

TINY SNAIL by Tammy Carter Bronson
Accelerated Reader (AR) Test
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- 1) Where did Tiny Snail want to go?
 - A. To live by the big rock.
 - B. To live under the Maple Tree
 - C. To meet Little Ant
 - D. To see the Dandelions

- 2) When does Tiny Snail sleep?
 - A. Whenever she wants.
 - B. At night.
 - C. During the day.
 - D. Once a week.

- 3) Tiny must be in the shade because
 - A. the sun will dry out her skin.
 - B. the sun makes her sleepy.
 - C. the sun hurts her eyes.
 - D. she wants to hide from Lizard.

- 4) How did Little Ant help Tiny Snail?
 - A. He moved the rock out of her way.
 - B. He gave her a drink.
 - C. He carried her to the top of the hill.
 - D. He lifted a dandelion for her to crawl under.

- 5) What does Tiny do to keep from sliding down the hill?
 - A. She hides behind the tree.
 - B. Mr. Squirrel saves her.
 - C. She holds on to a blade of grass.
 - D. She crawls under the rock.

ANSWERS: (1) B ; (2) C ; (3) A ; (4) D ; (5) C

SYNOPSIS

Tiny’s inspirational journey teaches the importance of courage, perseverance and gratitude.

THEMES

- (1) Tiny Snail **CREATES A GOAL** and a **PLAN** to achieve her goal. Tiny Snail’s goal is to reach the Maple Tree. Mother Turtle told her to “go a shorter distance first.” Tiny accomplishes her goal by traveling short distances everyday. She goes to the dandelions first, then the rock, & finally the tree.
- (2) Working towards a goal can be difficult because setbacks often occur. When things don’t go the way you plan, you need **PERSEVERANCE**. Tiny Snail perseveres because she does not give up. Tiny focused on one step at a time towards her goal (so she did not get overwhelmed), and when she met someone who was unhelpful, Tiny was not discouraged (she ignored Lazy Lizard).
- (3) On the first page of the story, Tiny does not have much **SELF-ESTEEM**. She thinks she does not have the ability to reach her goal. Mr. Squirrel encourages her to try. Tiny discovers self-esteem means (a) having the courage to try, (b) believing in yourself when things get difficult, and (c) remembering to be good to yourself (say thank you to yourself or reward yourself for a job well done).
- (4) It is easier to persevere and have good self-esteem if we have the right **ATTITUDE**. Tiny Snail has an attitude of gratitude! When Lazy Lizard is rude to her, she finds a reason to be grateful. If Lizard had not come along, Tiny might have been caught out in the sunlight. Being grateful helps Tiny Snail stay positive in every situation.

CHARACTERS

Hero: Tiny Snail

Teacher: Mother Turtle

Helper(s): Mr. Squirrel, Miss Butterfly, Little Ant

Troublemaker(s): Lazy Lizard

PLOT

ACT I (BEGINNING)			ACT II (MIDDLE)			ACT III (END)		
GOAL	PROBLEM	PLAN	EFFORT	OBSTACLES	LARGEST OBSTACLE	GREATEST EFFORT	CLIMAX	END
Tiny wants to live under the Maple Tree.	Tree is too far away. Cannot be in sunlight.	Mother Turtle says go a shorter distance.	Tiny begins her journey. She meets Little Ant.	Meets Lizard & at patch of dirt sun tries to dry out her skin.	The rain. Mud tries to drag Tiny Snail down the hill.	Final push toward GOAL. Tiny crawls toward tree.	HERO achieves GOAL. Tiny reaches the Maple Tree.	Tiny thanks friends and herself!