

Standard 1: Key Vocabulary

3 Read these sentences from the passage.

Lying on the temple floor was the ugly, lifeless goblin-rat. Who could have killed such a disgusting, gruesome monster?

What does the word “gruesome” mean?

- A colorful
- B gigantic
- C hideous
- D ignorant

Standard 2: Literary Elements

4 Why do the farmer and his wife bring their youngest son to the temple priest?

- A The boy cannot help them on the farm.
- B They want the boy to stop drawing cats.
- C The boy and his brother do not get along.
- D The priest asked them to take the boy to the temple.

Standard 2: Literary Elements

5 Why does the boy continue to draw cats even **after** the priest tells him to stop?

- A The boy resents his parents.
- B The boy likes to upset the priest.
- C The boy wants to be a famous artist.
- D The boy cannot stop himself from drawing.

Standard 2: Literary Devices

6 Which event from the passage is an example of foreshadowing?

- A The boy draws cats when he should be studying.
- B The priest promises to train the boy as an apprentice.
- C The boy climbs inside a cupboard and shuts the door.
- D The priest says, “Avoid large places at night. Keep to small ones.”