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Homework 17 (6<sup>th</sup> grade 10 – questions)

Inferences and Conclusions

The clock struck 8:00 PM, and I had just gotten my little brother and sister into bed. I stumbled back down the hallway to the living room, grabbed my backpack, and cleared off the kitchen table. It was finally time for me to start my homework, and I had a lot to do. After my homework, I would fix a plate for my dad and set it in the microwave with heating instructions taped to the door. He would get in long after I had gone to bed, and he appreciated the little things I did to help him.

For the last month, this had been my life. My mother had moved to California for six months to film a low-budget movie. My dad had wanted all of us to go with her and see California, but she insisted on going alone. My dad was left alone to care for three children. At twelve, I became the woman of the house. My dad switched to the night shift at the factory so that he could be home with my brother and sister while I went to school. While he was at work, I took care of my brother and sister, made dinner, and cleaned the house. I actually liked cooking. I experimented with food and created a few masterpieces out of a little pasta, some meat, and leftover vegetables. After eating one of my creations, Dad said he could see me working in a big city restaurant, serving famous people. I smiled at that idea. It would be fun.

1. What conclusion can be made about the narrator of the story?

Write your response here:

2. Which detail in the selection shows that the narrator has a good relationship with her father?

Write your response here:

3. From information in the story, the reader can conclude that the mother

Write your response here:

4. Which sentence from the story shows that the father believes his daughter will have a great future?

Write your response here:

5. Which idea from the story **best** shows that the narrator puts her family's needs before her own?

Write your response here:

**Sight for Sore Eyes**  
by Carolyn N. Greshman

Summer sun makes the beach flash like silver. Winter snow sparkles whiter than white. All you know is that your eyes ache and your head hurts. Reach in your pocket and pull out . . . sunglasses!

These days, sunglasses are everywhere, but who thought up these wonders for your eyes? For hundreds of years, people believed that certain colors soothed and shaded the eyes. The Roman emperor Nero looked through a light green emerald to watch the gladiators battling in the Coliseum.

In twelfth-century China, judges hid their eyes behind glasses of smoky quartz. The audience could not see the judges' eyes and guess what they were thinking.

Spectacles with colored glass were popular in the 1600s. Writers and others who worked long hours reading in poor light hoped that green spectacles would help their tired eyes.

In the early 1800s, "gogglers" protected travelers' eyes from wind, dust, and strong reflected light. Gogglers were framed black cups holding plain or colored glass, tied onto the head with a ribbon.

With the invention of the airplane in the early 1900s, glare—light that bounces off objects and creates a shine—became a problem for pilots. In the 1920s, the American Army Air Corps asked the company Bausch and Lomb for help. What was their solution? Green Ray-Ban aviator sunglasses!

Right before World War II, a craze for tinted sunglasses became popular in Europe. As the war came to a close, Hollywood movie stars quickly took notice. At first, the stars wore sunglasses for protection from the California sun, but they soon realized the glasses gave them a mysterious look. Stars began wearing sunglasses all the time, even indoors. It didn't take long for sunglasses to become the hot, new fashion.

By 1965, special lenses appeared, which turned from a light color indoors to a dark color in sunlight. In the 1960s and 1970s, sunglasses took on wild shapes and colors—enormous stars, granny glasses, mirrors, and wraparound strips. The 1980s brought us better lenses that protected the eyes from harmful rays of the sun.

What's new for the future of sunglasses? How about battery-operated electromagnetic sunglasses? Flip a switch, and a tiny electric current adjusts the darkness of the lens in seconds. Maybe "liquid sunglasses" sound better. A squirt of these drops in each eye screens out harmful solar rays for hours. There are so many possibilities!

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6. Which sentence from the article **best** shows that movie stars liked the way sunglasses looked?

Write your response here:

7. Which conclusion is **best** supported by the end of the selection?

Write your response here:

8. The reader can conclude that Hollywood movie stars

Write your response here:

9. Which inference about sunglasses can be made from the following statement in the selection:  
*At first, the stars wore sunglasses for protection from the California sun, but they soon realized the glasses gave them a mysterious look; stars began wearing sunglasses all the time, even indoors. It didn't take long for sunglasses to become the hot, new fashion.*

Write your response here:

Children should be taught to use the Internet "more creatively," according to a report. Research by the London School of Economics said even though kids had more Web skills than parents, they spend too much time chatting and gaming online.

The report's authors say kids should be encouraged to join online political discussions. They need to learn to do online research for school. They should also learn how to build their own Web sites.

Researchers spoke to 14 groups of kids aged from 9 to 19 for the study. All kids were well aware that chatting with strangers is not always safe, but most just shrug it off. "Nothing bad has ever happened to me," Kendra, a 14-year-old girl, said, "and I'm in chat rooms all the time. I'm not worried because I know my parents are right there, sitting in the living room."

The report also had a tip for parents. Professor Sonia Livingstone, who wrote the report, said, "Parents themselves could develop their skills more to keep up with their children. Kids need an adult to teach them how to use Internet in more positive ways."

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10. Which of the statements in the passage supports the report's authors' opinion about online learning?

Write your response here: