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Bright rays of sunlight come in from the window. The map lights up and words become visible across the bottom of the map. The language is foreign, but somehow I can read it. How strange! I speak the words out loud and everything changes. Suddenly, the attic disappears and a whole new world emerges.

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As Aeryn and I pushed past the last of the thorny plants, a faint glow caught my attention. The scroll in my hand began to pulse with light, its surface rippling like water. Suddenly, it jerked out of my grasp.

"What now?" I sighed, reaching for it. Before I could, it split into two identical copies, each hovering midwater. "What kind of trickery is this?" I demanded, glaring at the floating scrolls. Aeryn raised an eyebrow, clearly unfazed.

"Looks like your map just got... more complicated." It was tempting to laugh, but I was too frustrated.

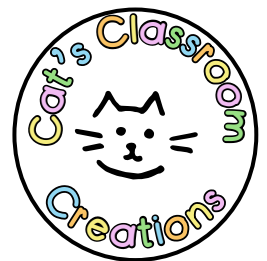
Both scrolls shimmered before their surfaces transformed into new maps. One glowed a brilliant gold, its markings clear and precise, pointing toward a bright destination. The other was darker, its path jagged and ominous, leading to a shadowy abyss. Aeryn studied the maps, then looked at me.

"Two paths, two choices. So, which one's your style?"

I smirked. "The one that leads me to victory!"

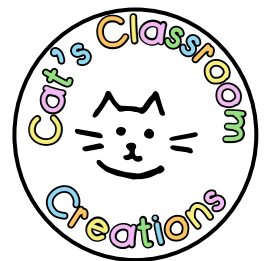
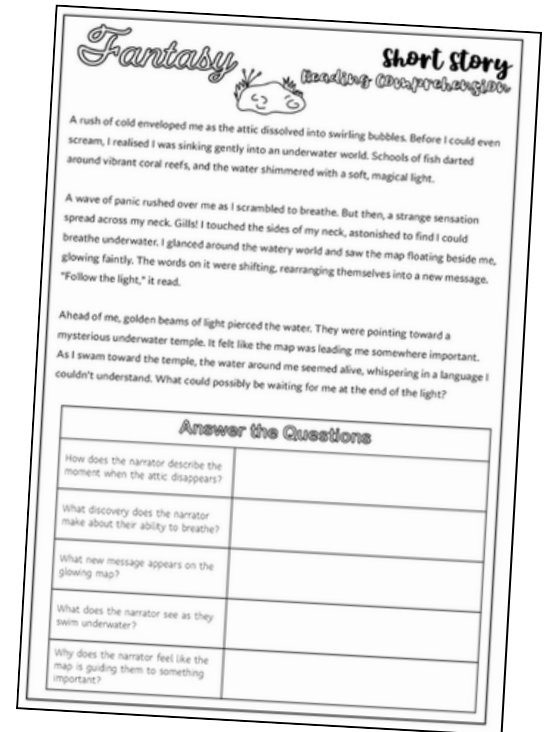
Answer the Questions

What strange transformation happens to the scroll in this scene?	
How does Aeryn react to the duplication of the scroll?	
What are the differences between the two new maps?	
How does the main character feel about the choices presented by the maps?	
What might the two paths symbolize in the story?	



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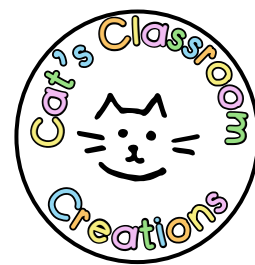
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A wave of panic rushed over me as I scrambled to breathe. But then, a strange sensation spread across my neck. Gills! I touched the sides of my neck, astonished to find I could breathe underwater. I glanced around the watery world and saw the map floating beside me, glowing faintly. The words on it were shifting, rearranging themselves into a new message. "Follow the light," it read.

Ahead of me, golden beams of light pierced the water. They were pointing toward a mysterious underwater temple. It felt like the map was leading me somewhere important. As I swam toward the temple, the water around me seemed alive, whispering in a language I couldn't understand. What could possibly be waiting for me at the end of the light?

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What discovery does the narrator make about their ability to breathe?	They have gills to breathe underwater.
What new message appears on the glowing map?	
What does the narrator see as they swim underwater?	
Why does the narrator feel like the map is guiding them to something important?	



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Engage students in reading comprehension.

Help students find evidence in the text on each page.

Make reading comprehension feel achievable.

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