

Midnight Glow Answer Key

1. Why did Eli sneak out of bed instead of staying in his room?

- *Sample Answer:* He was curious about the rumor that fireflies glowed brightest at midnight and wanted to see for himself.
- *Teacher Note:* Look for motivation tied to curiosity and adventure.

2. What motivated Eli to bring the lantern with him?

- *Sample Answer:* He needed light to see in the dark and probably felt safer carrying it.
- *Teacher Note:* Students should connect the lantern to both practicality and comfort.

3. Why did Eli feel delighted when he saw the fireflies?

- *Sample Answer:* He was amazed that the rumor was true and felt joy at seeing something magical.
- *Teacher Note:* Look for inference about wonder and discovery.

4. Why do you think Eli hid the lantern when his mother called him?

- *Sample Answer:* He didn't want to get in trouble for sneaking out, so he tried to hide the evidence.
- *Teacher Note:* Encourage recognition of fear of consequences.

5. What do Eli's choices in the story tell you about his personality?

- *Sample Answer:* His actions show that he is curious, adventurous, and willing to take risks to explore something he finds exciting.
- *Teacher Note:* Accept varied answers if supported by text evidence (e.g., determination, independence).