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Record answers on a separate sheet of paper.

“Mother in Mannville” by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Skills Check Questions

Multiple Choice Questions:

1. The second paragraph of the story gives the reader information about Jerry that
 - A. can be seen as ironic after we learn about Jerry’s ability to do chores.
 - B. can be seen as direct characterization of Jerry’s ability to chop wood.
 - C. can be seen as Rawlings’s tone towards Jerry’s work ethic.
 - D. can be seen as indirect characterization of Jerry’s ability to do hard tasks.

2. In the first line of the eleventh paragraph on page 22 of the story, the narrator confesses that, “I looked at him, actually, for the first time.” This reflection allows the reader to confirm all of the possible inferences EXCEPT:
 - A. The narrator did not expect much from Jerry’s wood chopping endeavor.
 - B. The narrator did not pay much attention to Jerry when he first arrived at the cabin.
 - C. The narrator felt bad that she thought the sound of the wood annoyed her.
 - D. The narrator regretted that she did not give him more credit when she met him.

3. At the end of the first paragraph on page 23, the narrator identifies that Jerry makes her think of the word, “integrity”. Which attribute DOES NOT contribute to this conclusion?
 - A. Jerry does not startle the narrator’s dog.
 - B. Jerry chops as much wood as a man.
 - C. Jerry identifies how much wood the narrator needs.
 - D. Jerry fulfills his responsibilities without being asked.

4. On the bottom of page 23, the narrator states that, “‘Thank you’ was, perhaps, an expression for which he had no use, for his courtesy was instinctive.” The word instinctive means about the same as
 - A. natural
 - B. appropriate
 - C. absent
 - D. enthusiastic

5. The fog on the mountain is responsible for all of the following EXCEPT
 - A. The superintendent reminding Jerry that he’s responsible for the narrator’s dog.
 - B. The narrator being away from the cabin for an extra evening.
 - C. Jerry taking it upon himself to care for the narrator’s dog without being asked.
 - D. Providing an opportunity for the narrator and Jerry to build their relationship.

6. Which statement best describes the narrator's reaction to Jerry's admission that he has a mother who is alive?
- A. She can't comprehend why someone would abandon a child as wonderful as Jerry.
 - B. She thinks he is lying because he is from an orphanage.
 - C. She is completely infuriated that someone would have abandoned Jerry.
 - D. She is shocked that the orphanage would keep Jerry even though he has a parent.
7. What prohibits the narrator from going to find Jerry's mother herself?
- A. She decides she is too angry to deal with her.
 - B. She does not like the idea that Jerry has to buy his mother gloves with his money.
 - C. She cannot find her address and does not know where she lives.
 - D. She has too much to do for her own writing and does not have time.
8. The final words of the story can best be seen as
- A. Ironic because Jerry seemed to have way too much integrity to lie.
 - B. Symbolic because they represent the lies that he has told throughout the story.
 - C. Suspenseful because the reader did not know that he was lying until that moment.
 - D. The inciting incident of the story because it created conflict for the narrator.

Short Response Questions:

9. Explain how Jerry's relationship with the narrator's dog helps indirectly characterize his integrity.
10. How do the lies that Jerry tells the narrator impact her impression of his integrity?