Fable and Folktale Study Guide

Use the following information to prepare for the Fable and Folktale quiz on Thursday, March 6, 2014

Fables:

* **Fables are stories intended to teach a lesson, and animals often speak and act like human beings.**
* **ANIMALS are usually the main characters**
* **The plot and characters are SIMPLE**
* **Stories teach a MORAL or LESSON**
* **SETTING is common and nonspecific**
* **Author uses PERSONIFICATION-In simple terms, its making animals or objects seem like real people, with real human feelings and emotions.**

Folktales:

***A folktale is a story that is passed down and the central message of a folktale is the lesson the story is teaching the readers.***

* The beginning of a folktale usually starts with "Once upon a time" or a similar phrase
* Magic events or personification
* There is often presence of the number 3 (three characters, three wishes, three tries, three events). O
* Often time’s one character is good and one character is bad and goodness is rewarded in the story.

**Use KEY DETAILS of a folktale to help you figure out this central message. Ask yourself:**

***What is this story teaching me?***

**Who is in this story?**

**Where does this story take place?**

**What are the main events in this story?**

Read the fable The Grasshopper and the Ant. Use the chart below to write a summary of the story.

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| Somebody |  |
| Wanted |  |
| But  |  |
| So |  |
| Then |  |

Summary: (Remember to include a topic sentence and a closing sentence)

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Answer each question about The Ant and the Grasshopper

Underline where you found the answer in the text.

1. Who spent the summer playing and having fun?

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1. What was the lesson the grasshopper learned?

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1. Where did the ants get the food they ate during the winter?

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1. When did the ants collet food?
	1. in the summer b. in the spring

c. in the winter d. in the fall

 5) Why was the grasshopper hunger in the winter?

 a. He didn’t have money to buy food. b. His food was stolen by the ants.

c. He didn’t store any food over the summer. d. He couldn’t find where he hid his food.

 6) How did the ants get there food?

 a. They bought it at the store. b. They collected it all summer.

 c. They stole it from the grasshopper. d. They made it.