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The Secret Garden Club

Grades 3-4

Fiction

- 1 Behind Oak Street School there was an empty corner of the playground that nobody used. It was full of weeds, broken pots and one crooked bench.
- 2 Amir noticed it every day at recess. "That corner could be a garden," he told his friends, Rosa and Theo. Theo shrugged. "It's just dirt and weeds."
- 3 But Amir had an idea. He asked his teacher, Ms. Obi, if the class could fix up the corner. She smiled and said they could try, as long as they did the work themselves.
- 4 For three weeks, the friends spent every recess pulling weeds. Their hands got blisters, and Theo complained about the heat. Some classmates laughed and called them "the Weed Club."
- 5 Slowly, the corner changed. Rosa's grandmother gave them seeds for sunflowers and beans. Amir painted the old pots bright colors. Even Theo built a little sign that said "Secret Garden Club."
- 6 By June, the sunflowers were taller than the fence. Kids who had laughed now asked if they could join. Amir grinned and handed them each a watering can.

Draw your favorite part of the story.

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Questions: The Secret Garden Club

Read the passage again if you need to. Circle the best answer.

1. Where was the empty corner?

- ☐ a In a park
- ☐ c At Rosa's house

- ☐ b Behind Oak Street School
- ☐ d Next to the library

2. Who gave the friends seeds?

- ☐ a Ms. Obi
- ☐ c Rosa's grandmother

- ☐ b Theo's father
- ☐ d A neighbor

3. At first, how did Theo feel about the idea?

- ☐ a Excited
- ☐ c Angry

- ☐ b Doubtful
- ☐ d Scared

4. What is the theme of the story?

- ☐ a Gardens need rain
- ☐ c Recess is too short

- ☐ b Hard work can change things and bring people together
- ☐ d Sunflowers grow fast

5. How did the other students change from the beginning to the end of the story?

Reading Comprehension: Answer Key

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1. b) Behind Oak Street School
2. c) Rosa's grandmother
3. b) Doubtful
4. b) Hard work can change things and bring people together
5. Sample answer: At first they laughed and called the friends the Weed Club, but at the end they wanted to join the garden club.