

## Middle School Practice Questions

### I Can Make this Promise

By Christine Day

1. In which book does a teacher remind a character of a fairy-tale princess?
2. In which book does a character give another character a mystery firework free of charge?
3. In which book is the secret to a character's green thumb seaweed?
4. In which book does a character's name mean prosperous in war?
5. In which book does a character wonder if they put you to sleep when getting braces?

### Children of the Fox

By Kevin Sands

1. In which book did a character think airships were giant balloons with tower of decks hanging below until he boarded one?
2. In which book does a character touch his left coat pocket every ten minutes or so to reassure himself that the thing he values most is still there?
3. In which book is a character told, "Never tell the client your secrets. They'll think more of you- and will never cross you-when they think you can read their minds?"
4. In which book were children the strangest group of thieves a character had ever seen?
5. In which book is research referred to as maps, floor plans, sewer tunnels and such?

### Paola Santiago and the River of Tears

By Tehlor Kay Mejia

1. In which book does a hand with a ruby ring stick out of a glowing green river?
2. In which book does a character give another character an old worn-out slipper hoping it will save him?
3. In which book was a character hot-tempered and not the type of student to get a certificate for helpfulness and good attitude?
4. In which book is a character stabbed with water and felt that she was drowning on dry land?
5. In which book does a character think her mother would be able to solve the riddle of the cactus field if only she were there?

## Alone

By Megan E. Freeman

1. In which book does a character hear dogs bark and growl as they corner a rabbit in the corner of an alley?
2. In which book does a character drag a mattress into the front room to help her stay warm during a winter storm?
3. In which book does a character crawl into a bathtub for safety?
4. In which book was the missing nutrient from a character's diet love?
5. In which book does a character want to save a clump of her mother's hair for DNA?

## Attack of the Black Rectangles

By A.S. King

1. In which book does a character smash a blue mug because he was angry?
2. In which book are characters unsure how to make an appointment with their principal?
3. In which book is it a problem that books have been censored?
4. In which book is a character dress coded because of her t-shirt?
5. In which book does a character dislike being ignored?

## Choosing Brave

By Angela Joy

1. In which book did a character make all kinds of things from corn; corn oil, corn binding, corn syrup, and cornstarch?
2. In which book was a character paid in whiskey?
3. In which book did a character develop polio?
4. In which book did a character come into and leave the world in the same hard way, bruised, scarred, and swollen?
5. In which book does a character marry her son's barber?

## Freewater

By Amina Luqman-Dawson

1. In which book does a knife make a character unique?
2. In which book do characters' strengths help build a strong village?
3. In which book is the character's name Two Shoes?
4. In which book does a weapon feel as heavy as an anvil on a character's back?
5. In which book does a character have a secret room in the hollow of a tree?

## Hummingbird

By Natalie Lloyd

1. In which book is a fancy-pants version of rain or sleet called feather-flakes?
2. In which book is a character's classroom quiet like a hug is quiet?
3. In which book does a character convince her family to act out her plays over dinner?
4. In which book do hundreds of feathers fall like snow around a character?
5. In which book is PE known as the land of misery?

## I Must Betray You

By Ruta Sepetys

1. In which book is a character's bedroom, a small closet near their front door?
2. In which book does a character feel like pretty girls use their beauty as a strategy?
3. In which book do characters gather to watch the movie "Die Hard"?
4. In which book is fear used as a weapon to control characters?
5. In which book does a character see a picture of Mickey Mouse and is surprised to see that Disneyland was a real place and not make believe?

## Maizy Chen's Last Chance

By Lisa Yee

1. In which book does a character growl at a wooden bear?
2. In which book does a character have a compost bin behind the restaurant she works at?
3. In which book does a character believe that bacon should be designated as a national treasure?
4. In which book does a character live eighteen miles from the nearest McDonalds?
5. In which book is there a ransom note for a character that asks for \$1,000 yen and 12 egg rolls?

### Nowhere Boy

By Katherine Marsh

1. In which book has a character stayed in reception centers that were little more than human pens?
2. In which book is a school named the School of Happiness?
3. In which book does a character give a little help to orchids by watering them and trimming them a trim?
4. In which book does a character hear a story that reminds him of Anne Frank?
5. In which book does a character keep his promise to another character and let him stay in his basement?

### Odder

By Katherine Applegate

1. In which book did a character's last meal consist of a ray and two puny turtles?
2. In which book does a character love and admire kayakers?
3. In which book does a character recall advice from her mother to "Stay away from all that you do not understand?"
4. In which book are characters moved up a rung on the evolutionary ladder because they use rocks as tools?
5. In which book do characters sleep as untroubled as lily pads?

### A Place to Hang the Moon

By Kate Albus

1. In which book does a character read about how to get along without nylon stockings?
2. In which book are characters having to dig up their flowers and plant vegetables in their place?
3. In which book do characters go on a field trip to watch Pinocchio?
4. In which book are characters fed corned beef and boiled cabbage for their first meal?
5. In which book do characters write condolence letters to their teacher?

### Scratch Scratch

By Lindsay Currie

1. In which book does a character find a crumbled piece of paper with the number 396 written in the middle of the page?
2. In which book is a character's willpower tested with the combination of ooey-goey cinnamon and cream cheese?
3. In which book is a best friend as comfortable as an old pair of slippers or a baggy sweatshirt?
4. In which book does a character do something a scientist should never do, ignore her instincts?
5. In which book are characters willing to pay almost seventy dollars for two hours on a Chicago bus?

### Shark

By Paul de Gelder

1. In which book do some character's teeth change shape as they get older and their food source changes?
2. In which book does a character get burned when he tries to hug another character?
3. In which book does a character have a better vertical jump than basketball star Michael Jordan?
4. In which book is there a Café that covers an area close to 160 miles wide?
5. In which book does it take characters about 12 years to reach a mature age?

### Stowaway

By John David Anderson

1. In which book does a character have a watch with a holographic generator?
2. In which book does a character eat a lab concocted lump called ficken?
3. In which book could a character conjure up his mother's smile whenever he wished?
4. In which book does a character pilfer a strange looking purple fruit called a Belgip?
5. In which book does a character feel guilty for cheating death?

### Swim Team

By Johnnie Christmas

1. In which book does going to a new school remind a character of the butterfly effect?
2. In which book does a character's favorite things include doing homework with her dad, cooking, and going to the library?
3. In which book does a character design costumes for school plays?
4. In which book does a character make a friendship bracelet for another character?
5. In which book does a character go from skipping one class to skipping school?

### Temple Alley Summer

By Sachiko Kashiwaba

1. In which book has a character been in China for the last year helping out his former university professor on an archaeological dig?
2. In which book does a character's grandmother refuse to allow another character to plant Chinese Trumpet vine in their yard?
3. In which book does a neighborhood association want to see a character because they were impressed with his summer project?
4. In which book does a character fish for water balloon yo-yos?
5. In which book are characters caught dozing in front of the TV?

### Tumble

By Celia Perez

1. In which book is a character given the gift of adoption as a birthday present?
2. In which book does a character work on fossils in a lab?
3. In which book was a character's mom in the Future Scientists Club when she was in high school?
4. In which book was a reward offered for information leading to the return of missing science lab earthworms?
5. In which book does a character warn another character about eating pomegranates?

### The Wind Called My Name

By Mary Louise Sanchez

1. In which book does a character make tortillas in the shape of a state?
2. In which book was church held in a store on Saturdays?
3. In which book did characters own a car named Claudette?
4. In which book does a character receive a quarter for sweeping the floor?
5. In which book do characters sell vegetables to help pay for a lantern?