

Curiosity in Bloom Answer Key

1. Why do you think Maya felt curious about the hidden gate?

- *Sample Answer:* Maya felt curious because the gate was partly hidden and mysterious, making her wonder what was behind it.
- *Teacher Note:* Look for students recognizing the role of curiosity and the hidden/secret quality of the gate.

2. What does the passage suggest about the history of the garden?

- *Sample Answer:* The garden used to be cared for and full of beauty, but over time it was neglected and taken over by weeds.
- *Teacher Note:* Key idea is contrasting past beauty with current neglect.

3. How does Maya's decision to return with tools show her character?

- *Sample Answer:* It shows that Maya is determined, caring, and willing to take action instead of just dreaming.
- *Teacher Note:* Answers should highlight responsibility and initiative.

4. Why do you think the neighbors decided to join her?

- *Sample Answer:* They were inspired by her efforts and wanted to be part of creating something positive for the community.
- *Teacher Note:* Encourage recognition of the ripple effect of good actions.

5. What lesson can readers take away from the passage?

- *Sample Answer:* Small actions, like Maya's, can grow into something bigger when people work together, and forgotten things can be revived with care.
- *Teacher Note:* Accept varied lessons (community spirit, perseverance, kindness).