



The King and the Soup

Essential Question:

Will the people always be poor?

Read about how a town of people help their king and get rich.

Each year the king went on a trip. He rode all over his kingdom. He visited all of his towns.

In every town people waved and cheered. And in every town the people gave the king presents.

But the people in one small town were sad. The king was coming and they had nothing to give him. They were poor.

The people looked all around to find something to give the king. They found turnips and onions and wheat.

Soup! They could make soup. They made a fire and poured water into a pot and heated it. They mixed the wheat and the turnips and the onions in the pot. They were ready for the king.

Something happened. A few miles from town, the king's horse lost a shoe. The horse got a sore foot.

The king had to walk. He was wearing new shoes and his feet got very sore. When he got to the town, both of his feet were very, very sore. He sat down and tried not to cry.

"Your majesty!" said a boy. "We made you soup. Will you have some?"

But the king did not taste the soup. He did not smell the soup. He did not eat the soup. He stuck his feet in the soup because it was very warm. It felt good and his sore feet began to feel better.

"Your soup is good," said the king. "My feet are not sore anymore," said the king. "I want to take this foot soup home with me," said the king. "If you send me a pot of soup every week, I will pay you a lot of money."

The people cheered. They will not be poor anymore. And, every week the send the king a pot of foot soup so that his feet will not hurt anymore.

1. Why did the king have to walk?
 - A. He got tired riding the horse. ☐
 - B. The road was rough. ☐
 - C. His horse lost a shoe. ☐
 - D. The people in the town all walked. ☐
2. Why were the people sad at the beginning of the story?
 - A. Their soup tasted bad. ☐
 - B. They had nothing to give to the king. ☐
 - C. The king's horse lost a shoe. ☐
 - D. The people had no shoes. ☐
3. If the people had not made the soup. What do you think the king may have done?
 - A. He would have punished them. ☐
 - B. He would have not stayed in the town. ☐
 - C. His horse would not have gone there. ☐
 - D. His horse would not have lost a shoe. ☐
4. Find the words in the story that means "hurt."
 - A. cheered. ☐
 - B. lost. ☐
 - C. turnips. ☐
 - D. sore. ☐

5. Which is **not** a good idea for make soup for the king?

- A. It is all that the people could afford. ☐
- B. They liked soup. ☐
- C. They had to give him something because every one else did. ☐
- D. The king really needed the soup. ☐

6. Who is the main character in the story?

- A. The Horse. ☐
- B. The turnip. ☐
- C. The king. ☐
- D. The people. ☐

7. Which one of these things **cannot** be missing from soup?

- A. turnips. ☐
- B. onions. ☐
- C. wheat. ☐
- D. water. ☐

8. What other ways might the people in the town make more money with their soup?

Write your ideas in the column to the right.