The Lantern Path

Recount a folktale and find its lesson.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.2.2 "Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three important events in the tale, and number them 1, 2, and 3 in order. Circle an action that helps show the tale's lesson.

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1. Long ago, in a mountain village, Nia carried a small lantern home after visiting her aunt. Rain began to fall, and the path grew dark. Nia saw an old man standing near a broken bridge.

2. The man said, "I cannot cross safely." Nia wanted to hurry home, but she held the lantern over the bridge. Together, they found the loose boards and stepped around them. The man reached the other side.

3. At the village gate, the man thanked Nia. He gave her a smooth blue stone from his pocket. Nia smiled, but the stone was not why she helped. She was glad he was safe.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Recount the tale in three sentences. Tell what happened first, next, and last.

2. What lesson does this tale teach? Write one sentence.

3. Which two actions show Nia's lesson? Write two details from the tale.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write your own mini folktale in three sentences. Tell what happens first, next, and last, then include a clear lesson.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline three important events in the tale, and number them 1, 2, and 3 in order. Circle an action that helps show the tale's lesson. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Recount the tale in three sentences. Tell what happened first, next, and last.	**First, Nia saw an old man by a broken bridge. Next, she used her lantern to help him cross safely. Last, he thanked her, and Nia was glad he was safe.**
2	What lesson does this tale teach? Write one sentence.	**The lesson is to help someone who needs help.**
3	Which two actions show Nia's lesson? Write two details from the tale.	**Nia held her lantern over the bridge, and she helped the man find the loose boards and cross safely.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A squirrel found a nut near a cold stream. She shared it with a hungry rabbit, and they both had enough to eat. The lesson is that sharing can help everyone.

Accept recounts that include the old man at the bridge, Nia's help, and the safe ending. Accept central messages about helping others, being kind, or putting another person's safety before a reward.