The Hat Parade

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Read the passage **twice**: once to enjoy it, and once to look for details. Then answer the questions. Look back at the text to **prove** your answers.

Tip: Underline the sentence in the passage that helps you answer each question.

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Every spring, the town of Maple Grove held a hat parade. People wore the silliest, tallest and most beautiful hats they could make, and the best hat won a blue ribbon.

This year, Leo wanted that ribbon more than anything. But when he looked at the craft store window, his face fell. Feathers, glitter and fancy ribbons cost more money than he had saved.

"What am I going to do?" Leo asked his grandma. Grandma pointed at the recycling bin. "Sometimes the best treasures are the things other people throw away," she said.

Leo got to work. He cut a tall tower out of a cereal box. He glued egg cartons around the bottom and painted them bright yellow. He added bottle caps for jewels and twisted old newspaper into a long, curly feather. On the very top, he placed a small toy windmill that spun when the wind blew.

On the day of the parade, Leo marched down Main Street. People pointed and smiled. "Look, it's made of recycling!" a girl said.

When the judges announced the winner, Leo could hardly believe his ears. His hat had won the blue ribbon, and a special prize for the most creative hat too. Grandma gave him a big hug. "I told you," she said with a wink.

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Circle the best answer.

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(a) Maple Grove
(b) Hat City
(c) Main Street

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(b) They cost more money than he had.
(c) His grandma said no.

3. What did Leo use to make his hat?

(a) Recycled things
(b) Feathers and glitter
(c) Real jewels

4. What was on top of Leo's hat?

(a) A toy windmill
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(c) A flag

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Answer in complete sentences. Use details from the text.

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Answer Key

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Sample answers. Students' wording will vary.

1. **What advice did Grandma give Leo? What did she mean?**
   She said the best treasures are things other people throw away. She meant Leo could use recycling to make his hat.
2. **Name three things Leo used to build his hat.**
   He used a cereal box, egg cartons and bottle caps.
3. **Why do you think Leo won the prize for most creative hat?**
   His hat was made from recycling in a clever way, which nobody else had done.