

Understanding a Longer Passage Answer Key

Answer the questions:

1. **What was Jared's dream?**
➤ To become a scientist.
2. **Where did he spend a lot of time learning?**
➤ At the local library.
3. **What kind of topics did Jared enjoy reading about?**
➤ Space, animals, and volcanoes.
4. **What inspired Jared to build his invention?**
➤ He read about an invention contest at the community center.
5. **How did Jared feel at the end of the story? Use clues from the passage to explain your answer.**
➤ He felt excited and proud because he won first prize, and his dream felt closer than ever.

Think deeper:

6. **Why do you think Jared worked so hard on his invention?**
➤ Because he was passionate about science and wanted to do well in the contest. He also wanted to help solve a real-world problem.
7. **What does this story tell us about learning outside of school?**
➤ That learning can happen anywhere, like libraries or at home, and that curiosity and hard work can lead to success.

Ask your own questions:

Student-created responses will vary.

- ✓ Accept questions that dig into understanding the story or motivations, such as:
 - "Why did Jared choose to work on water cleaning?"
 - "What kind of experiments do you think Jared did in his garage?"