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The Last Summer at Lighthouse Point

Grades 5-6

Fiction

- 1 For as long as Nora could remember, summers meant Grandpa Walt's lighthouse. Every July, she climbed the 117 spiral steps to the lamp room, where the whole bay spread out below like a map.
- 2 This summer felt different. Grandpa moved more slowly, and a moving truck sat outside. The town had decided the old lighthouse would become a museum, and Grandpa was moving to an apartment in the village.
- 3 "Who will keep watch?" Nora asked. Grandpa chuckled. "Ships have had GPS for years, Nora. The light is more of a memory now."
- 4 Nora did not like the idea of the lighthouse being just a memory. That night she opened Grandpa's old logbooks, full of storms, rescues and ships he had guided safely home. An idea began to form.
- 5 For the rest of the summer, Nora interviewed Grandpa every evening and typed his stories on her tablet. She scanned faded photographs and labeled each one. Grandpa grumbled at first, but soon he was remembering stories even Nora's mother had never heard.
- 6 On opening day, visitors to the new museum found a display called "Keeper of the Light," filled with Grandpa's stories in his own words. Nora watched him read it, his eyes shining. The lamp might not guide ships anymore, but his stories would guide everyone who visited.

Draw your favorite part of the story.

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Questions: The Last Summer at Lighthouse Point

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

1. Why was Grandpa Walt leaving the lighthouse?

☐ a He was going on vacation

☐ c A storm damaged it

☐ b It was becoming a museum

☐ d He was selling it to Nora

2. What gave Nora her idea?

☐ a A museum brochure

☐ c A TV show

☐ b Grandpa's old logbooks

☐ d Her teacher

3. How did Grandpa feel at first about being interviewed?

☐ a Thrilled

☐ c Frightened

☐ b Grumpy

☐ d Confused

4. In the last paragraph, what does "guide" mean in "his stories would guide everyone"?

☐ a Steer a ship

☐ c Sell tickets

☐ b Teach and inspire

☐ d Build a museum

5. What is the theme of the story? Support your answer with evidence.

Reading Comprehension: Answer Key

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1. b) It was becoming a museum
2. b) Grandpa's old logbooks
3. b) Grumpy
4. b) Teach and inspire
5. Sample answer: Memories and stories can keep something important alive. Nora saves Grandpa's stories so the lighthouse's history lives on in the museum.