

Grade 4 Theme 3, Story 1
“Sarah, Plain and Tall”

LA.A.2.2.2 – Author’s Purpose – pgs. 276-289

1. Why did the author write the story “Sarah, Plain and Tall”?
 - A. To explain to the readers how life on the prairie is different from life by the sea.
(incorrect interpretation)
 - B. To entertain readers with a story about a lady moving to a new place and getting to know her new family.
(correct answer)
 - C. To show the readers how animals, like humans, adapt to their new surroundings.
(facts and details that do not represent the author’s purpose)
 - D. To tell the readers about the collection of shells that Sarah brought with her from Maine.
(facts and details that do not represent author’s purpose)

LA.A.2.2.7 – Compare and Contrast – pg. 282

2. Why is the land compared to the sea?
 - A. Because both roll and are high and low in different places.
(correct answer)
 - B. Because both have a collection of shells.
(incorrect comparison)
 - C. Because both have a place where Bride’s Bonnet will grow.
(incorrect identification of compared elements)
 - D. Because both the sea and the prairies are located close to each other. (incorrect identification of compared elements)

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LA.E.1.2.2 – Plot Development – pg. 283

3. What is the FIRST event that tells the reader that Sarah will stay?
- A. Sarah scatters Caleb’s hair for the birds to make their nests.
(facts that are not related to the plot development)
 - B. Sarah sings the song, “Summer is Icumen In.”
(facts that are not related to the plot development)
 - C. Sarah says, “We can have flowers all winter long.”
(correct answer)
 - D. Sarah plans her summer wedding with papa.
(plausible but incorrect)

LA.E.2.2.1 – Cause and Effect – pg. 284

4. Why did Caleb smile at the name, Bride’s Bonnet?
- A. Caleb thinks that Bride’s Bonnet is a silly name for a flower.
(plausible but incorrect)
 - B. Caleb remembers that Bride’s Bonnet is Sarah’s favorite flower and he will pick some for her.
(plausible but incorrect)
 - C. Caleb notices that everyone is relaxed and happy when Anna mentions Bride’s Bonnet.
(incorrect causes)
 - D. Caleb sees Sarah’s bonnet and hopes she will be papa’s bride this summer.
(correct answer)

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LA.A.2.2.1 – Main Idea – pg. 283

5. Why did Sarah bring the conch shell and other shells all the way from Maine?
- A. She wanted to give the shells to papa for a wedding gift.
(plausible but incorrect)
 - B. She wanted to decorate her new home with her collection of shells.
(details that are drawn from the passage but are not main idea)
 - C. They reminded her that the summer was coming.
(plausible but incorrect)
 - D. They were important to her and they reminded her of the sea.
(correct answer)