1.What is the main problem in the story?
2.How is the problem solved?

- 3. How does the author begin this story?
- a. There once was a boy named Rodney.
- b. Once upon a time
- c. One day, after school
- d. Now, Rodney is happy
- 4. What challenge does Rodney face in the story?
- a. He was homeless.
- b .He was sick with the flu.
- $\ensuremath{\text{c}}$.A group of bullies were teasing and making fun of him.
- d .He met an old man at the park.



5. Which of the following describes the middle of the story?

- a. Rodney spotted an old man sitting on the bench in the park and told him about his bullies.
- b. Rodney is a happy and successful young man who knows that he has the power to overcome any challenge.
- c. A group of bullies began teasing Rodney and he felt sad and alone.
- d. Rodney is grateful every day for the wise old man who showed him the way.

6.The man had a friendly smile and t	winkling eyes.	What does	the word
'twinkling" mean from page	<u>.</u> .		

- a. Angry
- b. Surprising
- c. Sparkling
- d .Confused

7. Which of the following best describes the end of the story?

- a. Rodney spotted an old man sitting on the bench in the park and told him about his bullies.
- b .A group of bullies began teasing Rodney and he felt sad and alone.
- c. Rodney started to make friends who liked him for who he was.
- d. Rodney is grateful every day for the wise old man who showed him the way.
- 8. The old man listened patiently and then said, "You know, I was bullied when I was young". What does the word "patiently" mean in this sentence?
- a. Calmly
- b. Anxiously
- c. Frustrated
- d. In a hurry

- 9. Based on this story, what is the role of a mentor?
- a. A bully
- b. The school janitor
- c. A boss
- d. A guide
- 10. How does the picture help explain how Rodney felt?
- a. Sad and alone
- b. Loved and supported.
- c. Funny and silly
- d. Happy and cheerful

Wonders:

- 11. What is the best summary of the book?
- a. Rodney was being bullied at school. He met a mentor and learned how to stand up for himself.
- b. Rodney was a popular kid who made lots of friends and got good grades.
- c. Rodney loved ice cream and would wait for the ice cream truck every Saturday.
- d. Rodney's favorite color is blue and he wore his favorite blue shoes everyday.

12. Are there any compound sentences in the story?
a. Yes b. No
3.What advice would you give Rodney?