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

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| <p>1. Who is telling this story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Aunt Terra</li> <li>Ⓑ Qynn</li> <li>Ⓒ Uncle Jasper</li> <li>Ⓓ Sarah</li> </ul> <p>2. Where does this story take place?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Porter's Mill the day before Halloween</li> <li>Ⓑ Nepal in the summertime</li> <li>Ⓒ Porter's Mill during Easter</li> <li>Ⓓ Nepal in the wintertime</li> </ul> <p>3. Which important detail does the reader learn from the illustrations in the story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Plans to relocate Porter's Mill were canceled.</li> <li>Ⓑ Uncle Jasper helped Sarah's family come to the United States.</li> <li>Ⓒ The girls snuck into the library's attic.</li> <li>Ⓓ Sarah was only a baby when her mom disappeared.</li> </ul> | <p>4. What is the meaning of the word <b>horrific</b>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ extremely funny</li> <li>Ⓑ causing fear</li> <li>Ⓒ causing joy</li> <li>Ⓓ extremely complicated</li> </ul> <p>5. What problem are Qynn and Sarah confronted with in this story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ They need to find the missing pages of the library book to figure out the laughing children.</li> <li>Ⓑ They are trying to think of ways to get out of decorating the cafeteria.</li> <li>Ⓒ They want to solve the mystery of the Hollow and how it connects to Sarah's mom.</li> <li>Ⓓ They are having a hard time on a history assignment about Porter's Mill.</li> </ul> |
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6. What does Sarah do after she decides she has to find out why her mom went into the Hollow?
  - Ⓐ She asks her Aunt Terra to tell her the truth about her mom.
  - Ⓑ She tells Qynn that they need to go to the Hollow the next night.
  - Ⓒ She works in the cafeteria hanging up Halloween decorations.
  - Ⓓ She sneaks into her dad's study to look for answers to the Hollow.
7. How were Sarah's mom and Qynn's uncle Jasper similar?
  - Ⓐ They both disappeared at Porter's Mill.
  - Ⓑ They were both seamstresses.
  - Ⓒ They were both men.
  - Ⓓ They both lived in the same house.
8. In which scene do Qynn and Sarah learn about Sarah's mom's connection to the old mill in the Hollow?
  - Ⓐ in the cafeteria with Principal
  - Ⓑ in Qynn's room with the book
  - Ⓒ in Sarah's room with the journal
  - Ⓓ in the livingroom with Aunt Terra
9. Which of the following words means *the commitment to work toward a difficult goal*?
  - Ⓐ explorer
  - Ⓑ research
  - Ⓒ resolve
  - Ⓓ hoax
10. Why did the author write this story?
  - Ⓐ to entertain readers with a Christmas story
  - Ⓑ to entertain readers with an adventure story
  - Ⓒ to persuade readers to celebrate Halloween
  - Ⓓ to inform readers about Porter's Mill history

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**11. Extended Response:** What effect does the setting of Halloween have on the story? How would the story be different if it were set in a different time of the year?

**12. Extended Response:** How would this story be different if it were told by another character? Choose a different first-person narrator and explain how the story would change if told by that character.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## The Return to the Hollow (Part I)

Main Comprehension Skill: Character Point of View

1. **(B)** Character Point of View
2. **(A)** Story Elements
3. **(D)** Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
4. **(B)** Vocabulary
5. **(C)** Problem and Solution
6. **(A)** Sequence Events
7. **(A)** Compare and Contrast
8. **(D)** Text Structure
9. **(C)** Vocabulary
10. **(B)** Author's Purpose
11. Answers will vary. Example: *Halloween is a holiday that involves ghosts, monsters, and spooky happenings, and this story is full of strange occurrences. The girls have encountered children's laughter and mysterious ghostly children. Since what is happening to the girls is frightening and Halloween is a scary holiday, the atmosphere of the setting reinforces and adds to the tension in the story. If the story were set in a different time of year, it would still be thrilling, but it would be missing the creepy atmosphere of the story, making it an adventure with much less suspense.*
11. Answers will vary. Example: *If Aunt Terra were the narrator of this story, the whole plot would be completely different. First of all, the story would not start in the cafeteria with Qynn and Sarah hanging decorations because Aunt Terra wasn't there. The story would begin with Aunt Terra at her house. She could be working on chores and thinking about her sister and the mysterious objects the girls found and told her about. When the girls came in to get some answers, the reader would know what Aunt Terra was feeling and thinking at that moment. Also, if Aunt Terra were the narrator, she would be much more involved in the action. At the end, instead of rushing out to make cookies, she would stay with the girls and decide to go to the Hollows with them. I can see all of these changes very clearly if the story had Aunt Terra as the narrator.*