

“Rock On” Quiz

Directions: Read the story “Rock On” in the April/May 2015 issue of *Storyworks*. Then fill in the bubble next to the best answer for each question below.

1. Which of the following best describes Poozia at the beginning of the story?

- Ⓐ bossy Ⓒ talkative
Ⓑ sad and lonely Ⓓ smart and enthusiastic

2. Which sentence from the story best supports the answer to question 1?

- Ⓐ “Girls do not come up and start talking to me. I mean, never ever do they do this.”
Ⓑ “I sort them out by type (igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary), and then color, and then size, and then hardness . . .”
Ⓒ “I turn my head away from him like always . . .”
Ⓓ “I’d never heard of road schooling before.”

3. What does *geologist* mean in this sentence: “Any geologist-in-training knows that igneous rocks like granite were forged from molten lava”?

- Ⓐ a scientist who studies the Earth, rocks, and minerals
Ⓑ a scientist who studies natural disasters
Ⓒ a scientist who studies fossils
Ⓓ a scientist who studies stars and space

4. Why does author Wendy Mass most likely include so many details about rocks?

- Ⓐ She wants to share her interesting research.
Ⓑ She wants to introduce some hard words.
Ⓒ The details help show Poozia’s enthusiasm.
Ⓓ The details show that Poozia is smarter than Vince.

5. Why does Poozia spread rocks around Grandpa in the cave?

- Ⓐ Poozia is excited to show Grandpa the volcanic rocks he has found.
Ⓑ He knows that the rocks will absorb water or toxic gases.
Ⓒ He needs help identifying geodes.
Ⓓ He wants to make a rock bed so Grandpa can rest.

6. When Jennie calls Poozia “Rock Boy,” you can infer he feels ____.

- Ⓐ puzzled Ⓒ insulted
Ⓑ proud Ⓓ embarrassed

7. Which line from the story supports the answer to question 6?

- Ⓐ “I nod, fascinated by this girl who is talking to me and saying really strange things.”
Ⓑ “Like I said, this girl is full of surprises.”
Ⓒ “I cringe as I wait for him to tease me.”
Ⓓ “I’ve decided that’s not such a bad nickname, after all.”

8. Which of the following is a theme of this story?

- Ⓐ Science is the best subject.
Ⓑ Road schooling can be a good way to learn.
Ⓒ Having a passion will lead to saving a life.
Ⓓ Having a passion can be satisfying and useful.

Constructed Response

Directions: On a separate piece of paper, write your answer to each question in a well-organized response. Make sure you support your answers with details from the story.

9. How does Poozia’s passion for rocks affect his relationship with Grandpa?

10. How has Poozia changed by the end of the story?