Grade 4 Theme 6 Story 2
“I Have Heard of A Land”

LA.A.2.2.1 – Main Idea – pgs. 640-661

1. This story is mostly about

   A. The fertile earth, the laughing creek.  
      (detail not significant)
   B. A woman who describes her life as a pioneer.  
      (correct answer)
   C. The joy of owning your log cabin.  
      (incorrect inference)
   D. A woman who has heard about a far away land.  
      (detail not significant)

LA.A.2.2.2 – Author’s Purpose – pgs. 640-661

2. Why did the author write the poem “I Have Heard of A Land”?

   A. To tell readers how brave and hardworking pioneers were.  
      (correct answer)
   B. To teach readers how to live on land that’s new to them.  
      (incorrect interpretation)
   C. To entertain readers with a story about pioneer life long ago.  
      (incorrect interpretation)
   D. To tell the readers about the home of a pioneer woman.  
      (incorrect interpretation)
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3. What happened AFTER the woman woke up but BEFORE she sawed the planks for the steps.

   A. The crickets skirl in harmony.  
     (events out of order)
   B. She writes in her journal at night.  
     (events out of order)
   C. Children swing in their homemade swings.  
     (events out of order)
   D. Her neighbors help her build a log cabin.  
     (correct answer)

LA.A.1.2.3 – Vocabulary – pg. 650

4. Read these sentences from the story.

   I have heard of a land  
   Where winter brings storm warnings  
   And pioneers wonder whether  
   The scissortail in spring will ever sing

What does spring mean in this sentence?

   A. leap  
      (incorrect meaning)
   B. coil  
      (incorrect meaning)
   C. season  
      (correct answer)
   D. wire  
      (incorrect meaning)
5. Why did the woman have to saw the planks by herself?

   A. She was the only one that knew how to saw. (plausible but incorrect)
   B. All the people had gone home. (correct answer)
   C. The other people were too weak to saw. (plausible but incorrect)
   D. She did not want anyone to help her. (plausible but incorrect)