

Today, you will read a story titled “The Paper Bag Princess” and the poem titled “Harriet Tubman.” As you read, think about the actions of the characters and the events of the story. Answer the questions to help you write an essay.

Read the story titled “The Paper Bag Princess” by Robert Munsch. Then answer Questions 1 through 3.

***The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch**

① Elizabeth was a princess. She lived in a castle and had expensive princess clothes. She was going to marry a prince named Ronald.

② Unfortunately, a dragon smashed her castle, burned all her clothes with his fiery breath, and carried off Prince Ronald.

③ Elizabeth decided to chase the dragon and get Ronald back.

④ She looked everywhere for something to wear, but the only thing she could find that was not burnt was a paper bag. So she put on a paper bag and followed the dragon.

⑤ He was easy to follow, because he left a trail of burnt forests and horses' bones.

⑥ Finally, Elizabeth came to a cave with a large door that had a huge knocker on it. She took hold of the knocker and banged on the door.

⑦ The dragon stuck his nose out of the door and said, "Well, a princess! I love to eat princesses, but I have already eaten a whole castle today. I am a very busy dragon. Come back tomorrow."

⑧ He slammed the door so fast that Elizabeth almost got her nose caught.

⑨ Elizabeth grabbed the knocker and banged on the door again.

⑩ The dragon stuck his nose out of the door and said, "Go away. I love to eat princesses, but I have already eaten a whole castle today. I am a very busy dragon. Come back tomorrow."

⑪ "Wait," shouted Elizabeth. "Is it true that you are the smartest and fiercest dragon in the whole world?"

⑫ "Yes," said the dragon.

⑬ "Is it true," said Elizabeth, "that you can burn up ten forests with your fiery breath?"

⑭ "Oh, yes," said the dragon, and he took a huge, deep breath and breathed out so much fire that he burnt up fifty forests.

⑮ "Fantastic," said Elizabeth, and the dragon took another huge breath and breathed out so much fire that he burnt up one hundred forests.

⑯ "Magnificent," said Elizabeth, and the dragon took another huge fiery breath, but this time nothing came out. The dragon didn't even have enough fire left to cook a meatball.

⑰ Elizabeth said, "Dragon, is it true that you can fly around the world in just ten seconds?"

⑱ "Why, yes," said the dragon, and jumped up and flew all the way around the world in just ten seconds.

⑲ He was very tired when he got back, but Elizabeth shouted, "Fantastic, do it again!"

⑳ So the dragon jumped up and flew around the whole world in just twenty seconds.

㉑ When he got back he was too tired to talk, and he lay down and went straight to sleep.

㉒ Elizabeth whispered, very softly, "Hey, dragon." The dragon didn't move at all.

㉓ She lifted up the dragon's ear and put her head right inside. She shouted as loud as she could, "Hey, dragon!"

㉔ The dragon was so tired he didn't even move.

㉕ Elizabeth walked right over the dragon and opened the door to the cave.

㉖ There was Prince Ronald. He looked at her and said, "Elizabeth, you are a mess! You smell like ashes, your hair is all tangled and you are wearing a dirty old paper bag. Come back when you are dressed like a real princess."

㉗ "Ronald," said Elizabeth, "your clothes are really pretty and your hair is very neat. You look like a real prince, but you are a bum."

㉘ They didn't get married after all.

The End

1. Part A

What does **bum** mean as it is used in Paragraph 27 in “The Paper Bag Princess?”

- a. Mean person
- b. Homeless person
- c. Thoughtless person
- d. Funny person

Part B

Which statement **best** supports the answer to Part A?

- a. They didn’t get married after all.
- b. “Elizabeth, you are a mess.”
- c. “...you are wearing a dirty old paper bag.”
- d. “Come back when you are dressed like a real princess.”

2. Part A

What do the details from the story show about Elizabeth’s feelings?
Choose the best answer that describes Elizabeth.

- a. She is uncaring.
- b. She is lazy.
- c. She is curious.
- d. She is clever.

Part B

Which detail from “The Paper Bag Princess” supports the answer to Part A?

- a. “Is it true that you are the smartest and fiercest dragon in the whole world?”
- b. “You look like a real prince, but you are a bum.”
- c. “Elizabeth grabbed the knocker and banged on the door again.”
- d. “She lived in a castle and had expensive princess clothes.”

3. Part A

Read this sentence from Paragraph 21 of the story.

When he got back he was too tired to talk, and he lay down and went straight to sleep.

This sentence shows that that the dragon is not smart. How is he not smart?

- a. He lost all his fire before he went to sleep.
- b. He told her to come back tomorrow.
- c. He forgot to eat Elizabeth before he fell asleep.
- d. He tired himself out so he couldn't eat Elizabeth.

Part B

Which detail from the story best supports the answer to Part A?

- a. “I am a very busy dragon. Come back tomorrow.”
- b. “...the dragon took another fiery breath, but this time nothing came out.”
- c. “He was very tired when he got back, but Elizabeth shouted, ‘Fantastic, do it again!’”
- d. “The dragon was so tired he didn't even move.”

Read the poem titled "Harriet Tubman" by Eloise Greenfield. Then answer Questions 4 through 6.

Harriet Tubman
Eloise Greenfield

- ① Harriet Tubman didn't take no stuff
- ② Wasn't scared of nothing neither
- ③ Didn't come in this world to be no slave
- ④ And wasn't going to stay one either

- ⑤ "Farewell!" she sang to her friends one night
- ⑥ She was mighty sad to leave 'em
- ⑦ But she ran away that dark, hot night
- ⑧ Ran looking for her freedom
- ⑨ She ran to the woods and she ran through the woods
- ⑩ With the slave catchers right behind her
- ⑪ And she kept on going till she got to the North
- ⑫ Where those mean men couldn't find her

- ⑬ Nineteen times she went back South
- ⑭ To get three hundred others
- ⑮ She ran for her freedom nineteen times
- ⑯ To save Black sisters and brothers
- ⑰ Harriet Tubman didn't take no stuff
- ⑱ Wasn't scared of nothing neither
- ⑲ Didn't come in this world to be no slave
- ⑳ And didn't stay one either

And didn't stay one either

4. Part A

What does **didn't take no stuff** mean as it is used in Line 1 of "Harriet Tubman?"

- a. didn't steal
- b. wasn't tolerant
- c. wasn't honest
- d. wasn't brave

Part B

Which statement best supports the answer to Part A?

- a. Ran looking for her freedom
- b. Kept on going till she got to the North
- c. Nineteen times she went back South
- d. But she ran away that dark, hot night.

5. Part A

Harriet Tubman seems determined to escape slavery. What shows determination?

- a. She left her friends.
- b. She ran away on a hot night.
- c. She was chased by the slave catches while she was running away.
- d. She wasn't afraid of anything.

Part B

Which statement best supports the answer to Part A?

- a. "Farewell!" she sang to her friends one night."
- b. "...She ran through the woods, with the slave catchers right behind her."
- c. "She ran for her freedom nineteen times."
- d. "But she ran away that dark, hot night"

6. Part A

What literary device does the poet use?

- a. Rhyme
- b. Metaphor
- c. Repetition
- d. Alliteration

Part B

What detail best supports the answer to Part A?

- a. "dark, hot night"
- b. "stay one either"
- c. "mighty sad"
- d. "mean men"

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