## **Ice Palace Comprehension**

#### **GOLD**

1. How is summer described?

Short and pale like a celandine

2. Where did Ivan live?

In the house of the blacksmith

3. Why were the people scared in winter?

Starjik would visit and take a child

4. Which type of animal pulled Starjik's sled?

Wolves

5. What was gone every morning?

A child

6. Why did the village weep for the blacksmith and his wife?

Because Ivan's brother had been taken by Starjik

7. How would you describe Ivan from the first few pages?

Brave, determined, adventurous, motivated (anything similar can be accepted)

8. Why did Ivan pretend to be asleep?

He was waiting for his parents to go to bed

9. Why are the blacksmith and his wife described as 'unhappy'?

They are sad about the disappearance of Ivan's brother

10.If you were a villager, and 2 boys from the same family had disappeared, what would you think and feel?

Upset, concerned, distraught, terrified, empathetic, sorrowful, worried, or something similar

## Something along the lines of:

- Worried that my family is at risk.
- Upset for the blacksmith and his wife.
- Terrified that something worst will now happen.

Or something similar.

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#### **SILVER**

- 1. How is summer described on page 5?
  - Short and pale like a celandine
- 2. Where did Ivan live?
  - In the house of the blacksmith
- 3. Why were the people scared in winter?
  - It was too cold.
  - It had scary animals.
  - Starjik came to the village.
  - There wasn't enough food.
- 4. Which type of animal pulled Starjik's sled?

Wolves

5. What was gone every morning?

A child

- 6. Why did the village weep for the blacksmith and his wife on page 10?

  Because Ivan's brother had been taken by Starjik
- 7. How would you describe Ivan from the first few pages? Note down the descriptions you think relate

Lazy	Determined	Moody	Helpful	Caring
Adventurous	Curious	Brave	Motivated	Nasty

- 8. Why did Ivan pretend to be asleep?
  - He wanted to stay up.
  - He was waiting for his parents to go to bed.
  - He wasn't tired.
  - He was hungry.
- 9. Why are the blacksmith and his wife described as 'unhappy' on page 14?

They are sad about the disappearance of Ivan's brother

10.If you were a villager, and 2 boys from the same family had disappeared, what would you think and feel?

Upset, concerned, distraught, terrified, empathetic, sorrowful, worried, or something similar

# Something along the lines of:

- Worried that my family is at risk.
- Upset for the blacksmith and his wife.
- Terrified that something worst will now happen.

Or something similar.

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## **BRONZE**

1. How is summer described on page 5?





- 3. Why were the people scared in winter?
  - It was too cold.
  - It had scary animals.
  - Starjik came to the village.
  - There wasn't enough food.
- 4. Which type of animal pulled Starjik's sled?



5. What was gone every morning?

## A child

- 6. Why did the village weep for the blacksmith and his wife? Because Ivan's brother had been taken by Starjik
- 7. How would you describe Ivan from the first few pages?

