

Y5– The Magpie Girl

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AF 2 Literal

1. Which bird is the main character? What is this bird well known for?

2. What do you think the character of the magpie girl might be like?

AF 4 Language

3. Find and copy the simile the writer uses to describe the apples? Why does she use this simile?

4. Underline the line the magpie girl speaks. Do you think she says these words out loud or in her head? Why does she repeat the sentence?

5. Copy the word the writer uses to describe the magpie girls' eyes. What does this word suggest about how the girl is feeling?

6. Copy the phrase the writer uses to describe how her dreams disappeared. What does this phrase suggest about how the dreams vanished?

7. Underline the word 'bustled.' By reading the sentence the word is in, what do you think the word means?

AF 3 Infer

8. Do you think the woman buying the apples is rich or poor? Explain using evidence from the text.

9. Why do you think the writer includes this character?

10. There are seven apples in the story. Who owns them?

11. Read the poem at the top of the text. Why do you think the magpie girl had the seventh apple?

12. What does the magpie girl think the apple will taste like? What does this suggest about how she feels about stealing the apple?

AF7 Evaluative

13. Can you summarise what the magpie girl's experience has taught her about life? Use at least one quote from the text.

14. Why do you think the writer chose to set this story on a cold December evening?
