

COMMON CORE ALIGNED COMPREHENSION ASSESSMENT

Sam and Dave Dig a Hole CCSS Assessment

Name: _____

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Directions:

Use what you know about **Sam and Dave Dig a Hole** to answer each of the following questions.

1. Why do Sam and Dave start digging a hole?

- ☐ A They want to plant a tree.
- ☐ B They are looking for something spectacular.
- ☐ C They are hiding from their parents.
- ☐ D The reader does not know why they are digging a hole.

2. What is the lesson of the story?

- ☐ A If you dig deep enough, you will always find treasure.
- ☐ B Dogs can dig better than people.
- ☐ C The journey matters just as much as the goal.
- ☐ D It's better to stay home than go exploring.

3. How do Sam and Dave respond when they don't find anything right away?

- ☐ A They give up and go home.
- ☐ B They take a nap.
- ☐ C They change direction and keep digging.
- ☐ D They ask for help.

4. Why does the author repeat the word "spectacular"?

- ☐ A To show that Sam and Dave are excited about finding something amazing.
- ☐ B To make the story rhyme.
- ☐ C To describe the dog's digging.
- ☐ D To warn readers that t

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5. How does the beginning of the story set up what will happen next? (RL.2.5)

- ☐ A It tells us about the jewels underground.
- ☐ B It explains what the dog is doing in the yard.
- ☐ C It shows the boys eating lunch before digging.
- ☒ D It tells us that the boys want to dig until they find something spectacular.

6. How might the dog's point of view be different from Sam and Dave's? (RL.2.6)

- ☐ A The dog wants to stop digging.
- ☐ B The dog doesn't notice the jewels either.
- ☒ C The dog seems to sense the treasures and digs toward them.
- ☐ D The dog thinks the hole is boring.

7. What do the illustrations show that the words do not? (RL.2.7)

- ☒ A The jewels underground that Sam and Dave almost find.
- ☐ B The names of the boys.
- ☐ C The size of the dog's canteen.
- ☐ D The exact location of the boys on a map.

8. What does this story help readers understand about searching for something special? (RL.2.10)

- ☐ A You should always use a map when digging.
- ☐ B The best treasures are usually very big and shiny.
- ☒ C Sometimes the journey is more important than what you find.
- ☐ D Digging holes is the fastest way to get rich.

Answer Key