Name _____

Thinking Tiers Answer Key

Passage 1

1. **Literal:** He stayed on the porch, watching the storm.
2. **Inferential:** The loud noises and bright flashes likely scared the dog.
3. **Evaluative:** Answers will vary; students should explain whether they value excitement/curiosity or safety/comfort.

Passage 2

1. **Literal:** Bottles, cans, and wrappers.
2. **Inferential:** The clean beach encouraged more people to visit and inspired others to help.
3. **Evaluative:** Answers will vary; acceptable responses might argue for cleanups as effective, or suggest alternatives like stricter laws, better waste management, or education.

Teacher Notes:

- Each passage includes one of each type of question, helping students practice differentiating them.
- Encourage students to mark each question's type before answering.
- Evaluative answers should be assessed on reasoning, not "right" or "wrong."

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