Name _____



Quiet Courage

Directions: Read the passage. Decide if each statement about the author's **message or main idea** is **True** or **False**.

Nico never liked speaking up in class. He preferred to sit near the window and finish his work quietly. One afternoon, the teacher announced a group challenge to build the tallest paper tower using only five sheets. Nico's group argued about whose plan to use, and their tower kept falling. While the others blamed each other, Nico slowly sketched a wider base on his paper. After several minutes, he gathered his courage and shared his idea. The group followed his design, and their tower stood longer than any other. Nico did not cheer the loudest when they won, but he smiled all the way back to his seat.

_____1. The story suggests that **quiet students can have strong ideas**.

_____2. The author's main message is that winning is more important than teamwork.

_____3. Nico shows **courage** when he shares his idea with the group.

_____4. The passage teaches that arguing loudly always leads to the best result.

_____5. The author suggests that **confidence can grow through action**.

_____6. The main idea is that teachers should never assign group work.

_____7.The story shows that a calm solution can work better than fighting.

_____8. The author's message is that only the loudest students deserve credit.

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