

Comprehension

Read the following passage and then answer the questions that follow in full sentences.

Excerpt from 'The Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame:

One morning, Toad awoke with a new idea: he wanted to explore the world beyond the riverbank. Toad had a tendency to get carried away by his whims, and this time was no different. He immediately started packing his belongings for the journey. His friends, Rat, Mole, and Badger, tried to reason with him, but Toad was adamant.

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"I must see the world!" Toad declared, stuffing a hat and some snacks into a bag.

Rat sighed, knowing how Toad could be. "Toad, remember the last time you went on an adventure? You ended up in a lot of trouble."

Toad waved his hand dismissively. "That was a mere misunderstanding. This time, it will be different."

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And so, Toad set off on his journey, leaving his friends behind and venturing into the unknown.

Questions

1) What does the author suggest as a reason for Toad's new idea in lines 2-3?

(2 marks)

Model Answers

- 1) His arrival led to an “unexpected turn” in Jim’s life (1), as Billy Bones introduced him to the world of pirates and treasure hunting (his passion) (2).
- 2) The map handed to Jim by Billy Bones shows the location of a hidden treasure on an island (1). *Other 2 marks on explaining significance:* This is significant because the map becomes the key to Jim's adventure and motivates him to embark on a journey to find the treasure.
- 3) Dr. Livesey is a skilled and knowledgeable doctor, and Squire Trelawney is a wealthy landowner. Dr. Livesey brought medical expertise, while Squire Trelawney paid for the expedition
- 4) *Any acceptable interpretation of the following* - "Enigmatic" - true intentions and loyalties are not immediately clear. He is described as charismatic and resourceful, making him both a helpful and potentially dangerous presence.
- 5) Possible ideas (*2 points explained with evidence*) : he was feeling fearless about finding the treasure 'The journey was filled with danger and intrigue, as they navigated through storms and faced the threat of mutiny'. Also adventurous as he had “always dreamed of adventure” and was excited for the “daring voyage”.
- 6) Any interpretation of Jim felt a mix of excitement and apprehension about the adventure. While he was eager to explore and discover the treasure, he also faced the uncertainty of the journey and the potential dangers that lay ahead.