

My Buddy's a Hero - And I Didn't Even Know It



Reading Comprehension Worksheet Responses

1. What did you learn from this story?

- In order to learn more, you have to ask questions.

- There are heroes in the world that you don't even know about.

2. How did Tyler, Olivia and Sophia learn their Grandpa was a hero?

Tyler asked why Grandpa was going to the firehouse and that sparked more questions and answers that followed.

3. Why did Grandpa want to go to the memorial at 6 a.m. in the morning?

To honor people that lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

4. Choose a line in the story that supports the idea that there are people around you that may be heroes, but you have to ask and learn their story.

As they looked around the firehouse, their minds couldn't help but wonder: How many other stories of heroism are waiting to be told?

5. Why did Tyler ask why they were going to the memorial?

He asked because he wasn't sure why and because he noticed that people were more quiet than usual.

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6. Grandpa describes downtown Manhattan as desolate and eerily quiet.

What mood does this create?

It creates a sad, dreary and somber mood.

7. How would the story be different if Tyler, Olivia and Sophia didn't ask their thoughtful questions?

They wouldn't have learned all the details of Grandpa's story.

8. The author says September 11, 2001 was America's darkest day. What does the author mean by that?

The author means that it was a very sad day for the country with the largest loss of life.

9. Why do you think Grandpa went to Manhattan to help people?

Grandpa went to help people because he cared so much about the people he was searching for, and he was highly trained for a situation like this.

10. Tyler, Olivia and Sophia learned so much through the questions they asked Grandpa. Is there a question that you could ask Grandpa to learn more about his story?

Yes, there are many. One is: Grandpa, what were your friends like that died on September 11th?

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11. Choose a person in your life that you would like to learn more about.

Who did you select and what questions would you ask them?

A child can pick a person and share their own question.

12. Based on this story, what are some words that describe Grandpa's character?

Some words that describe Grandpa's character are: Selfless, brave, courageous, fearless, caring, heroic, and more.