



## ANALYZING CHARACTERS IN THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Answer the questions about the characters in the excerpt from *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.



1. Based on the introduction and Edmund's thoughts at the opening of the excerpt, what can you infer about Edmund's attitude?

- a. He is excited to be on the journey.
- b. He is annoyed by the animals.
- c. He is angry at the Witch.
- d.** He is concerned about his own comfort.

2. **PART A.** What can you infer about the Witch's character based on the change in the animals' behavior when she arrives?

The Witch is frightening. She is probably cruel and may be unpredictable and impulsive.

**PART B.** Give two examples of the animals' behavior after the Witch arrives that support your answer to part A.

**Example 1:** They stop enjoying themselves when the Witch arrives.

**Example 2:** The fox stammers when he speaks to the Witch.

3. **PART A.** In a few words, how would you characterize the young squirrel who speaks to the Witch?

brave, bold, foolish, reckless

**PART B.** Explain your answer to part A.

The young squirrel is brave and foolish because he speaks up to the Witch when all the other animals seem afraid to. He confirms that Father Christmas did visit, even though that fact angers the Witch.

4. **PART A.** After the squirrel speaks, the Witch turns the animals to stone. Does her action surprise Edmund, or does he seem to expect it?

Edmund is not surprised by her action. He anticipated that she might do it.

**PART B.** Which of the following phrases from the excerpt supports your answer to part A?

- a.** "Oh don't, don't, please don't."
- b. "... you shall even now be forgiven."
- c. "He has—he has—he has!"
- d. "Who gave them to you?"

5. How does Edmund change from the beginning to the end of the passage? What causes this change? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

At the beginning, Edmund is only concerned about his own hunger. By the end, Edmund "for the first time in this story (feels) sorry for someone besides himself." He becomes more empathetic after he witnesses the Witch get angry and turn the animals to stone forever, which he thinks is "pitiful."

6. How might this experience change Edmund's attitude moving forward? Explain your answer.

Answers will vary.