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The Mysterious Note



Three boys, Harry, Nick, and Jake, were in their class when something quite strange happened. They discovered a note that was found in Nick's desk. The note said "You are in danger, something is coming for you." The boys were confused and scared, but they knew they had to investigate. They began to look for clues around the school, and soon discovered that someone was indeed trying to contact them. The boys were determined to figure out who was behind the note and what it was all about. They started to follow a trail of clues, which led them to a mysterious old house. When they arrived, they noticed that the windows were boarded up and the door was locked. The boys decided to sneak in through a window. Once inside, they found a strange contraption in the middle of the room. It looked like a giant game board, and there were pieces on it that the boys didn't recognize. Suddenly, the door flew open, and a figure stepped out of the shadows. It was an old man with a cane. He said he had been watching them and that he had been expecting them. He told the boys that they were part of a game, and that they had to solve the mystery of the game board if they wanted to survive. The old man gave them one final clue and then vanished. The boys quickly began to piece together the clues, and eventually they were able to solve the mystery. They discovered that the game board was actually a map, and that it showed the way to a secret treasure. The boys set off on an adventure to find the treasure, and in the end, they were successful. They found an old chest filled with gold coins and rare gems. The boys became instant heroes, and the mystery of the game board was never solved. To this day, no one knows who created the game board, where the old man went or why he wanted the boys to find the treasure.

1. Read the passage and underline any word or sentence you struggled with.
2. Answer the questions on the following page.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. Who's desk did the note appear in?**
 - a. Harry
 - b. Nick
 - c. Jake

- 2. How did the boys feel after reading the note?**
 - a. terrified and frustrated
 - b. annoyed and angry
 - c. confused and scared

- 3. What did the boys decide to do after reading the note?**
 - a. run for their lives
 - b. investigate
 - c. tell the teacher

- 4. Where did the clues lead them to?**
 - a. mysterious old house
 - b. a haunted house
 - c. an old castle

- 5. When the boys got the clue on the map, what did it lead them to?**
 - a. a pot of gold
 - b. a chest filled with old coins and rare gems
 - c. millions of dollars

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Why do you think the old man wanted the boys to find him?
 2. Why do you think the boys needed to solve the mystery of the game board?
 3. In 2-3 sentences, summarize what this passage is about.
 4. What images go through your mind as read about The Mysterious Note?
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- What would you do if you received a note like that in your desk?
 - Could this story be true? Why or why not?
 - Were you satisfied with the ending? Why or why not?