

Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Quote Accurately

Read the short story and answer each question.



The Mirror Room

Part 1 - Jonah

Jonah didn't know why the old bookstore on Fifth had never caught his attention. It wasn't on his usual route home, but today he followed a girl in a blue hoodie who ducked inside. The windows were dusty, but the inside shimmered with gold light.

He wandered between shelves until he saw a hallway with a sign: *Room of Reflection - One at a Time*. The girl in the hoodie was already in line.

"You been here before?" Jonah asked. She shook her head. "Nope. But I heard you leave with something... strange."

Jonah smirked. "Sounds like a magic trick." The girl didn't laugh.

Part 2 - Camila

Camila wasn't sure why she'd said yes to the Mirror Room. Dorian had dared her at lunch, and everyone was watching. She hated dares. But here she was.

The room was dim and quiet. A single mirror stood in the center. Camila stepped closer. Her reflection blinked—and whispered, "You don't have to say yes to impress them."

She gasped and backed away. The mirror shimmered and showed her walking away from the lunch table, head held high. Then it turned dull and ordinary.

Outside, Jonah waited. "What happened?"

Camila smiled faintly. "Maybe something true."



Name: _____

The Mirror Room

1. What does the mirror show Camila?

- A. A game from her childhood
- B. Her deepest fear
- C. A version of herself making a brave choice
- D. The girl in the blue hoodie

2. Why does Camila go into the mirror room in the first place?

- A. She wants to find a book
- B. Jonah invited her
- C. She was dared at lunch and didn't want to say no
- D. She was looking for magic

3. Fill in the blank:

The mirror says, "You don't have to say yes to impress them." This shows that Camila is struggling with _____ from her classmates.

4. What can you infer about how Camila feels after seeing her reflection in the mirror? Use quotes from the text to support your answer.

5. Why might the author have told the story from both Jonah's and Camila's point of view? How does that help us understand what's happening?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: T

Lexile Level: 900L-1050L

Grade Level: 5th Grade, Beginning of the Year

Genre: Fantasy (Magical Realism)

Introducing the Text

“Today we’ll read a short fantasy story with a magical mirror and two different points of view. As we read, we’ll pay close attention to the characters’ thoughts and words so we can quote the story accurately and make inferences about their choices and feelings.”

Vocabulary: reflection, shimmer, impression, whisper, dare

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever felt pressure to say yes to something because others were watching?
 2. What do you think a “Room of Reflection” might mean in a story?
 3. Why do authors sometimes tell a story from more than one point of view?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What does Jonah notice about the bookstore?
 2. What clue tells us the mirror is magical?
 3. What does Camila see and hear in the mirror?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. What decision does Camila make by the end of the story?
 2. How do the author's words help you infer what she's thinking?
 3. What evidence in the text shows this was an important moment for her?
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Activity Idea

Ask students to write a short scene that shows what Jonah might see if he entered the Mirror Room. They must include at least one direct quote from the original story and one new inference based on Jonah’s personality and curiosity.

