

The man went home to find his wife standing before a large palace. Inside, were marble floors and walls covered with beautiful tapestry. The couple also now had a stable full of strong horses.

"We can live in this beautiful palace and be satisfied," the fisherman said.

However, the next morning the woman told her husband, "Get up and tell the magic fish I want to be queen."

The man, saddened because his wife wanted to be queen, went back and called the fish.

"What does she want now?" the flounder asked.

"She wants to be queen."

"Go home, and you will find she is already queen," the flounder said.

Then the man went home, and when he arrived there, the palace had become much larger, with tall towers and splendid decorations. Guards stood outside the door. When he went inside everything was of pure marble and gold with silk covers and large golden ornaments. Then the doors to the great hall opened, and he saw the entire court. His wife sat on a throne of gold and diamonds.

"It is nice that you are queen," the fisherman said. "Now we don't have to wish for anything else."

"No, I cannot stand it any longer. Go to the flounder and demand he make me empress of all the earth."

The fisherman was certain this would not end well, but he called for the fish.

"And what is it she would like this time?" the flounder asked, clearly losing his patience.

"Oh, flounder," he said, "my wife wants to become empress of all the earth."

"Go home, and you will find she is empress of all the earth that dirties her filthy shack, because that is where she shall live forever."

And there the couple lived out their days in their filthy shack near the sea.

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Respond to Reading

Read each question. Circle the letter next to your answer choice.

1. Which genre best describes this passage?
 - a. autobiography
 - b. folktale
 - c. historical fiction
 - d. informational text
2. Which statement describes the theme of the selection?
 - f. Always stick up for the little guy.
 - g. Appreciate the things you have.
 - h. Be careful who you deal with.
 - j. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
3. Which meaning of *stable* is used in the first paragraph on page 34?

stable \stā' bəl\ 1. *noun* a building for lodging animals 2. *verb* to lodge animals in a building 3. *adjective* not wavering or changeable 4. *adjective* not readily breaking down.

- a. a building for lodging animals
 - b. to lodge animals in a building
 - c. not changeable
 - d. not easily breaking down
4. Which of these is the best summary of the passage?
 - f. The fisherman's wife asks a magic fish for a better house. First, they live in a cottage, and then a palace. After she becomes king, they free the fish and live happily ever after.
 - g. A fisherman catches a magic fish which promises to grant three wishes. The fisherman and his wife make two wishes that backfire. Finally they wish that the fish go free.
 - h. A fisherman catches and releases a magic fish. The fisherman and his wife ask for more and more things. The fish loses its patience and returns the couple to their poor shack.
 - j. A fisherman discovers there is a magic fish living in the sea. He spends his life hunting the fish and finally catches it. As his reward, the fisherman is given a palace.

Study Guide for the 6 types of Fiction for 4th Grade

Realistic Fiction – has characters, events, and a setting that could exist in the real world

Historical Fiction – takes place in the past and may involve important people or events from history; details are made up by the author

Science Fiction – tells about science and technology of the future; may be set in the future, space, or an unusual place

Folktale – a story from long ago that has been repeated for many years

Myth – a traditional story that explains how something was created or how it works

Legend – a type of folktale about heroes and their brave actions