

Inspect a Character: Sample Answers

The Wizard of Oz

Answer the questions about the passage you have just read.

1. Why did the Wizard decide to stay in Oz?

He decided to stay in Oz because when he arrived, the people thought he was a great Wizard and did anything he asked. To amuse himself, and to keep the people busy, he ordered the Emerald City to be built.

2. Why is he so worried others will find out he does not have magical powers?

He is worried that others will find out he is a humbug, because he has fooled them for so long, and because the Emerald City is a beautiful and happy place.

3. How do Dorothy and her friends react after finding out who the Wizard really is?

Why do they feel this way?

They are initially confused, and then are angry and accuse him of being a humbug and a bad man. They feel this way because he has deceived not only them, but the people of Oz.

4. *"Oh, no, my dear; I'm really a very good man; but I'm a very bad Wizard, I must admit."*

What does he mean by this? What do you think? Is he a good or a bad man?

He means that just because he is not a good Wizard does not mean he is a bad person. He has been dishonest, but he has also created a beautiful and peaceful city.