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"The Space Rock" Quiz

Directions: Read "The Space Rock" and "Space Attack." Then answer the multiple-choice questions below.

1. Which of the following best describes Daddy?

- (A) strict
- (B) wise
- (C) courageous
- (D) pessimistic

2. Which of the following sentences from the story best supports your answer to number 1?

- (A) "You don't disturb Daddy when he's talking to his truck." (p. 21)
- (B) "We can sell it, or we can keep it." (p. 24)
- (C) "Daddy looked at Brother like he had lost his mind." (p. 23)
- (D) "Getting what you need out of something is better than getting all that you can out of something." (p. 25)

3. What is the purpose of the quotation at the beginning of the story?

- (A) It explains why meteorites are so valuable.
- (B) It gives a hint about the ending of the story.
- (C) It suggests a theme of the story.
- (D) It provides the perspective of Seneca, an important character in the story.

4. Consider this sentence from page 21:

"The day the rock fell from outer space I was feeling melancholy."

Context clues reveal that *melancholy* means

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| (A) energetic. | (C) enraged. |
| (B) gloomy. | (D) anxious. |

5. You can infer that the town of Rock Creek

- (A) is definitely in South Dakota.
- (B) has a very unpopular mayor.
- (C) has a small, close-knit community.
- (D) was once a large, bustling city.

6. On page 24, what point does Daddy make with his speech about where the meteorite landed?

- (A) The meteorite's landing location was random and could have easily been somewhere else.
- (B) Their family has the largest property in town.
- (C) He is furious about where the meteorite landed.
- (D) The neighbors have demanded to share in the profits from selling the meteorite.

7. Which of the following quotes from the article best represents a central idea of "Space Attack"?

- (A) "Ever look up at the night sky and see a shooting star? Beautiful, yes?"
- (B) "Asteroids are part of the universe. There's nothing we can do about that, but we do have the technology to prepare for future impacts."
- (C) "Each day, Earth is bombarded by some 100 tons of debris."
- (D) "Fortunately, no one in Chelyabinsk was killed, and most injuries were minor."

8. How does the introduction of "Space Attack" differ from the rest of the article?

- (A) It is fiction.
- (B) It is written in the present tense.
- (C) It is written in a narrative style.
- (D) It contains dialogue.

Directions: Write your answers on the back of this paper or type them up on a computer.

9. What does the poem at the end of "The Space Rock" reveal about the narrator's feelings about the events of the story? Use text evidence to support your answer.

10. After reading about the science of space rocks in "Space Attack," does the portrayal of the meteorite in "The Space Rock" seem realistic? Use text evidence to support your claim.