Story Structure

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

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Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle what each part of the text tells the reader.

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Noelani's First Snow: A Story and a Poem

Version 1: A Story

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One November morning, she woke up and saw a strange white light around her curtains. She pulled them open. The whole yard was covered in snow. For a moment, she thought someone had painted the neighborhood white. The fence posts wore white caps, and the car looked like a giant marshmallow.

Noelani pulled her new boots on over her pajamas and rushed outside. The cold air stung her cheeks. She held out her mitten, and a snowflake landed on it. It was a tiny star with six points. Then it melted into a drop of water.

Noelani laughed and stuck out her tongue to catch more flakes. Her breath made little clouds in the air. The street was empty, and the trees did not move. She had always pictured snow as loud, like rain on a roof. Instead, it fell without making any sound at all.

Version 2: A Poem by Noelani

Morning Snow

I left the island's warm, green shore
To live where winters blow.
This morning, through my curtain's edge,
I saw a world of snow.

The fence posts wear their winter caps.
Our car is round and white.
The street is still, the trees are hushed,
The whole yard glows with light.

A snowflake lands on my mitten,
A star, so small and neat.
It turns into a shining drop.
I stamp my snowy feet.

I catch the flakes upon my tongue.
I laugh and spin around.
I never knew that snow could fall
Without the smallest sound.

1. What does the first stanza of the poem tell the reader about Noelani's move?
   - She moved to a bigger island.
   - She is leaving the snow to go back to the island.
   - She is visiting a snowy place for one day.
   - She left a warm island for a place with winters.

2. What does the title "Morning Snow" tell the reader about the poem?
   It names the speaker and tells how the poem ends.
   It names the time of day and what the poem is about.
   It names the place where Noelani lives now.
   It tells how Noelani feels about her move to Minnesota.

3. What does the first paragraph of the story tell the reader?
   that Noelani moved from Hawaii to Minnesota
   that Noelani has lived in the snow all her life
   that Noelani built a snowman with her cousins
   that Noelani's cousins moved to Minnesota too

4. What does the second paragraph of the story tell the reader?
   that Noelani wakes up to a yard covered in snow
   that the snow has already melted by the time she looks
   that Noelani wakes up and finds her curtains painted white
   that Noelani goes to school in her winter coat

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