Behind the High Board Fence

Chapter 1—The Sharps earn their way

1. What is the purpose of the apostrophe in the Sharps’ name?
   A to show ownership of more than one person
   B to show ownership of only one person
   C to show more than one person in a group
   D to show only one person in a group

2. How many children are in the Sharp family?
   A 2
   B 6
   C 8
   D 12

3. Which best describes Cal?
   A a careless student
   B a clever charmer
   C a dependable worker
   D a shy follower

4. Which is the best example of foreshadowing?
   A Eventually Mother came in to help.
   B The fire was low in the big wood stove.
   C Mother didn’t know that Cal’s plans would make trouble for him and Joe.
   D Harry worked at the YMCA downtown, and Mabel at a department store.

5. Which best describes the Sharp family?
   A enthusiastic readers
   B fashion leaders
   C hard workers
   D world travelers

6. Which is most like the relationship below?
Mother: seamstress

A Mabel: clerk
B Helen: stockings
C Joe and Cal: newspapers
D Early sisters: chirp and cluck

7. Which best completes the graphic organizer?

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<td>The Early sisters were called the ‘Early Birds’ because they seemed to ‘chirp and cluck’ as they talked.</td>
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A ‘Chirp and cluck’ is the name of a popular cooked breakfast cereal.
B ‘Chirp and cluck’ are the bird-like sounds the sisters made when talking.
C ‘Chirp and cluck’ is the noise birds made when nesting in the secret tree.
D ‘Chirp and cluck’ are the sounds the sisters’ shoes made coming down the stairs.

8. Which remains unexplained in the chapter?

A how the dishes were washed
B how the sewing machine worked
C the importance of the secret tree
D why Helen took off her stockings

Discuss and write about each chapter, completing open-ended sentences, such as:

1. I learned…

2. I predict…

3. I felt…because…

4. I thought…because…
5. I liked the way the writer (or illustrator)….