

Grade

**5**

**English Language Arts**

# **Assesslet**

**Narrative**

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## Directions

- Read all the directions for each question carefully and think about the answer.
- This Assesslet contains one passage and five items. Questions 1, 2, and 3 are selected-response items where you choose the one **BEST** answer. Answer each question by filling in the circle **on your answer document**.
- Question 4 is a constructed-response item. Write your answer on the lines provided **on your answer document**.
- Question 5 is an extended writing prompt. Use the scratch paper provided to plan your writing. Then, write your essay on the lines provided **on your answer document**.
- Be sure to write your answers in the spaces provided **on the answer document**.

## Neighbors in North America

Summer break was fast approaching, and all Gabriel wanted to do was go surfing. Unfortunately, Gabriel’s parents had different plans. They planned to spend the entire month of July at their new home in Ottawa, the landlocked capital of Canada.

Gabriel hated to be surrounded by land. “Mom, can I just stay with Aunt Sue and Uncle Joe for the summer? I want go to the beach and surf every day with my friends.”

“Sorry, Gabriel, but no.”

The day of their departure arrived, and Gabriel continued to complain to his parents as he said his final goodbyes to the ocean. “I can surf every day with my friends, and I can go to the beach every day with my friends.”

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Gabriel still couldn’t stop thinking about all of the water he was leaving behind.

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He learned that Canada is large in area, but has only 32 million people, and while the United States is smaller in area, it has 285 million people. He also learned that Canada and the United States share a 5,500-mile border that stretches from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. Unfortunately, there was no beach in Ottawa.

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"That's the Ottawa Canal, isn't it?" he asked excitedly. "It's part of one of Canada's national parks. We can come back here to see the locks, and walk along the canal. I thought it would be the best canoe rental in the city. You can rent the canoe and take the tour with me. I know it's a little bit of a hike, but it's worth it!"

Gabriel couldn't believe how extravagant the accommodations were. The boat had food, a game room, fancy fishing equipment, and plenty of people his age. There was even one girl his age who was the tour guide. He was impressed because she knew so many facts about Canada.

People gathered around as the tour guide explained some history. She spoke with a heavy French accent. Gabriel listened carefully as she explained.

"The history of Canada is similar to the history of the United States. The first people to live in Canada were the First Nations, and the first European settlers were French. In 1763, France and Britain signed a war for control of North America. France lost, and the British gained control of Canada." In 1867, Canada separated from Britain and became a self-governing country. The French influence is still strong in Canada. Throughout Canada, French and English are official languages.

Gabriel began talking with several of the people. He introduced himself to some other kids and spent time with them that afternoon, and they sat together for the fireworks. By the time the boat ride was over, Gabriel had new friends and had made some plans to see them again while he was in Ottawa.

On the way home, he thought about the people he had met and the things he had seen. He was excited to go back to Ottawa and see his new friends again.

1. Which sentence **from the story BEST describes how Gabriel feels** about going to Canada for the summer?
- A. Summer break was fast approaching, and all Gabriel wanted to do was go surfing.
  - B. Gabriel hated to be surrounded by land.
  - C. Gabriel knew family time was important to them.
  - D. **It was exciting that they were a vacation away from home.**
2. How do the **plans of Gabriel's parents** differ in their plans while in Canada?
- A. Gabriel's mother had weekly events planned for the family but Gabriel's father did not plan anything.
  - B. **Gabriel's mother did not plan anything for the family but Gabriel's father planned events for the whole family.**
  - C. Gabriel's mother planned events for the whole family and Gabriel's dad planned something specifically for Gabriel.
  - D. Gabriel's mother did not ask what the family wanted to do while in Canada but Gabriel's father chose something everyone would enjoy.

3. What does the phrase **kept arguing** mean as used in the story?

He kept **arguing** about their decision.

- A. They were difficult to understand.
- B. **They argued and argued their ideas.**
- C. They would argue about the decision.
- D. They relied on each other to make the decision.
4. Analyze how the changes in Gabriel **throughout the story during the time of the journey**. Include at least two details from the story to support your answer.

Write your answer on the lines provided **on your answer document**.

5. Rewrite this part of the story using more descriptive details.

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