

1. The author expresses the opinion that
  - A. soldiers found B.J. when he was a puppy.
  - B. B.J.'s life was as uneventful as other dogs' lives.
  - C. her Uncle Bill could not keep a dog at his college.
  - D. she wrote the *Dog Newspaper* when she was ten.
  
2. How does the author give more information about the characters at the beginning of the passage?
  - A. by providing information on Uncle Bill's childhood
  - B. by inserting a flashback to explain where B.J. came from
  - C. by summarizing all of the issues of *The Dog Newspaper*
  - D. by describing different dog breeds and their characteristics
  
3. Which sentence from the passage states a main idea of the passage?
  - A. "He slept with them in foxholes."
  - B. "He helped search rubble for signs of life."
  - C. "As the soldiers fought to protect the free world, B.J. did his duty, too."
  - D. "While in Germany, his unit went into a town that had recently been bombed."
  
4. Which detail supports the main idea that B.J. was showered with loving attention?
  - a. Uncle Bill got to keep B.J.
  - b. The author read aloud to B.J.
  - c. B.J. was flown to Minneapolis.
  - d. B.J. destroyed the gingerbread house.
  
5. Read this sentence from the passage.

The gingerbread house was absolutely breathtaking.

Which word in the sentence above shows that it is an opinion?
  - A. gingerbread
  - B. house
  - C. was
  - D. breathtaking
  
6. The details about the various articles in issue two of the *Dog Newspaper* show the reader that the author
  - a. was aware of her publication's faults.

- b. thought all of her articles were exciting.
- c. wanted to speed up the story with more action.
- d. wanted to bore her readers as much as possible.
- e.

7. Which statement best expresses one of the main ideas of the entire passage?

- a. Having multiple owners is unhealthy for a dog.
- b. A newspaper about dogs could never be successful.
- c. Dull material will eventually cost a writer his or her audience.
- d. Dog owners should create more exciting lives for their dogs.

8. What is the genre of this story and what does that mean?

9. Who is the author? Tell a fact about the author.

10. Who is the illustrator. Tell one fact about the illustrator.

11. Page 545. What punctuation marks signal places for the reader to pause?

12, PAGE 546. What does the author mean, “showed him with loving attention?” What does the use of this idiom convey about the authors feelings toward B.J.?

13. PAGE 551. **FLASHBACK: Looking back on an earlier time or event in your life.**

The narrator opens up the story by sharing how she started the Dog Newspaper. What technique does the author use to tell the story of B.J.’s rescue?

14: SKILLS:

What is a fact?

What is an opinion?

15. If you were to write a narrative about your winter break, what would the main idea be?

16. Using the same topic as #15, what would the supporting details be?

17. What is narrative pacing?

