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Aurora Fluency Trail Answer Key

Total Passage Word Count: 164 words

Benchmark for 5th Grade Readers:

- Average WPM (Cold Read): 115–135
- Average WPM (Warm Read): 135–160
- Typical Growth Range: +15–25 WPM

Sample Goal-Setting Example:

- Target Goal: 140 WPM
- First Read: 122 WPM, 3 errors
- Second Read: 146 WPM, 1 error
- **Goal Achieved:** Yes

Key Fluency Elements Noted:

- Strong expression during descriptive lines (e.g., “*ribbons of green light began to twist and shimmer*”)
- Natural phrasing at sentence transitions
- Appropriate pacing for both reflective and factual tones

Teacher Notes / Guide

Objective: Students will practice timed reading while developing **goal-setting awareness**, learning to measure, reflect, and celebrate progress in their reading fluency.

Implementation Tips:

- Before reading, guide students to set realistic goals based on their previous fluency data.
- Emphasize **accuracy over speed** during the first read, then encourage smoothness and expression during the second.
- Allow students to graph their WPM progress across several passages for ongoing tracking.

Extension Idea: Have students write a short **travel reflection paragraph** about a place they’d love to visit, using expressive language.