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

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does Miranda feel when she receives rejection letters about her stories? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ angry Ⓑ satisfied Ⓒ depressed Ⓓ encouraged 2. Why does Miranda think she might need to take a break from sci-fi stories? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ She thinks her imagination is getting out of control. Ⓑ She doesn't want to go out of her room for any reason. Ⓒ She doesn't think her writing is getting any better. Ⓓ She is getting bored with sci-fi stories. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. What is Miranda's main problem in this story? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Miranda wants her brother to stop putting her down. Ⓑ Miranda wants to be a published science fiction writer. Ⓒ Miranda wants the figure in the mirror to stop pestering her. Ⓓ Miranda wants to be allowed to go to a summer camp for writers. 4. What message is Miranda likely trying to give readers with her story about the zucchini that grew out of control? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Corrupt politicians are dangerous. Ⓑ Radioactive waste can cause destruction. Ⓒ There are greedy people in powerful positions. Ⓓ All of the above |
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5. Something done in **random** order is done _____.
 - Ⓐ without any sort of order
 - Ⓑ in an organized way
 - Ⓒ in alphabetical order
 - Ⓓ after numbering
6. How does Miranda's brother Harris irritate her?
 - Ⓐ He teases her about her writing.
 - Ⓑ He never includes her in any activity.
 - Ⓒ He always wants to edit and change her stories.
 - Ⓓ He pretends to be a voice and face in her mirror.
7. How is James Miranda's life a "mirror image" of Miranda's life?
 - Ⓐ James Miranda is a twelve-year-old boy who looks like Miranda.
 - Ⓑ James writes stories that are not what most boys write about.
 - Ⓒ James has an older sister who teases him.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
8. If someone is **enraptured**, he or she _____.
 - Ⓐ wants to quit a task
 - Ⓑ needs to ask for help
 - Ⓒ begins a difficult job
 - Ⓓ feels great delight
9. Which of the following is an example of science fiction?
 - Ⓐ Miranda wants to write a best-selling story.
 - Ⓑ Miranda has an overactive imagination.
 - Ⓒ Miranda sees Zelazny Roger in her mirror.
 - Ⓓ Miranda becomes a published author.
10. How do you know that *Mirroring Miranda* is a science fiction story?
 - Ⓐ It includes advanced technology.
 - Ⓑ It includes scientific ideas.
 - Ⓒ It includes an unusual setting.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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11. Extended Response: What do you think the author's purpose is for writing the story, *Mirroring Miranda*?

12. Extended Response: If you were to become a famous writer, what type of writing would you like to do and why?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Mirroring Miranda

Main Comprehension Skill: Elements of Science Fiction

1. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
2. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓑ *Problem and Solution*
4. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
8. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓒ *Elements of Science Fiction*
10. Ⓓ *Elements of Science Fiction*
11. Answers will vary but would likely include that the author wanted to encourage children to work hard to become writers, to encourage children to read more science fiction, to encourage children to read Miranda James's books, and to explain to children how a writer gets ideas for stories.
12. Answers will vary but should state a type of writing and why it is of interest to the student.
For example: *I would like to be a sports writer and write for our local newspaper. This is because I really like to play most sports, to watch them, and to analyze what the players are doing.*