

Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Character, Setting & Events

Read the short story and answer each question.



Theo and the Cave Map

Theo loved exploring the woods behind his house. One day, he found something new: a rolled-up paper stuck in a tree branch.

He opened it slowly. "It's a map!" he gasped. A red X was marked near a cave.

Theo packed a flashlight, a snack, and his lucky rock. He followed the trail on the map through tall grass and muddy paths.

Soon, he saw the dark cave. He tiptoed in and looked around.

On the wall was a box with a note: "For brave explorers." Inside were stones, a pencil, and a journal.

Theo added his name to the list. "Best adventure ever," he whispered.

Name: _____

Theo and the Cave Map

1. What did Theo find in the tree?

- A. A rolled-up map
- B. A bag of rocks
- C. A flashlight
- D. A sandwich

2. Where did the map lead Theo?

- A. To a cave
- B. To the beach
- C. To a mountain
- D. To a pond

3. Fill in the blank:

Theo packed a flashlight, a snack, and his lucky
_____.

4. How would you describe Theo's character based on his actions in the story?

5. What were the three biggest events that happened in the adventure?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: J

Lexile Level: 290L-450L

Grade Level: 1st Grade, End of the Year

Genre: Adventure

Introducing the Text

"Today we'll read an adventure story about a boy who finds a mysterious map. As you read, think about what kind of character Theo is, where his adventure takes place, and the most important things that happen."

Vocabulary: map, cave, flashlight, explorer, trail

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever followed a map or made your own?
 2. What do you think you might need for a safe adventure?
 3. What makes a story feel exciting or mysterious?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. Where did Theo go after finding the map?
 2. What did he bring with him?
 3. What did he find inside the cave?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. How do you know Theo was brave?
 2. What were the major events in the story from beginning to end?
 3. How did the setting help make the story exciting?
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Activity Idea

Let students draw a treasure map with landmarks like rocks, trees, and rivers. Have them write a few sentences describing the setting, the explorer, and what happens when the treasure is found.

