

6TH GRADE

Summer Reading Study Guide

The City of Ember

Name: _____

As you read the novel, answer the following questions in complete sentences.

- Start your sentence with a capital letter.
- Try not to start your answer with a pronoun; use the character's name instead.
- Restate the question in your answer.
- Don't forget to punctuate correctly.
- Please write neatly or type your responses.

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Understanding the Story

"The Instructions" – Chapter 2

Multiple Choice

1. In Chapter 1, what is the job that Lina wants most?

- (a) Messenger.
- (b) Electrician's helper.
- (c) Pipeworks laborer.
- (d) Greenhouse helper.

2. With whom does Lina trade jobs after choosing in Chapter 1?

- (a) Orly Gordon.
- (b) Doon Harrow.
- (c) Vindie Chance.
- (d) Chet Noam.

Short Answer

3. Explain how the students choose which job they will have for the three years immediately following school.

Long Answer

4. Explain what happens in the introductory chapter entitled "The Instructions". When do the events of this chapter take place?

**A Little
Extra!**

Of the jobs listed in Chapter 1, which job would you like to have if you were a student in this story? Why?

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Understanding the Story

Chapters 3 - 5

Multiple Choice

1. In Chapter 3, Doon is most looking forward to learning about:

- (a) The river.
- (b) The city's generator.
- (c) The process of fixing pipes.
- (d) The Pipeworks passageways.

2. In Chapter 5, who finds Poppy when she is lost during the black-out?

- (a) Lina.
- (b) Clary.
- (c) Doon.
- (d) Granny.

Short Answer

3. In Chapter 5, what special items does Lina purchase with money from her new job? Why does she want these items?

Long Answer

4. In this section, Lina becomes worried about her grandmother. Why is this? Why might Granny's actions in this section be significant?

**A Little
Extra!**

In your opinion, what would be the best thing about living in Ember?
What would be the worst thing about living there?

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Chapters 6 - 8

Multiple Choice

1. In Chapter 6, the message in the old box is partially illegible because:

- (a) Poppy chewed on the paper.
- (b) Poppy spilled baby drink on the paper.
- (c) The ink has faded with time.
- (d) The message is written in code.

2. In this section, which of the following people does Lina NOT tell about the message from the box?

- (a) Captain Fleery.
- (b) Lizzie Bisco.
- (c) Clary.
- (d) Mayor Cole.

Short Answer

3. Why is Lina convinced that the message from the old box is something important?

Long Answer

4. At the beginning of Chapter 6, it is announced that the most recent black-out lasted for seven minutes. This is more than twice as long as any other black-out in Ember's history. Why is this significant?

**A Little
Extra!**

Look back at the holey message that Lina reads in Chapter 7. Based on what you can read, what do you think the message is about? For whom do you think the message was originally intended? What clues in the message or in the novel make you think this? Explain your answer.

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Chapters 9 - 11

Multiple Choice

1. In Chapter 9, how does Doon react to the puzzle-like message that Lina shows him?

- (a) Doon says he thinks the message is important, too.
- (b) Doon says he does not think the message is important.
- (c) Doon easily decodes the entire message.
- (d) Doon tells Lina who wrote the message and why.

2. In Chapter 10, what happens to Lina's grandmother?

- (a) She remembers what object she is searching for.
- (b) She wanders into the street and gets lost.
- (c) She cannot remember Lina's name.
- (d) She falls ill and passes away.

Short Answer

3. In Chapter 9, why does Lina go with Doon into the Pipeworks? What strange thing do they witness while they are down there?

Long Answer

4. In Chapter 11, about what idea do Lina and Lizzie disagree? Do you agree more with Lina or Lizzie in this situation? Explain your answer.

**A Little
Extra!**

Imagine that you have just visited the city of Ember. On the back of this paper, make a list of three things in Ember that are the same as in your city and a list of three things that are different. Then, in sentence form, discuss whether or not Ember is a place you would like to live in permanently.

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Understanding the Story

Chapters 12 - 14

Multiple Choice

1. In Chapter 12, who do Lina and Doon tell about Doon's discovery?

- (a) Doon's father.
- (b) The mayor.
- (c) The police chief.
- (d) The mayor's assistant guard.

2. In Chapter 14, no one is in the Pipeworks in the afternoon because:

- (a) It is Song Rehearsal Day.
- (b) There is a black-out.
- (c) It is Thanksgiving Day.
- (d) There is a town meeting.

Short Answer

3. According to Clary in Chapter 12, what is the title of the mysterious document that Lina has found? Does this title give Cary and Lina hope, or does it make them feel hopeless? Why?

Long Answer

4. In Chapter 13, Clary tells Lina that "everyone has some darkness inside." What does Clary mean by this? Do you agree with her? Why or why not?

**A Little
Extra!**

At the end of Chapter 14, Lina and Doon have finally found a possible way out of Ember. Make a prediction: what do you think they will do next?

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Chapters 15 - 17

Multiple Choice

1. In Chapter 15, where do Doon and Lina go to hide from the guards?

- (a) The library.
- (b) The school.
- (c) The Gathering Hall.
- (d) The Pipeworks.

2. When Lina meets Doon at the Pipeworks in Chapter 17, who is with her?

- (a) Clary.
- (b) Mrs. Murdo.
- (c) Lizzie.
- (d) Poppy.

Short Answer

3. In Chapter 15, why are the guards looking for Doon? What does Doon decide that this means?

Long Answer

4. Explain what happens to Lina when she is on her way to deliver a message to Clary. How is she able to get back to Doon?

**A Little
Extra!**

Where do you think that the city of Ember might be located? Why do you think this?

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Chapters 18 - 20

Multiple Choice

1. In Chapter 19, the winged creatures that fly and sing to the children are most likely:

- (a) Bumblebees.
- (b) Birds.
- (c) Bats.
- (d) Butterflies.

2. In Chapter 20, the creature that Lina and Doon see near the bushes is most likely a:

- (a) Pig.
- (b) Bear.
- (c) Fox.
- (d) Tiger.

Short Answer

3. At the end of the novel, how do Lina and Doon send a message back to the people of Ember? Do you think that the people in Ember will believe the message and do what it says? Why or why not?

Long Answer

4. Explain how Lina and Doon discover the history of their city.

**A Little
Extra!**

Imagine that you are Lina or Doon at the end of this novel. What part of finding the new land would be most exciting for you? Why?

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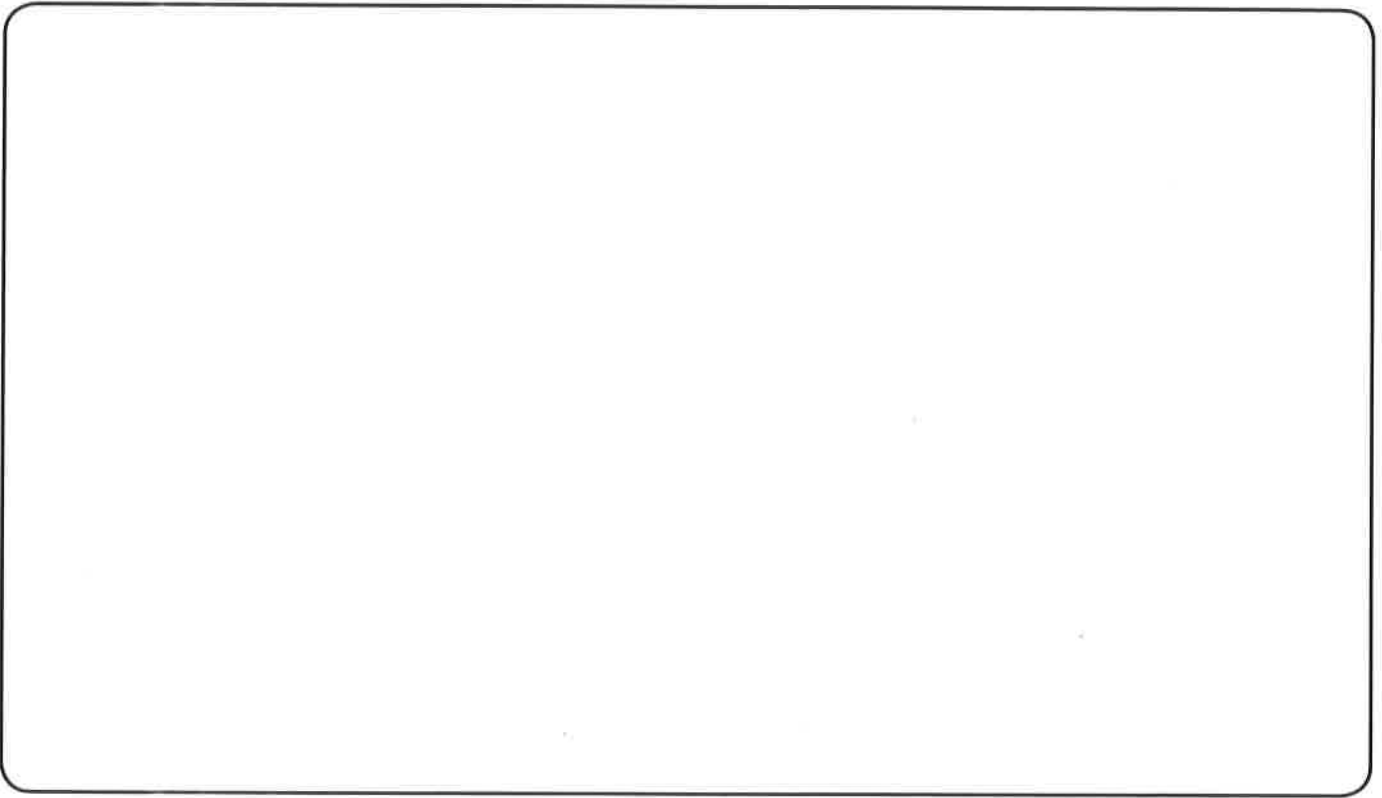
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Story Setting

The setting is the time and/or place in which a story happens.

1. Describe the setting of *The City of Ember*. When and where does it take place?

2. Draw a picture of a setting described in the story.



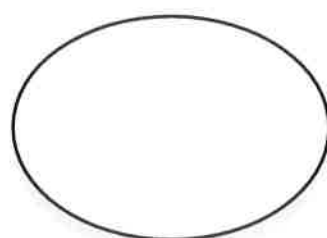
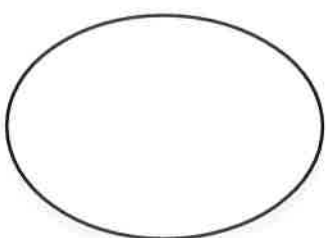
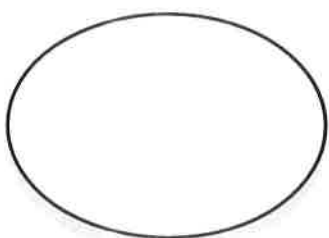
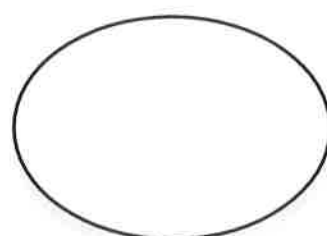
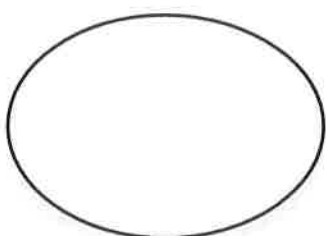
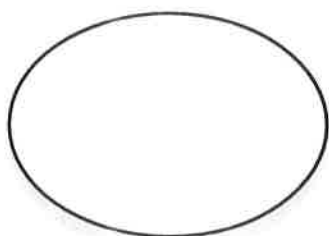
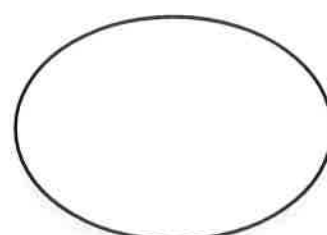
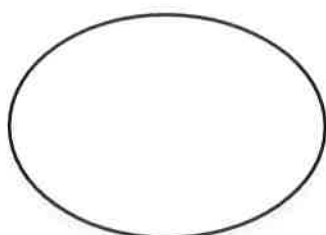
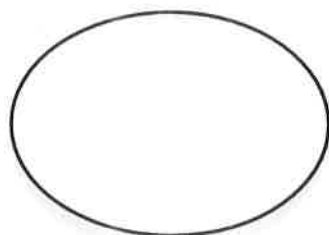
3. Explain what you have drawn above.

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Character Map

Write a different character name in each bubble below. Then, draw different styles of lines in different colors (as shown in the Relationship Key) to show the relationships between each character.



Relationship Key

Friends - - - - -

Family ^ ^ ^ ^ ^

Enemies ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Classmates/Co-workers _____

Teacher/Boss o o o o o o o o o o

Other = = = = =