Behind the High Board Fence

Chapter 5—Cal breathes

1. What is the effect of the simile in the first sentence?
   A to reveal how difficult Cal’s breathing had become
   B to indicate the extent of the parents’ worry about Cal
   C to show the level of quiet needed for Cal’s recovery
   D to suggest the need for calm to keep Cal’s spirits up

2. What prior knowledge must the reader use to understand the allusion about the ‘manger’?
   A the story of Jesus’ birth
   B the story of Robin Hood’s friends
   C the story of Humpty Dumpty’s fall
   D the story of Washington’s childhood

3. Which best describes the family?
   A It is political.
   B It is educated.
   C It is religious.
   D It is athletic.

4. Which sense does the speaker use to show the passing of time?
   A touch
   B smell
   C sound
   D color

5. What is the status of diphtheria today in the United States?
   A The number of cases have decreased.
   B The number of cases have increased.
   C Diphtheria was totally wiped out in the 19th Century.
   D Diphtheria was totally wiped out in the 20th Century.

6. What causes death in diphtheria cases?
   A Coughing causes the lungs to bleed.
   B Chills cause the body temperature to fall.
   C A swollen throat cuts off oxygen to the body.
   D Fever overheats the body and stops blood flow.
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)…