

Monday HW

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Character Traits and Black Beauty

Black Beauty, written by Anna Sewall, was published in 1877. It is the story of a black horse called Black Beauty. Using personification, the story is told from the horse's point of view. Below is a passage from the novel. Beauty is talking to another horse named Ginger.

Black Beauty

by Anna Sewall

Chapter 7 Ginger

List 10 character traits of Ginger.

One day when Ginger and I were standing alone in the shade, we had a great deal of talk; she wanted to know all about my bringing up and breaking in, and I told her.

"Well," said she, "if I had had your bringing up I might have had as good a temper as you, but now I don't believe I ever shall."

"Why not?" I said.

"Because it has been all so different with me," she replied. "I never had any one, horse or man, that was kind to me, or that I cared to please, for in the first place I was taken from my mother as soon as I was weaned, and put with a lot of other young colts; none of them cared for me, and I cared for none of them. There was no kind master like yours to look after me, and talk to me, and bring me nice things to eat. The man that had the care of us never gave me a kind word in my life. I do not mean that he ill-used me, but he did not care for us one bit further than to see that we had plenty to eat, and shelter in the winter. A footpath ran through our field, and very often the great boys passing through would fling stones to make us gallop. I was never hit, but one fine young colt was badly cut in the face, and I should think it would be a scar for life. We did not care for them, but of course it made us more wild, and we settled it in our minds that boys were our enemies. We had very good fun in the free meadows, galloping up and down and chasing each other round and round the field; then standing still under the shade of the trees. But when it came to breaking in, that was a bad time for me: several men came to catch me, and when at last they closed me in at one corner of the field, one caught me by the forelock, another caught me by the nose and held it so tight I could hardly draw my breath; then another took my under jaw in his hard hand and wrenched my mouth open, and so by force they got on the halter and the bar into my mouth; then one dragged me along by the halter, another flogging behind, and this was the first experience I had of men's kindness; it was all force. They did not give me a chance to know what they wanted. I was high bred and had a great deal of spirit, and was very wild, no doubt, and gave them, I dare say, plenty of trouble, but then it was dreadful to be shut up in a stall day after day instead of having my liberty; and I fretted and pined and wanted to get loose. You know yourself it's bad enough when you have a kind master and plenty of coaxing, but there was nothing of that sort for me.

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Bonus question.

What are three character traits of the men and boys Ginger talks about?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Discovering the Elements of the Story

Below is a passage from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll. Read the story and answer the questions.

In her journey through Wonderland, Alice has become very small. She knows she needs to become her normal size again, but she's not sure how to do that.

from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

It sounded an excellent plan, no doubt, and very neatly and simply arranged; the only difficulty was, that she had not the smallest idea how to set about it; and while she was peering about anxiously among the trees, a little sharp bark just over her head made her look up in a great hurry.

An enormous puppy was looking down at her with large round eyes, and feebly stretching out one paw, trying to touch her. "Poor little thing!" said Alice, in a coaxing tone, and she tried hard to whistle to it; but she was terribly frightened all the time at the thought that it might be hungry, in which case it would be very likely to eat her up in spite of all her coaxing.

Hardly knowing what she did, she picked up a little bit of stick, and held it out to the puppy; whereupon the puppy jumped into the air off all its feet at once, with a yelp of delight, and rushed at the stick, and made believe to worry it; then Alice dodged behind a great thistle, to keep herself from being run over; and the moment she appeared on the other side, the puppy made another rush at the stick, and tumbled head over heels in its hurry to get hold of it; then Alice, thinking it was very like having a game of play with a cart-horse, and expecting every moment to be trampled under its feet, ran round the thistle again; then the puppy began a series of short charges at the stick, running a very little way forwards each time and a long way back, and barking hoarsely all the while, till at last it sat down a good way off, panting, with its tongue hanging out of its mouth, and its great eyes half shut.

This seemed to Alice a good opportunity for making her escape; so she set off at once, and ran till she was quite tired and out of breath, and till the puppy's bark sounded quite faint in the distance.

1. **Setting:** Where do you think Alice is?
2. **Characters:** Who are the characters in the passage?
3. **Problem:** What is the problem Alice faces?
4. **Solution:** How does Alice solve the problem?

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Find the Cause and Effect

Read each sentence below. Write the cause on the first line and the effect on the second line.

Example: Larry ran across the road and was hit by a car.

Cause: Larry ran across the road.

Effect: He was hit by a car.

1. Amanda missed the bus and was late for school.

Cause: _____

Effect: _____

2. Vance worked hard on his homework and made an A.

Cause: _____

Effect: _____

3. Lightning struck a tree, and the tree started to burn.

Cause: _____

Effect: _____

4. Daisy did extra chores around the house and earned extra money to buy a new purse.

Cause: _____

Effect: _____

5. A heavy rain flooded the town.

Cause: _____

Effect: _____

6. He watered the tomato plant regularly, and it produced dozens of tomatoes.

Cause: _____

Effect: _____

7. We forgot to put gas in the car, and we ran out of gas.

Cause: _____

Effect: _____

8. The cake burned in the oven that was too hot.

Cause: _____

Effect: _____

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