

Whispers Of Time Answer Key

Possible New Titles:

- *Whispers of Time*
 - *The Backward Clock*
 - *Secrets in the Workshop*
2. **Why It Fits:** Each suggested title emphasizes the mysterious and magical elements of the story (e.g., the glowing clock, the whispers, the backward spinning hands).
3. **Original Title's Suggestion:** *The Clockmaker's Apprentice* suggests that Mina might take on the role of apprentice or that the story centers on learning from Mr. Olin. It gives the impression of a more traditional tale about training or craftsmanship.
4. **Effect of Changing the Title:** A new title could shift reader expectations—emphasizing mystery (*Whispers of Time*), magic (*The Backward Clock*), or hidden discoveries (*Secrets in the Workshop*). It helps students see how titles frame the reader's perspective before they even start reading.

Teacher Notes:

- Encourage students to be **creative** but also **text-based** in their reasoning.
- Point out that multiple new titles can work, as long as they connect to the **central theme, plot, or symbol** of the passage.
- A good extension activity: have students design a book cover with their reimagined title.