

SUMMARIZE & RESPOND

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Grade 5

The Garden Project

PERSEVERANCE

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preceptor reads aloud

DO THIS

► Read the passage carefully.

READ · read carefully — you will answer questions about this

- 1 Marcus stared at the empty lot behind his apartment building. Weeds covered the ground, and old trash was scattered everywhere. His grandmother had asked him to help create a garden there—a place where people in the neighborhood could grow vegetables. Marcus felt excited at first, but when he looked at all the work ahead, his excitement faded. He wondered if he was strong enough to do such a hard job.
- 2 On Saturday morning, Marcus started pulling weeds. His hands got sore, and his back ached after just one hour. Some of the weeds had deep roots that wouldn't come out easily. Marcus wanted to stop and go inside to rest. He sat down on the ground, feeling tired and discouraged. But then he remembered his grandmother's words: "The hardest tasks teach us the most about ourselves." Marcus took a deep breath, drank some water, and returned to pulling weeds. By lunchtime, he had cleared half the lot.
- 3 Over the next two weeks, Marcus worked on the garden after school and on weekends. He moved heavy bags of soil to fill raised garden beds. His muscles grew stronger with each passing day. Friends from school noticed what he was doing and asked if they could help. Soon, Marcus had five friends joining him to dig, plant seeds, and build a small fence around the garden. The work felt easier and more fun when he wasn't working alone.
- 4 One morning in late spring, tiny green shoots began pushing up through the soil. The lettuce, tomatoes, and beans were actually growing! Marcus brought his grandmother to see the garden. She smiled and gave him a hug. "You did this," she said. "You didn't give up when it was hard." Marcus realized that his perseverance had changed not just the

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ANSWER KEY

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Who?

Marcus and his grandmother

Wanted what?

to create a garden in an empty lot where neighborhood people could grow vegetables

What happened?

Marcus started the hard work by pulling weeds, felt discouraged, but remembered his grandmother's encouraging words and kept going. Over two weeks, friends joined to help, and together they prepared beds, planted seeds, and built a fence around the garden.

How did it end?

The vegetables grew, Marcus showed the finished garden to his grandmother, and he realized that his perseverance had made him stronger and created a place where neighbors could gather.

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