



Reading Comprehension

Gold

This Gold passage uses figurative language and requires deeper analysis of the writer's choices.

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Passage

Grief, Amara had learned, was not the storm everyone described - the sudden, violent thing that passed and left you soaked but standing. It was more like the tide: it came in slow, retreated just as slowly, and returned again when you least expected it, each time carrying something different onto the shore. Today, it was the smell of her mother's perfume drifting from a stranger on the train that brought it rushing back in.

Questions

1. What two things does the writer compare grief to in this passage?

2. Why does the writer say grief is "not" like a storm? What is she suggesting instead?

3. Explain the effect of the phrase "carrying something different onto the shore".

4. What triggered Amara's grief on this particular day?

5. Evaluate how effectively the writer conveys the experience of grief. Refer closely to the language used.
