

Name _____ The One and Only Ivan

Read pages 1-60 and answer the following questions on paper.

1. How do you think the elephant and gorilla feel about living at the Big Top Mall instead of their natural environments?
2. How is Bob's life at the Big Top Mall different from that of the other animals?
3. Describe how Ivan feels about his domain.
4. What do you think Ivan wants to change about where he lives.
5. What text helps you understand how Ivan feels about drawing pictures?
6. Explain the differences between Julia's drawings and Ivan's drawings.
7. Based on the story, how does Ivan feel about his art?

Read pages 61-120 and answer the following questions on paper.

1. Why isn't Stella happy that a baby elephant is coming to live with her?
2. How is the Big Top Mall different from where Ruby lived with the circus?
3. What promise does Ivan make to Stella? Why does Ivan think that keeping the promise will be harder than trying not to be a gorilla anymore?
4. How does Ivan describe his feelings after Stella dies?
5. How do you know Ivan likes stories with happy endings?
6. In what ways does Stella describe a good zoo?
7. What words in Stella's story show that Jambo wanted to protect the little boy?

Read page 121-179 and answer the following questions on paper.

1. How do you think Ivan feels when he remembers his family?
2. Why do you think Ruby does not move when Mack tells her to?
3. What does Ivan think of the fingerpaints?
4. How do you think Ivan's project will help him keep his promise to Stella?
5. Use the text to describe how Bob feels about Mack and how he treats Ruby.
6. Based on the story, how do you know that Julia and George hope that Mack will treat Ruby better?
7. What text shows that George does not feel sorry for Mack when Ruby hits him with her trunk?

Read pages 179-240 and answer the following questions on paper.

1. How is the zoo environment similar to and different from an elephant's home in the wild?
2. Why does Ivan think Julia should be the first person to see his work?
3. Why do you think Bob wants to help Ivan?
4. Why do you think Julia wants to put Ivan's painting on the billboard?

5. Gorillas beat their chests when they are trying to protect something. Use the text to describe what else Ivan does to get the attention of Julia and her father.
6. What does Julia see in Ivan's painting that proves his picture is of Ruby at the zoo?
7. How do you know that George is afraid Mack will not be happy about the new billboard?

Read pages 241-300 and answer the following questions on paper.

1. Why don't the zoo people just push Ruby and Ivan into the boxes?
2. Why is Ruby afraid to leave the Big Top Mall to live at the zoo?
3. Why do you think Ivan is put in a cage at first and not put in with the other gorillas right away?
4. How is Ivan's new home similar to the home he was taken from as a baby?
5. In what ways does Ivan show the juvenile and the other gorillas that he is a silverback?
6. What part of the story shows that Ruby is enjoying her new home at the zoo?
7. How does the reader know that Kinyani is inviting Ivan to play tag?