

SUMMARIZE & RESPOND

Q3 • Wk2

Grade 5

The Forest Wakes Again

WISDOM

Destruction opens the way to new growth and hope.

preceptor reads aloud

DO THIS

► Read the passage carefully.

READ • read carefully — you will answer questions about this

- 1 Once, there was a vast forest filled with tall pine trees, old oaks, and berry bushes that grew thick along the ground. Deer wandered through the shadows, and birds sang from every branch. The forest was so full of life that it seemed like nothing could ever change. But one dry summer, lightning struck during a terrible storm, and a fire started that spread through the woods for many weeks. The smoke rose so high that people in towns far away could see it. When the fire finally stopped, the forest looked like a different world—black trunks stood bare against the sky, and ash covered everything like snow.
- 2 At first, people who loved the forest felt sad. They walked through the burned trees and wondered if the green world would ever come back. But deep in the soil, something amazing was already happening. Seeds that had been waiting for years, sealed tight and protected from harm, began to wake up. Some seeds, like those from lodgepole pines, could only open when heat from fire broke through their hard coating. The ash left behind was not wasteful; it became food for the soil, bringing nutrients that plants needed to grow strong. Rain fell and soaked into the ground, carrying these nutrients down to hungry roots.
- 3 By the next spring, tender green shoots pushed through the dark ash and burned soil. Wildflowers bloomed in colors so bright—yellows, purples, and reds—that the burned forest looked like it was celebrating. Animals began to return. Birds came back to hunt insects that thrived in the new growth. Deer found fresh plants to eat. Within a few years, young trees grew taller, and bushes spread across the forest floor again. The forest was not the same as it had been before—it was younger, wilder, and full of new

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READ (continued) • keep reading

beginnings.

- 4 The forest taught everyone an important lesson: even when something seems completely destroyed, life finds a way to return and grow again. Fire, which had seemed like only harm, had actually cleared away the old and made room for the new. The forest's recovery showed that endings are not really endings at all—they are chances for fresh starts. Nature has the power to heal itself when given time and care. The story of the forest's recovery reminds us that hope and growth can follow even the darkest times.

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ANSWER KEY

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Who?

A forest community (trees, animals, and people who love the forest)

Wanted what?

The forest wanted to heal and grow green again after being burned by fire

What happened?

A lightning strike caused a fire that burned the forest, but seeds in the soil woke up and began to grow, animals returned, and the forest recovered with new life

How did it end?

The forest became healthy again, younger and wilder than before, teaching everyone that hope and growth can follow destruction

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