

Fever, 1793

1. What can be inferred about Matilda's relationship with Polly?

- They were related.
- They barely knew each other.
- They were enemies.
- They were friends despite their different statuses.

2. Which line best represents the theme of loss and how it can affect a person?

- "My apologies," I said.
- "You'll just upset her mother more. I'll take a food basket there myself tomorrow."
- "She did not suffer, Matilda. We must be grateful for that."
- "She looked old, much older than she should."

3. The recurring references to "heat" and "sickness in the air" most likely contribute to a mood of...

- joy and happiness.
- excitement and anticipation.
- indifference and calmness.
- worry and unease.

4. The reference to Mother having smiled "with her eyes, her laughter, and her gentle hands" shows that...

- Mother has always been just as strict as she is now.
- there was a time when Mother was more joyful and kind.
- Matilda does not remember the past.
- Mother's health is worsening.

5. The contrast between Matilda's view of Polly as a friend and Mother's view of her as a servant shows...

- Mother's love for Polly.
- the importance of friendship to both Matilda and her mother.
- that Polly had two jobs in the household.
- a difference in perception and values.

6. The phrase "Life was a battle, and Mother a tired and bitter captain" is what kind of figurative language?

- Simile
- Onomatopoeia
- Alliteration
- Metaphor

7. What does the term "pinch-faced" mean as it is used in Paragraph 14?

- Having a face that has been frequently pinched by someone else
- Looking determined or strong, often due to a new challenge
- Looking strained or worn-out, often due to hardship or worry
- Having a naturally thin and narrow face

8. How does the passage convey the theme of longing for past happiness?

- Through Eliza's concern for Polly's family
- Through Matilda's wish to attend the funeral
- Through the discussion of the unhealthy heat
- Through the description of Mother's face when Father was alive

9. What does the description "the face she wore when Father was alive" indicate about the mother?

- She was happier and softer during that time.
- She looked younger.
- She used to work as an actress.
- She used to wear masks.

10. Which word best describes the overall mood of the passage?

- Joyful
- Calm
- Humorous
- Tense

11. How does Matilda view her mother by the end of the passage?

- As a changed person, shaped by the hardships of life
- As a kind and understanding individual
- As an optimistic and hopeful figure
- As someone who does not care about what Matilda wants to do

12. What does the phrase "Life was a battle, and Mother a tired and bitter captain" imply about the mother?

- She has been through many hardships and is weary.
- She avoids responsibility.
- She is always cheerful and energetic.
- She loves sailing.