

Cold-Read Task Answer Key

1. __D__ Part A
__B__ Part B

Standards: RL.4.1, RL.4.4, RL.4.10

2. __B__ Part A
__A__ Part B

Standards: RL.4.1, RL.4.4, RL.4.10

3. __C__

Standards: RL.4.1, RL.4.7

4. __B__, __C__, __F__

Standards: RL.4.1, RL.4.3, RL.4.10

5. __D__ Part A
__B__ Part B

Standards: RL.4.1, RL.4.3, RL.4.10

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	Part A	Part B
Yugong is...	ambitious	b
	proud	d

	inspirational	e
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Standards: RL.4.1, RL.4.3, RL.4.10

7. A Part A

 D Part B

Standards: RL.4.1, RL.4.2, RL.4.10

8. Exemplar Student Response

The folktale, “How Yugong Moved the Mountains,” teaches a theme of determination. The characters in the Chinese folktale show that a person can achieve what looks impossible if he is determined and does not give up.

The characters in the folktale reveal the theme by their actions. At the beginning of the story Yugong is very unhappy because the mountain near his home makes life difficult for him and his family. It is hard to travel to town and the mountain roads are dangerous.

Since the mountain made life difficult, Yugong and his family decided to move the mountain so that it would no longer be near their house. Then life would be much less difficult. Although moving the mountain was going to be difficult and hard to achieve, Yugong was determined to move it and improve life for his family. He and his sons started moving the mountain one bucket of dirt at a time and emptying it into the sea that was far from their home. Although it was hard work and the progress was slow, they kept working.

The wise man told Yugong that he was making a foolish decision. He said that they could never move the mountain. Yugong told him that he wasn’t as wise as people thought because they could move the mountain. It would take a long time but that his children and grandchildren could keep working after he was dead.

The Emperor of the Heavens was impressed with Yugong’s determination and moved the mountain as Yugong slept. The Emperor would not have moved the mountain if he was not impressed with Yugong’s determination.

Through these actions that show Yugong’s determination and the positive result he achieved because of his determination, the author shows how determination pays off in rewards.

Standards: RL.4.1, RL.4.2, RL.4.3, RL.4.10; W.4.2, W.4.9; L.4.1, L.4.2, L.4.3