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Literature 8 – Study Guide

“Charlie and the Advice”

1. A story’s title can sometimes give you clues to its theme. Find actions that Charlie and Fiona take together that connect to the idea expressed in the title.
2. The actions characters take in a story advance the plot and help to develop the theme. Tell what Charlie does to save money. Why might this action be important to the story’s theme?
3. Based on details from the text, what theme is suggested in the tale so far? Is this a universal theme, common to many cultures, or one that is specific to the story’s culture of origin? Be sure to include specific words and phrases from the text in your answer.
4. In folk tales from many cultures, a good character may be granted a wish or given a special gift by a wiser or more powerful character. Describe something special that is being offered to Charlie. How does this offer relate to ideas you have already encountered in the story?
5. A summary of a story includes key events but not unimportant details. What is the important decision that Charlie makes? Why is this a key event? In a summary what other key events on pages 22-23 would you include? What details would you leave out?
6. Key ideas and details can aid your understanding of theme. In European folk tales, images and events often occur in threes. There may be three special objects or three attempts to accomplish something. On pages 22-23, identify the number of the paragraphs that concern something presented in three parts. How might this information play out in the rest of the story?
7. Causes and effects in a story are often clues to the theme. Write the sentence on page 23 that describes a decision Charlie makes (effect) as a result of what the landowner told him (cause). Explain whether you expect to see this cause-and-effect pattern continue in the story.
8. How does Charlie’s choice of payment from the landowner contribute to the story’s theme? Use specific details from the text to support your answer.
9. Identify the number of the paragraph on page 24 that explains why Charlie was right in following the advice to stay on the main road. How does this information help to develop the story’s theme?

10. Identify the number of the paragraph that describes another cause-and-effect relationship between the advice Charlie received and his actions. What is likely to be revealed about the innkeeper?

Comprehension Check: *Write the letter of the correct response to each question.*

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11. Identify two actions Charlie has taken in the story thus far after hearing the landowner's advice. Explain how Charlie's actions contribute to the development of the theme. Refer to textual evidence in your answer.
12. Identify the number of the paragraph on page 26 in which Charlie remembers the third piece of advice from his former employer. What was the advice and how does Charlie follow it?
13. Identify the number of the paragraphs on the last two pages that show how Charlie is rewarded for following the landowner's advice. How do these story events serve as the final development of the theme? Can you think of any other traditional tales that have a similar type of ending?

Comprehension Check: *Write the letter of the correct response to each question.*

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14. Write a summary of this story. Include the key events and details, but leave out unimportant details. Your summary should be objective, or without opinions and judgments. At the end of your summary, include a statement of the story's theme.