Name _____

Theme

Read "The Swimming Hole" (pages 215–228). Then answer the questions below.

1 **Why does Laura decide to go to the swimming hole alone?**

- **A** She wants to break Pa's rule.
- **B** She wants to clean her dress.
- **C** She is hot.
- **D** She is mad at Ma and Pa.

2 **The badger prevents Laura from —**

- **F** disobeying her father
- **G** helping her mother
- **H** climbing the tableland
- **J** tripping over a bush

3 **What does Laura think about breaking promises?**

- **A** It makes parents respect you.
- **B** It is the same as telling lies.
- **C** It is okay if you get away with it.
- **D** It is okay to break promises.

4 **Which of the following is one of the themes of the story?**

- **F** Parents can be difficult.
- **G** The outdoors is a dark, dangerous place.
- **H** Children should not play outside alone.
- **J** It is hard to win back trust.

5 **Explain how you chose your answer to Question 4. What clues from the story helped you?**

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