**Reading and Writing Literature for Assessment**

**Thinking** About Close Reading

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**Respond to the reading.**

After closely reading “Worm with a Backbone,” answer the following questions.

1. Who is the main character of this paragraph?
2. What is the setting? (List place and time.)
3. What does the main character want?
4. What is the conflict? (What is the character trying to decide?)
5. What would happen if the main character made a different decision?
6. What theme does this story have? (What lesson about life does it teach?)

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