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SECTION 1: READING

How to Train Your Dragon

Based on a book by Cressida Cowell, How to Train Your Dragon is a movie about a scrawny, weak Viking boy named Hiccup who doesn't fit in with the rest of the adolescent Vikings who have names like Ruffnut, Tuffnut, and Snotlout. Hiccup is too little and too different from the other teenagers. They are all sent on a test where they have to capture and train a dragon. The toughest Viking in the group is a girl named Astrid. She is not in the book at all, but they added her into the movie because they thought it would be fun to have a girl character who is just as strong as the boy Vikings.

In an interview, America Ferrera, the actress who voices the character of Astrid, talks about the movie and what it was like to play her part.



What is your favorite thing about Astrid?

America Ferrera: I loved Astrid because she was ready to fight with the boys and play with those dragons. I think it's good that the movie never really makes a big deal out of it; that's just how it is. She is the best young fighting dragon player and nobody ever says, "You're a girl, so it's ridiculous that you are a fighter."

I think that Astrid was a new kind of character for me to play, because she was so tough. And actually, in the beginning of the movie you think that she will be the hero. Because she's smart and she is prepared and she is physically trained and everyone thinks she is the star Viking. Her most important moment in the movie comes when she realizes that she is not going to be the hero, and she encourages Hiccup to go and be the hero instead. I think that makes her a hero in a different way.

Do you think Astrid's character has a message for girls?

America Ferrera: Totally! I think just having her in this movie sends a message to the audience, because she isn't cooking or knitting. Back in the Viking times, women were not Vikings, so the movie is not even historically correct. But it's really wonderful that Astrid is in the movie and that she wants to be the best and to be famous as the biggest Viking dragon player there ever was. It's good that in the movie, we don't ever talk about it like it's a bad thing. Girls watching this movie love an adrenaline rush and an adventure action movie as much as any boy does. I know I do. I think we'll be really inspired by a strong girl character who thinks that she can be just as good as any of the guys.

Answer the questions using complete sentences.

1. Who is the main character of the movie? What is his problem?

2. Who is America Ferrera?

1. How is Astrid different from America Ferrera's other characters?

2. What is Astrid like? How does America describe her? (Copy a sentence from the text to prove your answer.)

3. What is Astrid's goal in the movie? (Copy a sentence from the text to prove your answer.)

4. What is historically incorrect about the movie?

5. How is Astrid still a hero?

6. What message does America say is in the movie?

- a. Girls cannot cook or knit.
- b. It is not ridiculous for a girl to be a fighter.
- c. It is ridiculous for a girl to be a fighter.
- d. All girls are fighters.

7. In the last paragraph, America says, "It's good that in the movie, we don't ever talk about **it** like **it's** a bad thing." What is "it"?

- a. training dragons
- b. a girl knitting and cooking
- c. a girl wanting to be the best
- d. the movie

8. Do you agree with the message America says is in the movie? Why or why not? (3 points)

SECTION 2: GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

Put the sentences in the correct order.

1. dragon / Viking / to ride / a / is / Hiccup / the first

2. captures / Hiccup's / a dragon / invention

3. does / Hiccup's / him / father / understand / not

4. Astrid / friend / Hiccup's / is

5. be / very / can / dragons / dangerous

Circle the answer that best fits in the blank.

1. The dragon is hiding _____ the cave.
A. on B. in C. under D. around
2. Hiccup lived _____ the village.
A. on B. in C. under D. around
3. Hiccup was afraid _____ the dragon.
A. of B. off C. about D. for
4. He had a hole _____ his shirt.
A. on B. in C. for D. from
5. Astrid was _____ because there was not enough fighting.
A. boring B. bored
6. Whenever there was a battle, the warriors went _____ to defend the village.
A. fast B. fastly C. quickly D. sometimes
7. Hiccup carried a _____ bag.
A. black small leather B. small black leather C. leather small black
8. The dragon couldn't fly _____ Hiccup fixed his broken wing.
A. before B. when C. after D. because
9. The Viking men are away, but they'll be back _____ spring.
A. until B. by C. when D. because
10. He's very good _____ speaking to dragons.
A. for B. in C. of D. at

Circle the spelling or grammar mistake in each sentence. Then re-write the sentence correctly.

1. Is you going to see the movie?

2. I want go to see that movie; it's too scary!

3. I usually taking my little brother to see kids' movies.

4. I didn't no this movie was for adults.

5. My little brother did'nt understand the film.

SECTION 3: WRITING

Finish the sentences. Choose two (2) sentences to finish.

A. The best holiday (vacation) I ever had was... _____
because... _____

B. The coolest present I ever got was... _____
because... _____

C. Some day I want to ... _____

D. My favorite fictional (imaginary) person is ... _____
because... _____

E. The best thing about my family
is... _____

Finish the phrase and use it as the subject of a short story (**at least one full page**).

The day I won...

