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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

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| <p>1. What important event happens before Mole meets Rat?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Otter pops up and complains about not being invited. Ⓑ Mole stops cleaning his home and heads to the surface. Ⓒ Rat invites Mole to join him in his boat and they sail off together. Ⓓ Mole takes control of the boat and accidentally capsizes it. <p>2. Based on the story, which two words best describe Mole?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ cruel and unfriendly Ⓑ fussy and difficult Ⓒ trusting and friendly Ⓓ loud and foolish | <p>3. On page 15, when Rat says that the boat ride with Mole was an “impromptu affair,” he means that _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ it began on time Ⓑ it was not planned Ⓒ it was only for Mole Ⓓ it was not enjoyable <p>4. What evidence from the text indicates that this story is told in the third-person omniscient point of view?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The reader has access to only Rat’s thoughts. Ⓑ The narrator is telling the story directly, using the pronoun <i>I</i>. Ⓒ The narrator is addressing the reader, using the pronoun <i>you</i>. Ⓓ The reader has access to the thoughts of many characters. |
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| <p>5. Which of the following details from the text expresses an opinion?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Mole learns to swim and row, and joins the life of living on a river. Ⓑ Green turf slopes down to the edge of the river, where brown tree roots gleam. Ⓒ Mole sees a brown little face, with whiskers and thick, silky hair. Ⓓ The best part of a holiday is not so much to be resting yourself as to see all the other fellows busy working. <p>6. How has Mole changed by the end of the story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ He has embraced the lifestyle of a river dweller. Ⓑ He has decided he never wants to see Rat again. Ⓒ He has returned to his underground home to stay. Ⓓ He has become best friends with the Badger. | <p>7. Which animal is a main character in this story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ the rabbit Ⓑ Otter Ⓒ Badger Ⓓ Mole <p>8. What genre best describes this story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ fantasy Ⓑ biography Ⓒ realistic fiction Ⓓ historical fiction <p>9. Based on the story, readers can conclude that _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Mole is dangerous Ⓑ boats are imaginary Ⓒ Rat makes friends easily Ⓓ living along the river is boring |
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10. On page 5, the word **entranced** means _____.

- Ⓐ in a bad mood
- Ⓑ filled with wonder
- Ⓒ entered a room or building
- Ⓓ concerned about people's feelings

11. Extended Response: Write several sentences to describe the effect that the setting has on the events in this story. Then, explain why setting is an important story element.

12. Extended Response: Write a paragraph that compares Rat and Mole, and then explain how you know they are main characters in the story. Support your answer with details from the text.

1. Ⓑ Sequence Events
2. Ⓒ Analyze Character
3. Ⓑ Vocabulary
4. Ⓓ Character Point of View
5. Ⓓ Fact or Opinion
6. Ⓐ Analyze Character
7. Ⓓ Story Elements: Identify Character
8. Ⓐ Identify Genre
9. Ⓒ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
10. Ⓑ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary. Sample response:
The story is set mostly along the river where Rat lives, and important events happen on and next to the river, such as Mole meeting Rat, and Rat taking Mole for a ride in his boat. Mole's surprise and delight with river life occupies a good portion of the plot. Also, the contrast between different animal communities and where they live is an important theme. The reason setting is so important to a story is because the time and place of a situation will shape almost everything that happens to the characters in that situation.
12. Answers will vary. Sample response:
Rat and Mole live in the same general area and are part of the same large community of animals that talk and act like people. They are both polite and gentle, and seem to enjoy some of the same things. They both understand animal etiquette. Mole used to live below ground, however, and Rat is a river creature. Rat is much more social than Mole. Rat also knows more places than Mole, while Mole knows more about life in the underground communities. I know these two are main characters because the action in the story centers around them.