

Reading Street Fresh Reads

Reading Comprehension

Name: _____

Date: _____

Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

The Poster

“The book says it’s a white-crowned sparrow,” said Andrew. “You can tell because the white stripes on its head look like a crown.”

“Hello, Your Majesty,” Habib joked as he sketched in the stripes on the bird he was drawing. As he drew, he glanced back and forth from the bird to his sketchbook. When the drawing was done, he ripped out the page and handed it to Andrew, who made a note on a card: “White-crowned sparrow, seen April 9 in Habib’s yard.”

“That’s it,” said Andrew with satisfaction. “That’s the last one.”

They took the drawing inside, and Habib glued it to the last empty spot on their poster. The science project was finished. They had found twenty-eight different kinds of birds and looked each one up in Andrew’s book *Birds of North America*. Andrew had written a note card for each bird, and Habib had put together the poster.

The poster had a drawing or photograph for every bird. Andrew liked taking photographs because they showed exactly what the bird looked like. Habib liked drawing. It took longer but made him feel that he knew more about the bird, after looking at it for so long. So half the birds were pictured in photos and the other half in drawings.

Tomorrow in school they would present their poster to the class and use the note cards to tell about the birds. Habib could hardly wait!

Answer the questions below.

1. In the second paragraph, to what did Habib compare the white-crowned sparrow?

- A. a tiger's stripes
- B. a painting
- C. a king or queen
- D. another bird

2. What is one way Habib's pictures were different from Andrew's?

- A. They looked more like birds.
- B. They took longer to make.
- C. They were more colorful.
- D. They were smaller.

3. What is probably one reason that Andrew and Habib were friends?

- A. They had the same skills and talents.
- B. Both liked to make jokes and kid around.
- C. They grew up next door to each other.
- D. They were interested in the same things.

4. Why do you think Habib glanced back and forth from the bird to his sketchbook?

- A. to draw the details of the bird's appearance correctly
- B. to keep the bird from moving to a different branch
- C. to check in the guide book to know which bird it was
- D. to act as if he were a bird looking for food to eat

5. Do you think the work was divided fairly? Use details from the selection to explain your answer.
