

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the main problem in the story?
  - Ⓐ No one believed that the old man could scare Nian.
  - Ⓑ A dragon looks for people to eat each year.
  - Ⓒ Nian was afraid of noise and the color red.
2. Nian, the dragon, is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the story.
  - Ⓐ character
  - Ⓑ setting
  - Ⓒ plot
3. How is the old man different from the other people in this story?
  - Ⓐ The old man does not believe the dragon is real.
  - Ⓑ The old man does not live in China.
  - Ⓒ The old man is not afraid of the dragon.
4. Which of the following are characters in the story?
  - Ⓐ the old man and a cat
  - Ⓑ Nian and the old man
  - Ⓒ twin girls and a dragon
5. Readers of this book learn that the Chinese people use fireworks and the color red on which holiday?
  - Ⓐ Fourth of July
  - Ⓑ Christmas
  - Ⓒ New Year
6. **Extended Response:** Have the student write why the author wrote this story.

**Instructions:** Sit next to the student and read the first question as you run your finger under the words. Ask the student to wait to answer until you have read all the choices. Repeat them if necessary. Have the student choose the best answer. Repeat with the remaining questions.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## The Legend of Nian

Main Comprehension Skill: Story Elements

1. Ⓑ *Problem and Solution*
2. Ⓐ *Story Elements*
3. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
4. Ⓑ *Story Elements*
5. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary but should include the idea that the author was trying to inform readers about a Chinese celebration in an entertaining way.

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