

Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Illustrations

Read the short story. Then answer each question



The Last Lantern of Liora

It was 1897 when Mira moved to the village of Liora, tucked between the hills and the sea. Her father had been hired to help fix the lighthouse, which hadn't worked in years. The people of Liora said the lighthouse used to have a magical lantern that glowed even through storms, guiding sailors safely home.

One foggy morning, Mira found an old leather-bound book in the attic of their cottage. Inside was a faded drawing of a girl holding a glowing lantern on the lighthouse steps. Below the sketch, in tiny letters, were the words: "The light shines when hope is near."

Mira showed the picture to her father. He chuckled. "That's just a story, Mira. But a hopeful one."

Still, Mira couldn't forget it. That night, when the fog rolled in thick and heavy, she climbed the steps of the lighthouse with her own lantern. She placed it on the top rail and whispered, "Let this light show the way."

To her amazement, her small lantern blazed brighter than ever before—shining through the fog like the one in the drawing.

In the morning, a fisherman told the village, "I saw the light! It guided me in!" Mira smiled quietly. Maybe some stories were true, especially when they came with hope.



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1. How does the picture in the old book help Mira decide what to do?

- A. It gives her hope and an idea for lighting the way.
- B. It tells her where to find treasure.
- C. It warns her to leave the village.
- D. It teaches her how to sail.

2. What does the glow of Mira's lantern in the fog help the reader understand?

- A. That hope and action can make a difference.
- B. That fog is always dangerous.
- C. That Mira is afraid of the dark.
- D. That no one else had a lantern.

3. Fill in the blank:

The lighthouse hadn't worked in years, but people said it once had a _____ lantern.

4. How does the drawing in the book help Mira connect to the history of Liora?

5. Why do you think the author included the fisherman's line at the end of the story?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: O

Lexile Level: 590L-740L

Grade Level: 3rd Grade, Middle of the Year

Genre: Historical Fiction

Introducing the Text

"Today's story is about a girl named Mira who moves to a coastal village and finds inspiration in an old drawing of the lighthouse. As we read, we'll look at how the illustrations in the book Mira finds help her take action and shape the mood of the story."

Vocabulary: foggy, lantern, lighthouse, attic, fisherman

Discussion Questions Before Reading

1. What do you know about lighthouses and how they help ships?
 2. Have you ever seen a picture or story that inspired you to do something?
 3. Why do you think people tell stories about magical things from the past?
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Discussion Questions During Reading

1. What does Mira find in the attic, and why is it important?
 2. How does the lantern in the drawing help Mira make a decision?
 3. What details in the text and the imagined illustration show the mood of the story?
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Discussion Questions After Reading

1. How does the drawing connect to what Mira does at the lighthouse?
 2. What lesson might the author be trying to teach us through Mira's story?
 3. How does hope play a role in both the story and the picture?
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Activity Idea

Ask students to create a journal entry as if they were Mira the day after the light shone. They should include a small sketch showing what she saw or imagined from the top of the lighthouse and explain how that drawing reflects the mood and message of her experience.

