

Main Character

Name _____ Date _____

Read the story. Then answer the questions.

If he hadn't been strapped in, Jason would not be able to sit still. He wanted to tell everyone that he was going to be on TV. Every evening at 6:00 he watched his favorite show "Class Acts." Players answered questions for money. If they missed a question they had to act out the title of a song, TV show, or book. He knew most of the answers, so he sent in a letter to try to get on the show. Three weeks ago, his mother called him to the phone. He had been chosen to be a contestant. They even sent him two tickets so he and his mother could fly into the city.

Jason worked hard to get ready. He watched "Class Acts" every evening. His family would play against each other. Everyone made up all kinds of questions about science, music, movies, games, and books. His friends asked him questions on the playground at recess. Even his teacher took time to play the game in class. She asked questions about the subjects they were studying.

Jason could feel the plane getting ready to land. He looked out the window and saw the Statue of Liberty. He had butterflies in his stomach, but he couldn't wait for the game to begin.

1. Who is the main character of the story? _____

2. Where is Jason during the story?

3. Why is the main character so excited?

4. What is one way Jason prepared for the show?

5. What clue helps you know the name of the city where Jason is going?

6. What do the words "butterflies in his stomach" tell you about Jason?

Sequence of Events

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Jason's mom paid the taxi driver. There was a large sign over the doors that said "The Howard Mann Theater" and below it "Class Acts – tonight at 6." A young man greeted them at the door and showed them where they should go. Jason entered a room with five other boys and girls and their parents. A woman came in and smiled at them as she went over the rules of the game. She told them who would be on each team.

Jason's teammates were Janelle and Steve. Janelle was a year older than the boys. She was reading a book called Amazing Facts. Steve was looking over a map of the United States. The three team members put on red jumpsuits. Then, they went in and a woman put make-up on them so they would look good on TV.

While they were waiting, people began to arrive and sit down. Janelle said, "Did you know that all rainbows are made up of the colors red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet?"

Steve said, "No, but did you know that Mammoth Caves in Kentucky are over 330 miles long?"

Jason gulped, "No, I didn't know either of those facts."

1. How did Jason and his mother get to the theater?

2. What was the name of the theater?

3. How do you think Jason is feeling in the last sentence?

4. Put these events in the order they happened.

_____ Steve read aloud a fact about Mammoth caves.

_____ People began to take their seats.

_____ A lady explained the rules.

_____ Jason and his mother were greeted at the door.

_____ Jason's mother paid the taxi driver.

_____ Jason found out who his teammates were.

_____ Janelle told her teammates the colors in a rainbow.

Recalling Details

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Sean Sloan, the game host, introduced both teams and went over the rules. The family members in the audience were yelling and screaming their good wishes. Jason knew his friends would be rooting for him from home. It was time to begin playing. When the first question was read, Janelle buzzed in with the correct answer. Their team, the red team, would be asked questions until they missed an answer. Jason came through with an answer about volcanoes and Janelle and Steve each answered one correctly. When the game host asked a tough math question, none of the three members from the red team could come up with the answer.

Sean announced it was time to draw a title to act out for the opposing team. When the blue team guessed correctly, it was their turn to answer questions and score points. By the end of the first round, both teams were even. During the second round, anyone could answer by being the first to press the buzzer. All six players answered at least one correctly. By the end of the round, the red team was behind by one question.

During the third round, each member of a team had to choose to act out a title or answer a question. When it was Jason's turn, he chose to answer a question. He smiled when he heard the question. "What are the seven colors of the rainbow?" asked Sean Sloan.

1. What is the name of the game host?

2. Why was the audience yelling and screaming?

3. Why did Jason's team go first in the game?

4. What did the blue team have to do before they could begin to answer questions?

5. During the second round, which team answered more questions correctly?

6. Why did Jason smile when he heard his question during the third round?
