Not long ago, in a city filled with crime, lived a super hero named Captain Courage. He had the power to fly, super strength, and laser vision. Captain Courage used his powers to fight against evil and protect his city.

captain Courage

One day, Captain Courage received a distress call from the police. A villain named Dr. Darkness had stolen a valuable artifact from the museum and was threatening to destroy the city if he didn't receive a ransom. Captain Courage knew he had to act fast to stop Dr. Darkness before he could carry out his plan.

Captain Courage flew to the museum and found Dr. Darkness and his henchmen guarding the artifact. Dr. Darkness laughed and said, "You're too late, Captain Courage! The city will be destroyed unless you give me what I want."

Captain Courage stood tall and replied, "I won't let you harm innocent people. It's time to put an end to your evil deeds!"

The two engaged in a fierce battle, with Dr. Darkness using his dark powers to try and defeat Captain Courage. But Captain Courage was too strong, and with his laser vision, he was able to destroy Dr. Darkness's weapon.

Dr. Darkness, realizing he was defeated, fled the scene. Captain Courage returned the artifact to the museum and the city was saved from destruction.

The citizens cheered and thanked Captain Courage for his bravery. He smiled and said, "I will always be here to protect and serve my city."

- 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. What was the city filled with?

- a. gangs
- b. 10,000 people
- c. crime

2. What are some of Captain Courage's powers?

- a. fly, super strength, laser vision
- b. laser vision, become invisible
- c. go through windows and doors, super strength
- 3. What did Dr. Darkness steal from the museum?
- a. museum jewels
- b. museum painting
- c. museum artifact
- 4. What kind of powers did Dr. Darkness use in the fierce battle:
- a. magical
- b. disappearing
- c. dark
- 5. Who thanked Captain Courage for his bravery?
- a. the citizens
- b. Dr. Darkness
- c. the henchman

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Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

- 1. Inferring
- 2. Making Connections
- 3. Summarizing
- 4. Visualizing
- 1. Based on what you read about Captain Courage, compare and contrast him with Dr. Darkness.
- 2. What did this story remind you of?
- 3. In 2-3 sentences, summarize what this passage is about.
- 4. Describe how you visualize Captain Courage and Dr. Darkness.
- Could this story be a true story? Explain
- In your own words, describe the fierce battle.
- Write a persuasive letter convincing Captain Courage to come to your class as a speaker.
- > Would this story make a good movie? Why or why not?
- What types of crimes do you think might have been occurring in this city?
- Do you wish there were real super heroes? Why or why not?