

Prepare Fourth Graders
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PASS
Palmetto Assessment of State Standards
4th Grade
Daily Reading Reviews
Reproducible and Ready-to-Use



- reviews ELA academic standards
- variety of genres
- 24 reading selections with indicator-based questions
- 24 optional weekly quizzes in constructed response format
- 5-minute daily practices
- answer key

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READING SELECTION #6

Mrs. O'Leary's Cow Speaks Up



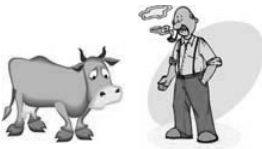


- 1 I know who burned down Chicago in 1871. I am not the guilty one, and neither is my owner, Mrs. O'Leary. The fire was caused by Daniel Sullivan, the man who sometimes came to my barn. He started the fire that burned down half the city, but everyone blames me, the cow, instead.
- 2 What really happened? Well, the night of the fire, old Daniel hobbled in the barn around 8:30. You see, his mother's cow lived in the barn with me, and he had come to feed her. He must have been tired, because after he fed her, he sat down in the hay and fell fast asleep. That's when he dropped his pipe. I watched the pipe set the hay on fire. The fire quickly spread over the entire barn. Smoke filled the air making it hard to breathe. So, we all started mooing and squawking and neighing to wake him up. When Daniel woke up and saw what he had done, he quickly jumped to his feet. I thought he was going to run away, but he didn't.
- 3 Daniel began rescuing us by opening our stalls and untying our ropes. He led us all outside. By then, Mrs. O'Leary had come out to see why we were making such a fuss. The fire grew bigger and bigger. A strong wind blew fiery ash next door, and that house caught on fire too. Then another. Then another. I watched with my big brown eyes as most of the neighborhood went up in smoke. Mrs. O'Leary was lucky. Her house didn't catch fire, but I watched my barn burn to the ground.
- 4 The rest of Chicago wasn't as lucky as Mrs. O'Leary. The awful fire burned for two whole days. It burned down houses, shops, and business buildings all over the city. People ran to the lake to get away from the flames. Screeching fire engines pulled by horses raced through the streets clanging their bells. It was scary with so much fire and smoke, noise and confusion, and panic everywhere! Some people were even killed—all because Daniel fell asleep with a pipe in his mouth! Other people became too tired to fight the fire any longer. The fire finally stopped when a light rain fell on the city. It gave the exhausted firemen a little help in putting out the flames. But, the damage was already done.
- 5 Nobody knows Daniel did it, and he'll never tell. Instead, everyone blames me. Me! A cow! They say *I* knocked over a lantern in the barn. They say *I* started the fire. At first I was angry at Daniel Sullivan for saying it was my fault, but now I understand. It was impossible for him to tell the truth. If he told people that his carelessness had started the fire that burned down Chicago, he'd be in a heap of trouble. But if it were just a cow that did it, who would care? They don't send cows to jail, do they? I remind myself, too, that Daniel saved our lives. He let us out when we could have been trapped. What a brave thing to do!
- 6 I guess I don't really mind being blamed for the fire if it helps Daniel stay out of trouble. However, I wish people remembered me for something good, instead of for starting the Great Chicago Fire. I sure hope Daniel learned a lesson and stops smoking that pipe!





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4th Grade Reading DAILY REVIEW #6

	Literal and Inferred Comprehension	Structural Analysis	Elements of Literature
DAILY 1	<p>1. Which sentence helps identify the author's purpose for writing this passage?</p> <p>a. "But, the damage was already done." b. "The fire grew bigger and bigger." c. "I know who burned down Chicago in 1871." d. "What a brave thing to do!"</p>	<p>2. Does the underlined part of the sentence tell WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, or HOW?</p> <p>a. "<u>Daniel</u> fell asleep." b. "The fire <u>quickly</u> spread." c. "I knocked over a <u>lantern</u> in the barn." d. "I know who burned down Chicago in <u>1871</u>."</p> <p>3. Which word has a prefix?</p> <p>a. impossible b. awful c. instead d. confusion</p> <p>Give its... base word: _____ prefix: _____ meaning: _____</p>	<p>4. ¹Who is telling this story?</p> <p>a. Mrs. O'Leary b. Daniel Sullivan c. Chicago d. the cow</p> <p>²The genre of this story could be either _____ or _____.</p> <p>Explain: _____</p>
DAILY 2	<p>1. Nellie must come up with a new title for this story. Which title would be her BEST choice?</p> <p>a. "The Cow's Tale" b. "The Clumsy Cow" c. "The Honest Boy" d. "The Dishonest Cow"</p>	<p>2. Why did the animals moo, squawk, and neigh?</p> <p>a. They tried to warn Daniel that Mrs. O'Leary was coming out to the barn. b. They wanted to be fed. c. The cow needed milking. d. Daniel needed to wake up.</p> <p>3. ¹Which sensory words in paragraph 4 help describe how it sounded in the streets that night?</p> <p>a. smoke, fire b. confusion, awful c. rain, flames d. clanging, screeching</p> <p>²The author used them to help the reader sense...</p> <p>a. the heat. c. Dan's guilt. b. the panic. d. the anger.</p>	<p>4. What is the setting of the story?</p> <p>When: _____</p> <p>Where: _____</p>
DAILY 3	<p>1. What part of this story could NOT really have happened?</p> <p>a. People blamed the cow for setting the city on fire. b. Mrs. O'Leary's cow explained how the fire started. c. Half a city burned down. d. Daniel smoked in the barn.</p>	<p>2. According to the story, what caused the Great Chicago Fire?</p> <p>a. Daniel knocked over a lantern. b. Mrs. O'Leary dropped a match on the hay. c. The cow knocked over a lantern. d. Daniel dropped his pipe.</p> <p>3. In which sentence is the word <i>HEAP</i> used the same way as it is used in paragraph 5?</p> <p>a. I had a heap of laundry to do. b. My mom likes to heap green beans on my plate. c. Grandpa laughed when we called his truck an old heap. d. Our fourth grade teacher likes to heap on the work.</p>	<p>4. What happened right before Daniel dropped his pipe?</p> <p>a. He fed his mother's cow. b. He fell asleep. c. A fire spread over the entire barn. d. The animals were led out of the barn.</p>
DAILY 4	<p>1. What does Mrs. O'Leary's cow hope Daniel will do?</p> <p>a. reward the firemen b. rebuild the barn c. throw away his pipe d. become a fireman</p> 	<p>2. Which is the BEST choice for the main idea of paragraph 4?</p> <p>a. Nobody knew that Daniel really started the fire. b. Mrs. O'Leary's barn burned to the ground. c. The fire from Daniel's pipe caught the hay on fire. d. Fire burned most of the city.</p> <p>3. Which word in paragraph 4 helps the reader know the meaning of the underlined word?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>The <u>exhausted</u> firemen needed to rest in order to keep fighting the fire.</p> </div> <p>a. angry b. excited c. frustrated d. tired</p>	<p>4. The illustrations in the story help the reader determine the story's...</p> <p>a. title. b. genre. c. setting. d. plot.</p>  



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4th Grade Constructed Response #6

1. What did the cow mean when she said that she watched "as most of the neighborhood went up in smoke."

2. Find words from the passage that describe what it was like in Chicago on the night of the fire. Write them on the lines in the box.

Describing Words	
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. Was the cow angry with Daniel for blaming her for starting the fire? _____

Use details from the story to support your answer.
