

Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Character Actions & Feelings

Read the short story and answer each question.



The Glassmaker's Daughter

In a sunlit village by the sea, everyone knew about the glassmaker's daughter, Liora. Her father made beautiful glass windows, bowls, and beads, but **Liora had never crafted anything of her own.**

She was afraid—afraid of breaking something, of not being as skilled as her father. Still, every day after school, she watched him melt glass into shining colors, her fingers itching to try.

One day, a storm crashed through the village. The stained glass windows in the old library shattered. Villagers gathered around, upset. "It will take too long to repair," someone sighed.

Liora stepped forward. "I want to try."

Her voice shook, but her hands were steady. With her father guiding her, she melted bits of old glass and created a new window—a mosaic of swirling waves and a lantern glowing in the dark.

When the light hit it the next morning, colors danced across the library floor. The crowd gasped.

"This one," her father whispered, "is your masterpiece."

Liora smiled. "And it only happened because I finally stepped forward."



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1. Why is Liora afraid to make glass at the beginning?

- A. She is too young to learn
- B. She thinks her father won't let her
- C. She fears making mistakes and breaking something
- D. She doesn't like art

2. How does Liora's action affect the village?

- A. She builds a new library
- B. She teaches others to make glass
- C. She restores beauty to the broken window and brings hope
- D. She decides to leave her home

3. Fill in the blank:

Liora created a window that showed a lantern glowing in the _____.

4. What do Liora's actions reveal about her character? Use evidence from the text.

5. How does Liora's choice to speak up and try something new affect the events that follow?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: O

Lexile Level: 590L-740L

Grade Level: 3rd Grade, Middle of the Year

Genre: Fantasy

Introducing the Text

"In this story, we'll meet Liora, a girl who must overcome self-doubt to make a difference in her village. As we read, we'll focus on her character traits and how her choices shape the events in the story."

Vocabulary: glassmaker, mosaic, stained, masterpiece, courage

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. What do you think it takes to create something delicate, like glass art?
 2. Have you ever wanted to try something but were afraid to fail?
 3. What does it mean to take a risk for something you care about?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. How does Liora feel about her father's work?
 2. What makes her finally step forward to help?
 3. What do the villagers think of her creation?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. How do Liora's actions change how others see her—and how she sees herself?
 2. What does the new window symbolize in the story?
 3. How do her character traits move the story forward?
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Activity Idea

Have students create a "Character Spark Mosaic." They draw a window made of colored shapes. Inside each shape, they write a character trait of someone they admire—or their own hidden strength. Then write a short paragraph explaining how that trait could help change a situation, like Liora did.

