Story Structure

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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

READ THIS FIRST

Saturday Market

Abuela taps my door at six.
The sky is pink and gray.
She hands me two big woven bags.
"Come on, it's market day!"

We walk along the sleepy street.
The shops are shut up tight.
A baker waves a floury hand
And flips his window light.

The market tents are red and blue.
They flap like sails at sea.
A farmer stacks his golden squash
And tips his hat to me.

A girl plays fiddle by the bread.
Her music skips and sways.
I drop a coin inside her case.
She smiles and bows and plays.

Abuela squeezes every peach.
She sniffs each melon twice.
She chats with old Señora Ruiz
And bargains for a price.

I carry beans and peppers too.
My arms begin to sag.
Then at the stall of sunflowers,
I tuck some in my bag.

We share a warm, sweet sugar roll.
Abuela tears it wide.
She gives the bigger half to me
And keeps the smaller side.

We rest beside the fountain wall.
The sun is climbing high.
Abuela counts the coins she saved
And gives a happy sigh.

Our bags are full. Our feet are sore.
We slowly wander back.
Next week I'll wake before she knocks,
With my own bag to pack.

1. What does the last stanza show about the speaker?
   The speaker is upset with Abuela.
   The speaker wants to go again next week.
   The speaker never wants to carry bags again.

2. What does the title tell the reader?
   how many stanzas the poem has
   what the speaker feels about Abuela
   when and where the poem happens

3. What does the first stanza tell the reader?
   The speaker wakes Abuela early to go to the market.
   Abuela wakes the speaker early on market day.
   The sun is high and the market is already crowded.

4. What does the stanza that begins "We share a warm, sweet sugar roll" show about Abuela?
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   She is generous with the speaker.
   She is in a hurry to leave the market.

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