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Pocket Moon and the Night Shift Lamplighters

Circle group

On the hill above Quillmouth, a team of lamplighters worked every night. They did not light street lamps. They polished the moon.

Their leader was a tall woman named Odessa. She rowed a little boat up through the clouds with a bucket of soft cloths. The moon had grown dull. The villagers could barely see their garden paths.

One night, a young helper named Sami pointed to a gray patch near the edge. "It looks like dust," he said.

Odessa nodded. "It is star dust. It settles when the wind is quiet. Let us wipe it away."

They worked all night, rubbing in slow circles. By dawn the patch was gone. The moon shone as bright as a new coin.

The next evening, the villagers came out early. They saw their paths and their sleepy cats. A baker named Perrin left warm bread for the crew. Sami ate the first slice with crumbs on his chin.

Questions

1. What was the job of the lamplighters?

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2. How did Odessa travel up to the moon?

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3. What was making the moon dull?

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4. Who noticed the gray patch first?

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5. How can you tell the villagers were glad about the work?

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6. How did the moon look after the cleaning?

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Words to know

polished: rubbed until clean and shiny
lamplighters: people whose job is to light lamps
dull: not bright or shiny
patch: a small area that looks different from what is around it

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Pocket Moon and the Night Shift Lamplighters

Triangle group

On the hill above Quillmouth, a team of lamplighters worked every night. They did not light street lamps. They polished the moon.

Their leader was a tall woman named Odessa, who rowed a little boat up through the clouds with a bucket of soft cloths. The moon had been growing dull, and the villagers below could barely see their garden paths.

One night, a young helper named Sami pointed to a gray patch near the moon's edge. "It looks like dust," he said.

Odessa nodded. "Star dust. It settles when the wind is quiet. Let us wipe it away."

They worked all night, rubbing in slow circles. By dawn the patch was gone, and the moon shone as bright as a new coin.

The next evening, the villagers came out early. They saw their paths, their gates, and their sleepy cats. A baker named Perrin left a loaf of warm bread on the hilltop for the crew. Sami ate the first slice, still smiling, with crumbs on his chin.

Questions

1. What was the job of the lamplighters?

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2. How did Odessa travel up to the moon?

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3. What was making the moon dull?

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4. Who noticed the gray patch first?

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5. How can you tell the villagers were glad about the work?

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6. How did the moon look after the cleaning?

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Pocket Moon and the Night Shift Lamplighters

Square group

On the hill above Quillmouth, a team of lamplighters labored through the dark hours every night. They did not tend street lamps. Instead, they polished the moon.

Their leader was a tall woman named Odessa, who rowed a small boat up through the clouds carrying a bucket of soft cloths. The moon had been growing steadily duller, and the villagers below could barely make out their garden paths.

One night, a young helper named Sami pointed to a gray patch near the moon's edge. "That looks like dust," he observed.

Odessa nodded. "Star dust. It gathers whenever the wind falls quiet. Let us wipe it away."

They worked until dawn, rubbing in slow, patient circles. By morning the patch had vanished, and the moon shone as bright as a brand new coin.

The following evening, the villagers came out early to enjoy the glow. They could see their paths, their gates, and their sleepy cats. A baker named Perrin left a loaf of warm bread on the hilltop for the crew, and Sami ate the first slice, smiling, with crumbs on his chin.

Questions

1. What was the job of the lamplighters?

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2. How did Odessa travel up to the moon?

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3. What was making the moon dull?

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4. Who noticed the gray patch first?

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5. How can you tell the villagers were grateful for the work?

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6. How did the moon look after the cleaning?

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Words to know

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patch: a small area that looks different from what is around it

Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: Pocket Moon and the Night Shift Lamplighters

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Pocket Moon and the Night Shift Lamplighters

Easier · 156 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.1

1. They polished the moon.
2. She rowed a little boat through the clouds.
3. Star dust that had settled on it.
4. Sami, the young helper.
5. They came out early, and the baker left warm bread for the crew.
6. As bright as a new coin.

Triangle: Pocket Moon and the Night Shift Lamplighters

This passage · 169 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3

1. They polished the moon.
2. She rowed a little boat through the clouds.
3. Star dust that had settled on it.
4. Sami, the young helper.
5. They came out early to enjoy the light, and the baker left warm bread for the crew.
6. As bright as a new coin.

Square: Pocket Moon and the Night Shift Lamplighters

Harder · 183 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.4

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2. She rowed a small boat up through the clouds.
3. Star dust that had gathered on it when the wind fell quiet.
4. Sami, the young helper.
5. They came out early to enjoy the glow, and the baker left warm bread for the crew.
6. As bright as a brand new coin.