

The Springtime Mystery: A Grade 4 ELA Quiz

Learning objective: To test reading comprehension and vocabulary recall based on the traditional narrative of the Easter story.

Read the summary below carefully and answer the 10 questions that follow. Good luck!

In the historical account often associated with the Easter period, the narrative follows a series of significant events. It begins with a gathering in a city, marked by a final shared meal. Following this, there is a period of reflection and quiet, leading to a challenging day of sacrifice. The story concludes with a profound sense of hope and new beginnings, which are celebrated through various customs today. Many people use this time to reflect on themes of forgiveness and courage, while others focus on the arrival of spring, observing the renewal of nature as the days grow longer.

Word bank: narrative · tradition · reflection · solemn · resilience · commemoration · symbolism

1. 1. According to the text, what does the narrative begin with? A) A parade, B) A final shared meal*, C) A long journey, D) A spring festival (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The text suggests the story ends with a feeling of sadness. (1 mark)

3. 3. What season is mentioned as being linked to the renewal of nature? (1 word) (1 mark)

4. 4. Which of these words best describes the period of 'quiet' mentioned in the text? A) Boisterous, B) Solemn*, C) Hilarious, D) Chaotic (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: The text mentions that people today celebrate the story through various customs. (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: The story is described as a historical _____. (1 mark)

7. 7. What are two themes mentioned in the text that people reflect upon? (2 words) (1 mark)

8. 8. Why does the text say people observe the renewal of nature? A) Because the days grow longer*, B) Because it is winter, C) Because of the rain, D) Because the animals sleep (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: The text states the events took place in a small village. (1 mark)

10. 10. In your own words, what is the main 'hopeful' message at the conclusion of the story? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture showing the transition from winter to spring, including symbols of new life like buds on trees or a bright sun, just as Ellie the elephant likes to observe in the garden.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem, in the style of Leo the lion, about the feeling of hope that comes with the arrival of spring after a long, cold winter.