

PASSAGES TO TARGET THE STANDARD!

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Kylee had waited anxiously all summer for the first day of high school. She'd spent hours planning the outfit she'd wear on the first day, the day she'd go to school and get a completely different lifestyle. Her best friend had helped her find the perfect outfit, and she'd even bought the perfect pair of shoes. Kylee had felt that her freshman year was going to be absolutely perfect. Then Kylee's grave realization came as she stepped into her first class. She'd assigned the meanest teacher in every subject. She also discovered that her best friends weren't in any of her classes; they didn't even have the same lunch period. There were only two periods of ninth grade physical education offered, and somehow, she'd ended up in the one without her friends. This year was destined to be torture!

"Well, I strongly suggest that you make new friends in your classes," her mom had explained in the most unhelpful way possible. Kylee didn't want new friends, she just wanted to have at least some of her classes with her friends she already had. She'd called her mom to call the school and adjust her schedule, but her mother had refused. Kylee had to go to school and she'd need to be there by 7:30. "It was a bad day," Kylee thought, and she'd just started on her first day of school. She'd looked around and realized she hardly recognized anyone. She'd looked down when she walked in and saw a girl who looked like she was in a bad mood, but that was an odd coincidence. Kylee had a horrible first day of school in a perpetually horrible mood.

"This is the worst school year ever!" Kylee grumbled angrily to herself. "There's no way it could get worse!"

But she was mistaken about that. Throughout the day, one terrible thing after another happened. She dropped her books struggling to open her new locker, only to break her backpack strap when she slammed her locker door on it. The PE teacher ridiculed her for being the slowest student to run laps around the gymnasium. The cafeteria served fish sticks—because nothing says "welcome back to school!" like waterlogged fish sticks—and the air conditioner wasn't working in her last class.

By the end of the day, Kylee was inclined to abandon ninth grade altogether. She'd just gotten annoyed when she saw Michael on the bus after school. He smiled at Kylee and she smiled back, but she was nervous. She had a crush on him, but she'd never told him. She'd come to school every day for a week, but she'd never seen him. She'd had a few classes with him, but she'd never seen him. She'd had a few classes with him, but she'd never seen him. "What are you doing on my bus?" he asked. "I live over on Pine Hill Street. This is my bus."

"Your bus? I didn't know you owned a school bus!" he teased, nudging her jokingly. "I live over on Pine Hill Street. This is my bus." Kylee smiled. At least there would be a pleasant start and end to each school day. Then Michael asked for her schedule. He pulled a new one out of his binder and explained that they were in every single class together. Kylee frowned. How had she missed seeing him?

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Choose the best answer for the following questions.

1. Which quote from the passage best supports the inference that Kylee's mom was not very helpful?
- "Kylee had waited anxiously all summer for the first day of high school."
 - "She'd spent hours planning what she would wear and how she would look that day."
 - "Her older sister had even helped her find makeup tutorials online so she could do her makeup the way she liked."
 - "Kylee had felt that her freshman year was going to be absolutely perfect!"

2. Which inference can be made about Kylee's mom?
- Kylee's mom was very helpful when it came to her school and her appearance.
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 - Kylee's mom did not approve of Kylee spending so much time on her appearance.
 - Kylee's mom refused to try to change her schedule because she felt Kylee needed to focus only on her academics.

3. There were many reasons why Kylee did not have a good first day of school. Which quote from the text shows the primary reason Kylee had a bad day?
- "As Kylee huddled along to her first period class alone on the first day, she looked around and realized she hardly recognized anyone."
 - "The teacher scornfully looked at her."
 - "She'd come to school every day for a week, but she'd never seen him. She'd had a few classes with him, but she'd never seen him."
 - "...and she'd never seen him working in the cafeteria."

4. Which inference can be made about Michael?
- Michael saw Kylee in his classes but chose to ignore her.
 - Michael was disappointed to see Kylee on the bus.
 - Michael was excited to see Kylee on the bus.
 - Michael was not interested in being friends with Kylee.

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Citing Evidence & Inferences Part I

What is your name?

Your answer _____

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Readers should pay close attention when reading literature. Sometimes authors don't directly state something, but they provide evidence to support their inclusions. Readers should be able to cite evidence to back up what they infer. Readers should be able to cite evidence to support their inferences they make.

Read the following text:

The first day of school was here at last and Rohan was excited. His parents promised he would make friends when school started, but he hadn't been so sure when they'd moved into the large empty house back in late June. It had been a long time since he'd seen his last classmate. He'd been looking forward to seeing his friends, but he'd never seen them. He'd seen a baseball field in front of the house, but he'd never seen anyone playing. He'd seen four boys sitting in the yard, but he'd never seen anyone waving to him.

The reader can infer that Rohan was eager to make new friends. What evidence in the text supports this inference?

Your answer _____

