

Unit 5 – Lesson 6

Enter your responses between the (blue) parentheses below each item.

Section 1 Analyzing “The Perfect World of Ewan McLaughlin”

Answer the following questions based on the short story “The Perfect World of Ewan McLaughlin” on p. 96 of *The Language Arts 9 Anthology*.

1. Evan’s perfect world is the gristmill. What does the gristmill symbolize? (/2 marks)
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2. Identify the meaning of the following words. Explain the strategy you used to try to understand each. (/4 marks)
 - a. flume ()
 - b. sluice gate ()
 - c. spur wheel ()
 - d. sardonic ()
3. This story has several examples of irony. For each of the following events, identify the irony as situational, dramatic, or verbal.
 - a) When a customer tries to be friendly by calling him Mr. Dusty, he does not understand that the man is making a joke, and he says that his name is Ewan. (/1 mark)
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 - b) Ewan notices that people seem to laugh a lot, but he does not know why they are laughing. (/1 mark)
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 - c) Everyone looks at Ewan as though he were foolish, but because we know what Ewan is thinking, we realize he is very smart. (/1 mark)
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- d) Master MacClarty asks Ewan to read his composition aloud "for us all to enjoy" and "it must be an excellent one". (/1 mark)
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- e) Ewan's mother calls him a shirker and loafer although he works hard at the mill every day. (/1 mark)
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- f) Ewan is punished by not being allowed to go to the fair, yet staying home alone at the mill all day is exactly what he wants. (/1 mark)
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Total of Section 1: /10

Student's Comments

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