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THE SUMMER OF THE SWANS
Comprehension Test A

Directions: Read each question carefully. Circle the letter of the choice that best answers each question.

1. Who wrote this book?
   a. Betsy Byars *b.* Beverly Cleary *c.* Katherine Peterson
2. Sara's fourteenth summer was when she realized that she was _____.
   a. filled with discontent
   b. slightly retarded
   c. going to become a writer
3. Charlie was retarded as a result of _____.
   a. high fevers when he was three
   b. a birth defect
   c. a mistake the doctor made when delivering him
4. Why did Charlie leave the house during the night?
   a. He liked walking around when it was dark and quiet.
   b. He wanted to see the swans again.
   c. He was mad because no one sewed on his button.
5. When Wanda got a bad perm at the beauty school, Sara called her _____.
   a. Wolfman *b.* Sasquatch *c.* Gentle Ben
6. Aunt Willie said that the worst thing about Sara was her _____.
   a. know-it-all attitude
   b. need for revenge
   c. stubborn streak
7. Sara's legs and knees got badly skinned when she _____.
   a. fell down the ravine
   b. climbed to the top of the dirt bank
   c. slid down the creek bank
8. Why didn't Wanda help look for Charlie?
   a. She had a date.
   b. She had classes.
   c. She had to go to work.
9. When Sara talked to her father long distance, she suddenly realized _____.
   a. that he no longer cared about his kids
   b. that he had stopped trying to meet life's challenges
   c. that he wanted to live his life without them around
10. This book won the _____.
    a. Edgar Award *b.* Caldecott Medal *c.* Newbery Medal

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