

Items 1-12

Read the story and answer questions 1 through 12.

Buried Treasure

Michael and his sister Anna climbed the stairs to the attic. Their family had moved into the old house a week ago. The porch sagged like a droopy smile, and the window shutters hung like crooked teeth. Michael opened the door at the top of the stairs. Their mother wanted them to clean the room. He stared at the dusty boxes piled against the wall.

"This will be the perfect place to play games," Anna announced. She twirled across the floor, ignoring the spider webs. "We can paint the walls yellow."

"They are full of cracks," Michael sighed. Anna had big ideas, but he was more practical. "Let's get this job done."

"Okay," Anna agreed. She brought two boxes down the steps before she stopped again.

"Look what I found in this old tin box!" she squeaked. Her brown eyes sparkled with excitement. "It is a treasure map."

Michael took the faded paper from her hands and studied the scribbled pictures. "Some little kid drew this years ago. You will not find that treasure anymore," he said.

"I might," Anna argued.

"It is a waste of time," Michael said. Anna did not listen. She slipped the map into her pocket.

After lunch, Michael went outside to practice shooting baskets. Anna kept dashing past him like a flash of lightning. Finally the muscles in his arms started to ache, and he headed inside. His sister was sitting down in a kitchen chair.

"How is the treasure hunting?" Michael teased.

"I wasted my time," Anna mumbled.

Michael opened his mouth to agree, but the words caught in his throat. Anna looked like a balloon after it had lost its air. Her face was sweaty, and her mouth was turned down.

"Let me help," he suggested, picking up the paper.

"Really?" asked Anna, jumping up like a spring. A moment later, they stood outside staring at the map.

"I can only find one tree," Anna said, pointing to a small pine near the steps.

Michael looked at the tree and grinned. "That is not the right tree," he explained. "It is on the wrong side of the house, and it is only a few years old. There is a big stump on the other side. The tree on the map must have been cut down."

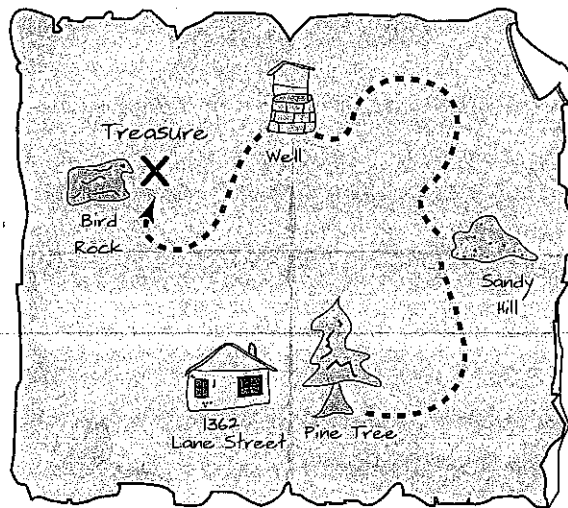
Michael felt his heart pound as he got caught up in the excitement. At any moment, he felt as though they would stumble across a sandy hill covered with daisies and find the cement-covered well. Finally, they spotted an unusual rock shaped like a bird.

"Bird rock!" cheered Anna, clapping her hands.

Soon Michael discovered a tin box in a hollow spot at the base of the rock. Anna worked the cover loose, and together, they stared at an old wooden yo-yo.

"We really found a treasure!" shouted Anna. Michael laughed at her enthusiasm.

Then he shared in her excitement. For the first time, he could see the old house the way Anna imagined it.



Item 1

Selected-Response: 1 point

What is the central message of the story?

- A. Cleaning is an important activity.
- B. Maps are useful and fun to draw.
- C. Brothers and sisters are often different.
- D. Fun can be found in unexpected places.

Item 2**Selected-Response:** 1 point**Which detail from the story BEST supports the idea that Michael cares about his sister?**

- A. Their mother wanted them to clean the room. He stared at the dusty boxes piled against the wall.
- B. Michael took the faded paper from her hands and studied the scribbled pictures.
- C. Michael opened his mouth to agree, but the words caught in his throat. Anna looked like a balloon after it had lost its air.
- D. Soon Michael discovered a tin box in a hollow spot at the base of the rock. Anna worked the cover loose, and together, they stared at an old wooden yo-yo.

Item 3**Selected-Response:** 1 point**Which sentence BEST describes why Anna is unable to find the treasure before Michael helps her?**

- A. She is looking at the wrong side of the map.
- B. The map is old and shows a tree that is no longer there.
- C. She does not have the map with her while she is looking.
- D. The map is confusing and shows rocks shaped like animals.

Item 4**Selected-Response:** 1 point**Read the scene from the beginning of the story.**

Michael and his sister Anna climbed the stairs to the attic. Their family had moved into the old house a week ago. The porch sagged like a droopy smile, and the window shutters hung like crooked teeth. Michael opened the door at the top of the stairs. Their mother wanted them to clean the room. He stared at the dusty boxes piled against the wall.

Why is this scene important to the story?

- A. It shows the feelings of the characters in the story by telling how Michael and Anna have similar ideas about the new house.
- B. It provides the setting of the story by explaining that Michael and Anna have moved into a new house.
- C. It gives the problem in the story by telling what Michael and Anna hope to find in the new house.
- D. It tells the central message of the story by explaining that Michael and Anna can do a little hard work to improve the new house.

Item 5

Selected-Response: 1 point

In the beginning of the story, how are Michael's and Anna's views different?

- A. Anna is excited about the map, and Michael thinks the map is useless.
- B. Anna wants Michael's help with the map, and Michael wants to clean his room.
- C. Anna is eager to unpack boxes, and Michael thinks they need to find the treasure.
- D. Anna wants to work together to find the treasure, and Michael wants to work alone.

Item 6

Selected-Response: 1 point

Which sentence BEST explains how the picture of the treasure map adds to the story?

- A. It shows readers what the treasure looks like when it is found.
- B. It shows readers where the treasure should be hidden in the house on Lane Street.
- C. It shows readers the information Anna and Michael have about where to find the treasure.
- D. It shows readers information about how much time it took Anna and Michael to find the treasure.

Item 7

Constructed-Response: 2 points

Describe how Anna's feelings change throughout the story.

Use details from the story to support your answer. Write your answer on the lines on your answer document.

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Item 8

Selected-Response: 1 point

Which sentence **BEST** explains the meaning of the phrase *like a flash of lightning* as it is used in the sentence?

Anna kept dashing past him like a flash of lightning.

- A. Anna was very fast.
- B. Anna was in danger.
- C. Anna was very bright.
- D. Anna was hard to see.

Item 9

Selected-Response: 1 point

Read the sentence from the story.

Michael took the faded paper from her hands and studied the scribbled pictures.

What is the meaning of the word *studied* as it is used in the sentence?

- A. immediately learned
- B. carefully planned
- C. closely observed
- D. suddenly remembered

Item 10

Selected-Response: 1 point

What does the prefix *un-* mean in *unusual*?

Finally, they spotted an unusual rock shaped like a bird.

- A. not
- B. very
- C. under
- D. before

Item 11**Evidence-Based Selected-Response Technology-Enhanced: 2 points****This question has two parts. Answer Part A, and then answer Part B.****Part A****Which sentence BEST describes the change in Michael's attitude toward the treasure map?**

- A. Michael thinks the treasure map is a fake until he sees the treasure marked with an X.
- B. Michael thinks the treasure map is silly until he and his sister find a treasure in their yard.
- C. Michael thinks the treasure map is dangerous until he sees that it includes a picture of his house.
- D. Michael thinks the treasure map is drawn incorrectly until his sister finds a tree stump in their yard.

Part B**Which pair of sentences from the story BEST supports the answer to Part A?**

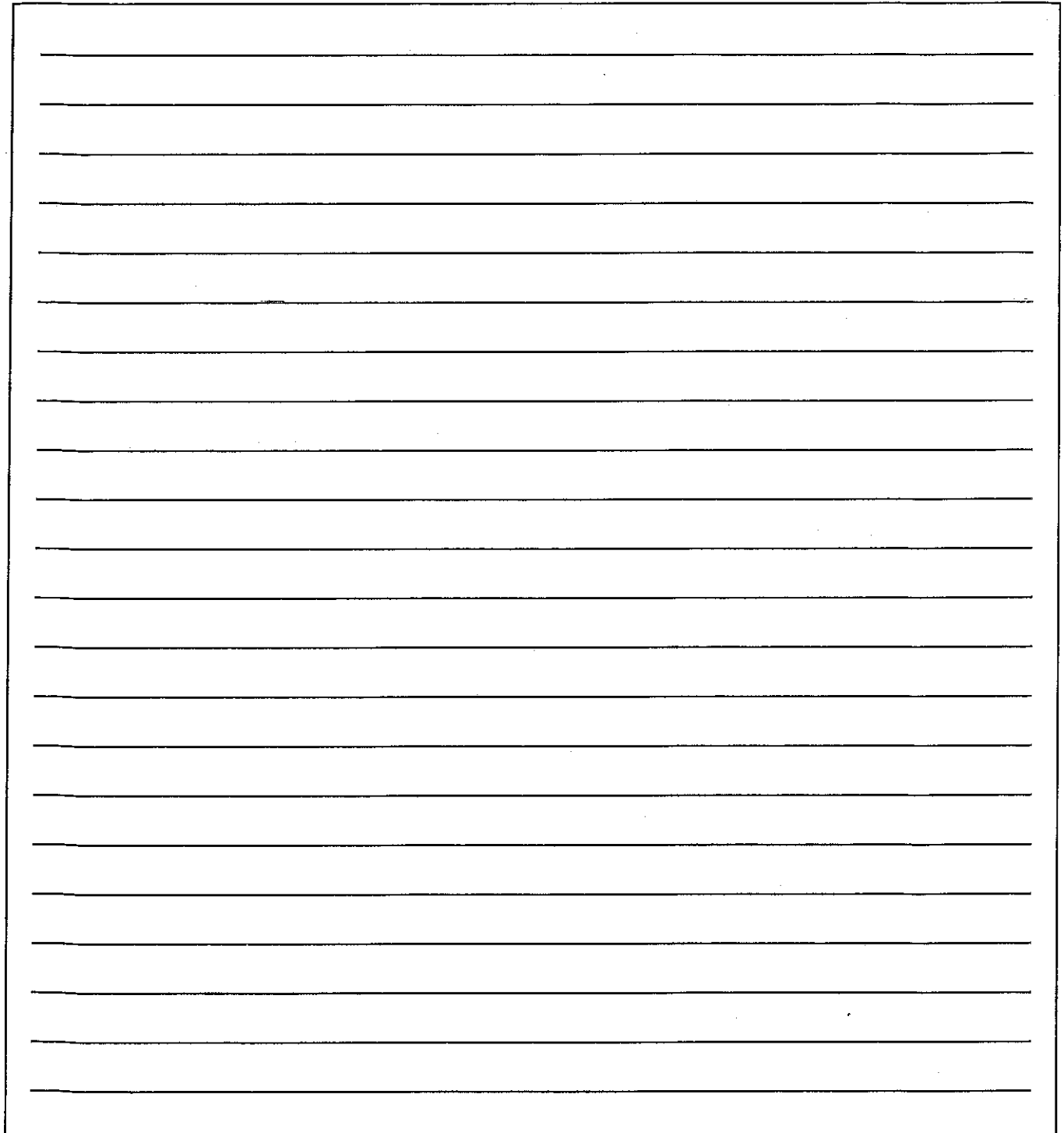
- A. "It is a waste of time," Michael said.
Soon Michael discovered a tin box in a hollow spot at the base of the rock.
- B. "You will not find that treasure anymore," he said.
"It is on the wrong side of the house, and it is only a few years old."
- C. "Some little kid drew this years ago."
"The tree on the map must have been cut down."
- D. "How is the treasure hunting?" Michael teased.
Michael laughed at her enthusiasm.

Item 12

Extended Constructed-Response: 4 points

Write a conclusion to the story in which Anna and Michael go back to the attic to see what else they can find.

Be sure to include what they say to each other and descriptions of how the attic looks. Write your answer on the lines on your answer document.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) ADDITIONAL SAMPLE ITEM KEYS

Item	Standard/ Element	DOK Level	Correct Answer	Explanation
1	ELAGSE3RL2	3	D	The correct answer is choice (D) Fun can be found in unexpected places. The children initially didn't expect to have fun cleaning the attic, but then they discovered the treasure map. Later, Michael learned that helping his sister, even though he thought it was pointless, turned out to be fun. Choice (A) is incorrect because cleaning is not the main focus of the story; finding the treasure is. Choice (B) is incorrect because the children don't actually draw a map; they simply follow it. Choice (C) is incorrect because nothing in the story supports this generalized conclusion about brothers and sisters.
2	ELAGSE3RL1	2	C	The correct answer is choice (C) Michael opened his mouth to agree, but the words caught in his throat. Anna looked like a balloon after it had lost its air. At this point in the story, Michael realizes that being kind to his sister is better than making her feel even more foolish for thinking the map would still lead to treasure after all these years. Choice (A) is incorrect because it does not show any interaction between Michael and Anna. Choice (B) is incorrect because it does not reveal that Michael is caring nor is he reacting in any way to Anna. Choice (D) is incorrect because it only describes Michael and Anna working together to open the box.
3	ELAGSE3RL2	2	B	The correct answer is choice (B) The map is old and shows a tree that is no longer there. Because the map shows features that have changed over time, Anna can't rely on them to find the treasure. Choice (A) is incorrect because there is no indication of a right or wrong side of the map in the story. Choice (C) is incorrect because Anna does carry the map with her throughout the story. Choice (D) is incorrect because the rock shaped like a bird actually helps Anna and Michael find the treasure; it does not confuse them.
4	ELAGSE3RL5	2	B	The correct answer is choice (B) It provides the setting of the story by explaining that Michael and Anna have moved into a new house. Choice (A) is incorrect because Michael and Anna do not have similar ideas about the new house. Choice (C) is incorrect because only Anna is hopeful about what will be found in the new house. Choice (D) is incorrect because the story as a whole is not about improving the new house.

Item	Standard/Element	DOK Level	Correct Answer	Explanation
5	ELAGSE3RL6	3	A	The correct answer is choice (A) Anna is excited about the map, and Michael thinks the map is useless. In the story, he says, "It is a waste of time." Choices (B) and (D) are incorrect because the story does not discuss Michael cleaning his room or working alone. Choice (C) is incorrect because at the beginning of the story, Michael does not want to find the treasure.
6	ELAGSE3RL7	2	C	The correct answer is choice (C) It shows readers the information Anna and Michael have about where to find the treasure. Choice (A) is incorrect because the picture does not show what the treasure looks like. Choice (B) is incorrect because the picture does not show the treasure is hidden inside the house. Choice (D) is incorrect because the picture does not indicate how much time it took Anna and Michael to find the treasure.
7	ELAGSE3RL3	3	N/A	See scoring rubric and exemplar responses on page 46.
8	ELAGSE3RL4	2	A	The correct answer is choice (A) Anna was very fast. The phrase "like a flash of lightning" is figurative language describing her speed. Choice (B) is incorrect because Anna is not in danger in the story. Choices (C) and (D) are incorrect because they are literal interpretations that do not reflect her speed.
9	ELAGSE3L4a	2	C	The correct answer is choice (C) closely observed. Michael is looking at the map and thinking about what he sees. Choices (A) and (B) are incorrect because Michael hasn't learned anything about the map yet or made plans based on it; he has only just started looking at it. Choice (D) is incorrect because this is only the first time he has gotten a good look at the map, so he couldn't have remembered anything about it yet.
10	ELAGSE3L4b	1	A	The correct answer is choice (A) not. The word "unusual" refers to something that is not typically expected or something that stands out. In this case, the rock shaped like a bird is "unusual" or "not normal" because most rocks don't have recognizable or memorable shapes. Choice (B) is incorrect because it would suggest that the rock is "very usual," which is not accurate because the rock is shaped like a bird. Choice (C) is incorrect because the rock is not under anything. Choice (D) is incorrect because the rock does not come before anything.

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11	ELAGSE3RL3	3	B/A	<p>The correct answers are choice (B) Michael thinks the treasure map is silly until he and his sister find a treasure in their yard, and choice (A) "It is a waste of time," Michael said. Soon Michael discovered a tin box in a hollow spot at the base of the rock.</p> <p>At the beginning of the story, Michael does not think the treasure map is worth pursuing, but then later he helps his sister use it to find a treasure. The correct answer choice for Part B of the item shows text that supports Michael's change in attitude. In Part A, choice (A) is incorrect because there is no indication that Michael thinks the map is fake. Choice (C) is incorrect because there is no indication that Michael thinks the map is dangerous; he dismisses it initially because he thinks it is too old to be useful. Choice (D) is incorrect because Michael shows his sister that she is using the map incorrectly, not that there is something wrong with the map. The incorrect options in Part B support incorrect answers in Part A.</p>
12	ELAGSE3W3	4	N/A	See exemplar responses on page 47 and the four-point holistic rubric beginning on page 51.
13	ELAGSE3RI3	3	N/A	See scoring rubric and exemplar responses on page 48.
14	ELAGSE3W2, ELAGSE3L1, ELAGSE3L2	4	N/A	See exemplar response on page 49 and the seven-point, two-trait rubric beginning on page 53.
15	ELAGSE3L1c	2	B	The correct answer is choice (B) luck. The word <i>luck</i> is an abstract noun because it denotes an idea rather than a concrete object. Choice (A) is incorrect because <i>sister</i> is a concrete noun that denotes a person. Choices (C) and (D) are incorrect because <i>day</i> and <i>prize</i> are both concrete nouns that denote things rather than abstract ideas.
16	ELAGSE3L1f	2	C	The correct answer is choice (C) Dogs make wonderful pets. The subject <i>Dogs</i> agrees with the verb <i>make</i> . Choice (A) is incorrect because the subject <i>Dogs</i> does not agree with the verb <i>makes</i> . Choice (B) is incorrect because the subject <i>They</i> does not agree with the verb <i>makes</i> . Choice (D) is incorrect because the subject <i>It</i> does not agree with the verb <i>make</i> .
17	ELAGSE3L1i	3	D	The correct answer is choice (D) My brother has an old, soft teddy bear that he likes to put on his pillow. Choices (A), (B), and (C) are incorrect because they do not effectively form complex sentences.

Item	Standard/ Element	DOK Level	Correct Answer	Explanation
18	ELAGSE3L2b	2	A	The correct answer is choice (A) Remove the comma after "Roosevelt." Removing the comma after <i>Roosevelt</i> correctly follows the rules for using commas within an address. Choice (B) is incorrect because a comma is not needed after <i>Street</i> . Choice (C) is incorrect because the comma after <i>Wichita</i> should stay in place. Choice (D) is incorrect because a comma is not needed in the address after <i>Kansas</i> .
19	ELAGSE3L2f	2	C	The correct answer is choice (C) almost. The correct spelling of the word is "almost." Choices (A), (B), and (D) are incorrect because each word (<i>kitchen</i> , <i>large</i> , and <i>table</i>) is spelled incorrectly.
20	ELAGSE3L3a	2	B	The correct answer is choice (B) In sentence 4 change "neat" to "sparkling." The word <i>sparkling</i> has a more descriptive, sensory effect than the word <i>neat</i> . Choices (A), (C), and (D) are incorrect because the suggested edits do not create a significant effect on the sensory details in the paragraph.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) EXAMPLE SCORING RUBRICS AND EXEMPLAR RESPONSES

Item 7

Scoring Rubric

Score	Description
2	<p>The response achieves the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives sufficient evidence of the ability to describe how the feelings of a character change throughout a story • Includes specific examples/details that make clear reference to the text • Adequately explains how the feelings of a character change throughout a story with clearly relevant information based on the text
1	<p>The response achieves the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives limited evidence of the ability to describe how the feelings of a character change throughout a story • Includes vague/limited examples/details that make reference to the text • Describes how the feelings of a character change throughout a story with vague/limited information based on the text
0	<p>The response achieves the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives no evidence of the ability to describe how the feelings of a character change throughout a story with clearly relevant information based on the text

Exemplar Response

Points Awarded	Sample Response
2	<p>Anna is happy to have a new place to play in and decorate. She gets excited when she finds an old tin box with a treasure map and wants to look for it. Michael says, "It is a waste of time." Anna is so excited about the treasure she dashes around Michael like a flash of lightning while searching. Anna becomes sad when she doesn't find the treasure and she feels like she has wasted her time. Then Michael offers to help, which makes Anna jump like a spring. She is excited again now that she is working with her brother to find the treasure.</p>
1	<p>Anna is helping her brother with chores. Anna is excited about finding a treasure but she gets sad when she doesn't find it. Anna gets excited again when her brother helps her.</p>
0	<p>Anna is excited throughout the story, even when she has a problem.</p>

Item 12

To view the four-point holistic rubric for a text-based narrative response, see pages 51 and 52.

Exemplar Response

Points Awarded	Sample Response
4	<p>Anna said to Michael, "Now that we've found the treasure, let's go back to the attic to see if there are other things to find!"</p> <p>Michael told Anna that her idea was a good one. The two children ran back into the attic and started looking around the dirty and dusty boxes.</p> <p>"Look at this!" Michael shouted. Anna saw Michael holding up a diary. It was old and the cover was torn, but the writing was as clear as could be.</p> <p>Inside the cover, it said, "Jonathan's Diary, 1936." Anna and Michael looked at each other in surprise at how old the diary really was. "1936!" they said at the same time.</p> <p>Over the next few days, the two children found many more treasures because of the clues Jonathan had written so long ago. Michael was glad he changed his mind about hidden treasures.</p>
3	<p>Anna said to Michael, "Now that we've found the treasure, let's go back to the attic to see if there are other things to find!"</p> <p>Michael told Anna that her idea was a good one. The two children ran back into the attic and started looking around the dirty and dusty boxes.</p> <p>They found an old diary, and it had directions to more treasures. They followed them and found more things.</p>
2	<p>Anna said to Michael that they should go back to the attic to look for more things.</p> <p>They found a diary when they got there. It had more directions to treasures. Anna and Michael had fun finding them.</p>
1	<p>Anna said to Michael that they should go back to the attic to look for more things. "That's a good idea," Michael said.</p>
0	<p>Anna and Michael were happy to find the treasure and wanted more.</p>