

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)....