throughout their journey, Emily and Jake's bond grows stronger, and they discover the beauty of friendship, making it a central theme of the story.
9. Answer: C) The magic within themselves Explanation: While they do not find hidden treasures or mystical creatures, Emily and Jake discover the magic within themselves and the beauty of friendship.
10. Answer: C) They return to the village with a new understanding Explanation: After navigating the challenges of the forest with the old man's guidance, Emily and Jake return to their village with their hearts full of awe, gratitude, and a newfound understanding of friendship and the magic within themselves.