Character Analysis

Name: _____

Date: _____

The Giant and the little boy go through important changes. Describe each character before and after (e.g. kind, selfish, passive) and give evidence from what they do or say.

BEFORE

Character	Description	What does the character do or say to fit this description?
 THE GIANT		
 THE LITTLE BOY		

AFTER

Character	Description	What does the character do or say to fit this description?
 THE GIANT		
 THE LITTLE BOY		

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Matching exercise

Name: _____

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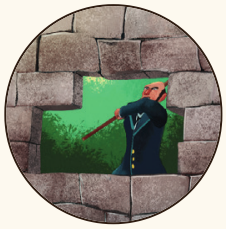
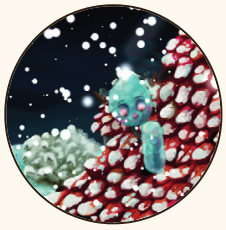
1. Match each phrase from the story with an image. Draw a line to join them.

1	*"How happy we are here!" they cried to each other.*	A	
2	*"He was wrapped in furs, and he roared all day about the garden, and blew the chimney pots down."*	B	
3	*"Every day for three hours he rattled on the roof of the castle till he broke most of the slates, and then he ran round and round the garden as fast as he could go."*	C	
4	*"It was really only a little linnet singing outside his window, but it was so long since he had heard a bird sing in his garden that it seemed to him to be the most beautiful music in the world."*	D	
5	*"It is your garden now, LITTLE CHILDREN."*	E	
6	*"You let me play once in your garden, today you shall come with me to my garden, which is PARADISE."*	F	

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Glossary

Name: _____

Date: _____

Gruff: (adj) deep and rough

Frost: (n) small white ice crystals that form on surfaces

Hail: (n) pellets of frozen rain

Linnet: (n) a type of finch (bird)

Cease: (v) to stop or bring to an end

Casement: (n) a window

Twitter: (v) a light tremulous bird call

Blossom: (n) a flower or mass of flowers

Bid: (v) to give a greeting or farewell

Admire: (v) to look at something with respect or approval

Marvellous: (adj) fantastic, extraordinary

Hasten: (v) to hurry

Thee: (pronoun) you

Thou: (pronoun) you

Awe: (n) a feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder

BEFORE YOU READ

Should a garden, a park or a beach belong to everyone? Why might someone want to keep a beautiful place for themselves?

Can a place change with the seasons because of how people behave? What would a garden without children's laughter be like?

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Quiz

Name: _____

Date: _____

Please choose the best option for each of the following questions.

1. How long did the Selfish Giant stay with the Cornish ogre?

(a) 100 years
(b) 6 months
(c) 7 years

2. How many of the pink flower's leaves fall off before it slips back into the ground?

(a) All of them
(b) 5
(c) 3

3. Who did the Frost and Snow invite to stay in the garden?

(a) The North Wind
(b) The Cornish ogre
(c) The Snow Queen

4. Why didn't the Autumn give golden fruit to the Giant's garden?

(a) He was too selfish
(b) She had a grudge against the North Wind
(c) She didn't have enough for every garden

5. What did the Giant think the sweet song of the linnet must be?

(a) The King's musicians
(b) An angel's song
(c) A beautiful harp

6. What did the Selfish Giant see when he looked out the window? Circle all the right answers.

[a] Children sitting in the trees
[b] Tree blossoms
[c] A fair maiden
[d] Happy birds
[e] The Hail
[f] Laughing flowers

7. Why was the little boy crying bitterly?

(a) He was too small to climb the tree
(b) He had lost his favourite toy
(c) He had no shoes in the snow

8. Why didn't the little boy run away?

(a) His eyes were too full of tears to see the Giant
(b) He was too small to run fast enough
(c) He had finally reached the branch of the tree

9. Why did the Giant love the little boy the best?

(a) Because he had kissed him
(b) Because he hadn't run away from him
(c) Because he was the smallest

10. Why didn't the Giant hate the Winter anymore?

(a) Because he made snowmen with the children
(b) Because he knew it was merely the Spring asleep
(c) Because it never returned to his garden

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Quiz

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11. Why did the Giant grow angry?

(a) The little boy was wounded
(b) The North Wind returned
(c) The little boy ran away

12. Why does the Giant kneel before the boy?

(a) A strange awe falls on him
(b) To look closer at his wounds
(c) Because he is so upset he can't stand

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Answer these extra questions about what you discover as you read:

1. How many bees are buzzing around the flowers in the Giant's garden?

2. What did the Selfish Giant's notice-board say?

3. How many tiles does the Hail break on the Giant's roof?

4. What happens when you tap the cloud above the Giant's garden?

5. What makes the Snow cry?

6. What colour are the blossoms that break out on the small boy's tree?

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Think like a detective

Name: _____

Date: _____

Answer in full sentences. Support your ideas with evidence from the text.

1. The Giant says "My own garden is my own garden". How does the wall he builds show his character, and what does it cost him?

2. Spring never comes to the Giant's garden while the children are shut out. What is Wilde saying about selfishness and about how people affect the places they live in?

3. The story ends in "Paradise". Why does the little boy take the Giant there, and what does the boy's first visit teach us about forgiveness?

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Writing

Name: _____

Date: _____

At the beginning of the story the Giant visits the Cornish Ogre for 7 years. The Ogre also has a beautiful garden that he keeps locked and does not let children play in. **Imagine you are the Selfish Giant** and it has been 6 months since you opened your garden to the children again. Write a letter to the Cornish Ogre explaining what you have done and trying to persuade him to do the same. Explain how your life has changed and how you feel about it.

