



Week 5 Core Text Reading Comprehension Tasks

Day	Pages	Stem	Questions
Monday	Read pages 71-72	Predicting. I wonder... I think... The next part will be about... ...because....	1. What do you predict will happen during the Great Northern Race? 2. Do you think Shen and Sika will meet the Snow father? 3. Who do you predict will win the race? Why?
Tuesday	Read pages 74-76	Inferring The word * tells me... The part * suggests... This makes me think that... I think the character is.. I think the setting/mood is... because....	1. What does the phrase beginning 'Sir Basil chuckled...', tell you about his character? 2. What does the part 'there were some disasters right away' tell you? 3. How do you think Shackleton Jones was feeling when Mitzvi Von Primm overtook him?
Wednesday	Read pages 76-78	Asking Questions Who is... Where are... How does he.... What might happen if...?	1. Do you think Helga will win the race? Why/why not? 2. What do you think Shen will wish for? 3. How do you think Sika is feeling when she tells Shen her wish?
Thursday	Read pages 81-83	Evaluating The word _____works well... I like the way the author uses... This sentence has high impact... It is clever how the author... because....	1. How does the author's use of descriptive language help us imagine the setting? 2. Which words/phrases describe the setting? 3. How do you think Shackleton Jones is feeling, standing under the trees?
Friday	Read pages 84-85	Summarising The key idea is... The headline would be... In 10 words... This part is about...	1. What is the key idea of page 84? 2. In 10 words, summarise the setting. 3. What is the main theme of page 85?

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