



# Story Guide "Little by Little"

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_



What is the genre of this story? \_\_\_\_\_ This genre contains the author's personal \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Why does Jean have a difficult first day in fifth grade? \_\_\_\_\_

Why does Jean think her teacher will understand her seeing problem? pp. 516-517 \_\_\_\_\_

Why does the teacher put Jean's desk against the blackboard? P.517 \_\_\_\_\_

Why doesn't Jean explain to her teacher how difficult it is to see the board? P. 517 \_\_\_\_\_

How is Jean's desk different than her classmates? P. 517 \_\_\_\_\_

What does it mean when the author writes "Shirley had about her the magic of a story"? pp. 517-518 \_\_\_\_\_

When Jean first met Shirley Russell, how did she feel about her? p. 518 \_\_\_\_\_

Why does the author refer to Shirley as the "War Guest"? pp. 517-518 \_\_\_\_\_

Why is Jean excited that Shirley is going to help her? P. 519 \_\_\_\_\_

What type of person does Shirley turn out to be? Pp. 519 Choose one: excitable, quiet and polite, a very good friend, unkind \_\_\_\_\_

What evidence in the story helped you decide what type of person Shirley was? \_\_\_\_\_

How does Jean feel after Shirley is mean to her? pp. 520-521 \_\_\_\_\_

When **and** why does Jean begin talking to a tree? P. 520 \_\_\_\_\_

Why doesn't Jean write down a single answer on her test? pp. 521-522 \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know that Jean cheated? p. 523 \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think that Miss Marr didn't say anything to Jean when she saw her cheating? P.524 \_\_\_\_\_

What would you have done if you were Miss Marr? \_\_\_\_\_

What does the author mean when she writes that "Ruth and Stella lurked near enough to hear what I said."? pp. 524 \_\_\_\_\_

What lesson does Jean learn from Miss Marr when she confesses to cheating? P. 525-526 \_\_\_\_\_

How are desks in schools today different from those in Jean's school? P.517 \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think the author wrote about her first day in fifth grade? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think the author called her story "Little by Little"? \_\_\_\_\_

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