

Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

City Green CCSS Assessment	Name: _____ Score: / 9
Directions: Use what you know about City Green to answer each of the following questions.	
1. The story takes place on a city block. How is the setting important to understanding why the garden is so special?	
<input type="radio"/> A It is very common to see big gardens in the city.	
<input type="radio"/> B Old Man Hammer tried to stop everyone from planting. He wanted the old building.	
<input type="radio"/> C City blocks don't usually have beautiful, colorful gardens.	
<input type="radio"/> D The garden is the only place people can get vegetables on the block.	
2. What important message does the whole neighborhood learn by starting their garden?	
<input type="radio"/> A A garden is not complete without sunflowers.	
<input type="radio"/> B Working together, they could make something beautiful from something ugly.	
<input type="radio"/> C It is too hard to turn an empty lot into a garden.	
<input type="radio"/> D People don't really want to help each other.	
3. What effect does the garden have on Old Man Hammer?	
<input type="radio"/> A He isn't so mean and cranky anymore. The garden has made him happy.	
<input type="radio"/> B He gets very angry that everyone is making so much noise.	
<input type="radio"/> C He doesn't even come out of his house anymore.	
<input type="radio"/> D He decides to move away.	
4. Which of these is an example of alliteration?	
<input type="radio"/> A sour grapes	
<input type="radio"/> B big smile with one foot	
<input type="radio"/> C Tulips and daisies, pet	
<input type="radio"/> D cleaning her coffee c	
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5. How do Marcy and the other neighbors handle the problems that come with getting the garden started? (RL.2.5)
<input type="radio"/> A They give up quickly when things get hard.
<input type="radio"/> B They only let some of the neighbors help.
<input type="radio"/> C They hired workers to do everything for them.
<input checked="" type="radio"/> D They work together and have good attitudes about the work.
6. Everyone thinks Old Man Hammer is mean and cranky. How is that different than what Marcy and Miss Rosa think about him? (RL.2.6)
<input type="radio"/> A Marcy and Miss Rosa think he doesn't like flowers.
<input type="radio"/> B They agree with everyone else.
<input type="radio"/> C Marcy and Miss Rosa think Old Man Hammer is out too late at night.
<input checked="" type="radio"/> D Marcy and Miss Rosa think he is sad and just needs time.
7. What can we learn about the characters and setting just by looking at the illustrations? (RL.2.7)
<input type="radio"/> A The neighbors don't care if there is an empty lot or not.
<input checked="" type="radio"/> B The neighbors care about each other and want their block to be beautiful.
<input type="radio"/> C Most of the neighbors are old and are not able to help.
<input type="radio"/> D The characters do not like living in the city.
8. What is different about the sunflowers compared to all the other flowers and plants in the garden? (RL.2.9)
<input type="radio"/> A All the other plants are things you can eat.
<input checked="" type="radio"/> B No one, except Marcy and Old Man Hammer, know who planted the sunflowers.
<input type="radio"/> C The sunflowers did not grow, but everything else did.
<input type="radio"/> D Everyone knew that Old Man Hammer had planted the sunflowers.
9. At the end of the book, the author includes a section called "Starting a Community Garden." What does the author hope you will do? (RL.2.10)
<input type="radio"/> A She wants you to visit Marcy's garden.
<input type="radio"/> B She wants you to know which plants to grow together.
<input checked="" type="radio"/> C She hopes you will think about starting your own community garden.
<input type="radio"/> D She wants you to send money to help other people start gardens.
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