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**Richard likes to “lie on the riverbank, lost in thought under an endless blue sky.” This reminds me of another boy—me—who liked to do the same thing under a prairie sky.**

**(1) In the city, could Richard find “the freedom to dream and create”? YES or NO. (Circle)**

**Richard’s adopted family did some “camping” (in a travel trailer) in campgrounds near stores and conveniences. Here’s what travel trailers looked like then.**

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**Here's what a travel trailer—now called a Recreational Vehicle (RV)—can look like now.** With slide-in, slide-out “popouts”, they can be spacious with multiple bedrooms and even room to carry a quad. Trouble is, these cost \$150 000 or (much) more!



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**RV Floorplan (overhead view)**



**(2) Richard's adopted family may have gone camping (sort of) but did they share his love of land and the outdoors? YES or NO**

(Circle)

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**(3) Richard was born into what clan? \_\_\_\_\_.**

**(4) Sturgeon are an ancient species of fish who can live to 150 years and grow to 270 lbs. (Sturgeon are featured on the Bottom Feeders poster in the classroom.) TRUE or FALSE. (Circle)**

**(5) Richard was learning as a fisherman. When he caught the small bass, he realized “the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ predatory fish meant the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ predatory fish.” In other words, if there are predatory fish in a river, there will be some big ones (who get big eating the smaller ones.)**

**(6) Why do you think Richard thought the trench with the submerged dead trees would be a good place to catch a big fish?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**(7) How many casts did it take till he caught one? \_\_\_\_\_.**

**(8) The fish “breached” the water. What does this mean? (Google)**

\_\_\_\_\_.

**(9) Then it “sounded.” What does this mean? \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_.

**(10) When Richard finally landed the monster fish, he felt**

**“totally \_\_\_\_\_.”**

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**(11) Did he keep the fish? YES or NO. (Circle)**

**(12) Did his wish to be accepted with respect by his adopted family make him keep the fish to impress them? YES or NO.**

(Circle)

**(14) If he had told them about catching the monster fish would they have believed him? YES or NO. (Circle)**

**(15) Would they have respected him for letting it go? YES or NO.**

(Circle)

**(16) Richard said that, sitting on the river bank afterwards, he “could cry and feel incredible joy at the same time.” Was this a good experience? YES or NO. (Circle) Do you think people have many experiences like this over a lifetime? YES or NO. (Circle)**