

From "One of Ours" by Willa Cather

1. Read the sentences from paragraph 7.

"Mahailey and I will never be quite up-to-date, Ralph. We're old-fashioned, and I don't know but you'd better let us be."

Which idea is conveyed through these sentences?

- a. People often resist change.
 - b. Some people enjoy hard work.
 - c. One must be persistent to be persuasive.
 - d. Advances in technology yield positive results.
2. Which sentence from the passage is an example of the author's use of imagery?
- a. "His eyebrows and long lashes were a pale corn-colour – made his blue eyes seem lighter than they were, and, he thought, gave a look of shyness and weakness to the upper part of his face."
 - b. "The household slept late on Sunday morning; even Mahailey did not get up until seven."
 - c. "He was the chief mechanic of the Wheeler farm, and when the farm implements and the automobiles did not give him enough to do, he went to town and bought machines for the house."
 - d. "Mrs. Wheeler sometimes said it was wonderful, how much Ralph would take from Claude."
3. Based on the passage, which statement is MOST likely true about Claude and Ralph Wheeler?
- a. Claude relies on others, but Ralph is independent.
 - b. Claude enjoys his family, but Ralph is restless to escape.
 - c. Claude is the hard worker, but Ralph is the favored son.
 - d. Claude takes all the credit, but Ralph is the responsible one.
4. Which character in the passage MOST strongly represents the theme of the inevitability of modernization?
- a. Claude
 - b. Ralph
 - c. Mahailey
 - d. Mrs. Wheeler
5. The writing style in this passage can BEST be described as
- a. informal and direct
 - b. flowery and eloquent
 - c. humorous and carefree
 - d. serious and information
6. Read this sentence from paragraph 10.

"You really oughtn't to load mother up with things like this, Ralph," he exclaimed fretfully.

Based on paragraph 10, what does the underlined phrase mean?

- a. Force mother to carry heavy items
- b. Shower mother with enjoyable gifts
- c. help mother finish her chores quicker
- d. give mother more than she can handle.

