

Brown Girl Dreaming

1. What does the phrase “land of the free” in Line 19 signify in the context of the poem?

- A country where some people have more rights than others
- A country where everyone should have equal rights
- A country without rules
- A country with no monetary system

2. How does the poem convey the theme of the importance of remembering and sharing the past?

- Through the grandmother’s stories and reflections
- Through the children’s questions
- Through the description of the police and dogs
- Through the mention of marches

3. What does the figurative language, “each story like a photograph,” in Line 31 mean?

- The stories are old and faded.
- The stories are unclear.
- The stories are vivid and memorable.
- The stories are unimportant.

4. What role do the kittens play in the poem?

- They represent the grandmother’s love for dogs.
- They represent the marchers.
- They represent the police.
- They represent a softer side of the grandmother.

5. In Line 2, what does “people’d” most likely mean?

- People should
- People did
- People would
- People had

6. What is the effect of the poem's ending, with the children at their grandmother's feet?

- It shows the children's disinterest.
- It shows the strong family bond and shared history.
- It shows the children's tiredness.
- It shows the grandmother's authority.

7. Why does the grandmother let her girls march just once?

- She was scared for their safety.
- She didn't understand the cause.
- She was usually too busy.
- She didn't believe in the cause.

8. What is the significance of the mention of dogs in the poem?

- It highlights the fear and danger of the time.
- It shows that dogs were her grandmother's favorite pet.
- It shows that the police were friendly to the marchers.
- It shows that dogs were common pets.

9. Why does the grandmother lean back in her chair and close her eyes?

- She is deeply remembering the past.
- She is bored and wants to end the conversation.
- She is trying to ignore the children.
- She is tired and ready for a nap.

10. What does the grandmother believe is necessary for people to live together peacefully?

- The end of marches
- Stronger police presence
- A shared desire for peace
- More dogs

11. What is the main message the grandmother is trying to convey to the children?

- The danger of police and dogs
- The love for her daughters and cats
- The fun of marching for a cause
- The importance of equality and remembering the past

12. How does the grandmother feel about the past marches?

- She thinks they were fun.
- She sees them as dangerous but necessary.
- She thinks they were unnecessary.
- She thinks they were peaceful.