

## Grade 7

### Reading Poetry

#### The Legend of the Whispering Woods

In the heart of a dense, green forest, a secret thrived for eons. The Whispering Woods, it was called, a name passed down through stories told by the village elders.

When the moon was at its zenith, if one were brave enough to venture close, they might hear the whispers. The trees, tall and timeless, spoke of stories old and new. Tales of love, valor, treachery, and hope were carried on the wind.

A young girl named Lila, curious and bright-eyed, once asked her grandmother about the whispers. "Why do the trees speak, Nana?" she inquired.

Her grandmother, with wrinkles that told of wisdom and age, smiled gently and began, "The trees are ancient, Lila. Before us, they stood tall and witnessed the dance of time. They hold memories of events that have shaped the world. And at night, they share these memories."

Lila, ever curious, decided to journey into the Whispering Woods one moonlit night. With every step, the voices grew clearer. She approached an old oak, its bark etched with stories. "Oh mighty oak," she whispered, "share with me a tale from long ago."

To her surprise, the oak responded, "Ah, young traveler, you seek knowledge. Very well." And so, the oak told her of a time when magic was abundant, and creatures roamed freely, living in harmony. The next night, Lila visited again, this time speaking to the willow by the river. The willow spoke of heartbreaks and healing, of how it had witnessed lovers pledge their undying love, and healers using its branches for remedies.

Night after night, Lila returned, each time learning from a different tree. The cedar spoke of battles and bravery; the pine of winters harsh and serene. And each morning, she'd share these tales with her village.

The elders, seeing her passion, named her the 'Guardian of Stories'. Lila had discovered that by listening, one could travel through time and experience lifetimes of adventures.

And so, the legend grew. The Whispering Woods was not just a place but a testament to the power of stories, and the young girl who dared to listen.

**Multiple Choice Questions:**

1. What is the name of the forest mentioned in the passage?

- a) Dense Woods
- b) Whispering Woods
- c) Green Forest
- d) Timeless Trees

2. Who is the protagonist of the story?

- a) The grandmother
- b) The old oak
- c) Lila
- d) The village elders

3. Why did Lila visit the forest at night?

- a) To collect herbs
- b) To meet a friend
- c) To hear the trees' stories
- d) To find shelter

4. Which tree spoke of heartbreaks and healing?

- a) Cedar
- b) Pine
- c) Willow
- d) Oak

5. What did Lila do with the stories she heard?

- a) Kept them a secret
- b) Shared them with her village
- c) Wrote them in a book
- d) Ignored them

6. Which tree shared tales of battles and bravery?

- a) Cedar
- b) Pine
- c) Willow
- d) Oak

7. What title did the elders give Lila?

- a) Village Storyteller
- b) Guardian of Stories
- c) Whispering Child
- d) Tree Listener

8. What did the Whispering Woods represent?

- a) Danger
- b) Treasures
- c) The power of stories
- d) The spirit of adventure

9. When did the trees share their memories?

- a) During a sunny day
- b) On windy afternoons
- c) At night
- d) During autumn

### Answers and Explanations:

1. b. Whispering Woods

The passage refers to it as the "Whispering Woods."

2. c. Lila

The story revolves around Lila's curiosity and discovery.

3. c. To hear the trees' stories

Lila's curiosity about the trees' whispers led her to visit.

4. c. Willow

The willow by the river shared tales of heartbreaks and healing

5. b. Shared them with her village

Each morning, Lila shared the tales with her village.

6. a. Cedar

The cedar spoke of battles and bravery.

7. b. Guardian of Stories

The elders named her the 'Guardian of Stories'.

8. c. The power of stories

The Whispering Woods stood as a testament to the power of stories.

9. c. At night

The trees shared memories at night, especially when the moon was high.