A Different Pond Book Companion
A Different Pond
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Character Traits

Circle the 5 traits that best fit each character.

Dad
- catches fish for food
- has one job
- has straight teeth
- used to go fishing in Vietnam
- wakes up early
- was in a war with his brother
- sleeps late

Bao
- goes fishing for fun
- helps his family get food (fish)
- doesn’t want to put minnow on a hook as a bigger fish will eat it
- eats bologna for breakfast outside
- builds a fire and starts it with one match
- babysits younger brothers and sisters
- arrives home for lunch after fishing

Mom
- helps fish
- drives to work
- says the boy learns quickly
- tired
- rides a bicycle to work
- counts twigs for the fire
- asks about homework

Name ________________________  Date __________
Settings in the Story

Circle the sets of words that best describe each setting. There are six correct answers in all.

**Pond**
- had crappie fishes
- other people went fishing there, too
- where they rented the fishing boat
- a public fishing area
- after the divider between the road and trees

**Car**
- needed the heater on in the morning before fishing
- one place where Dad told the boy stories
- drove to the Lake Street bait ship
- had a DVD player
- was a convertible

**Home**
- next door to the bait shop
- bare bulb in kitchen for light
- where brothers and sisters told funny stories
- where the boy cleans the fish
- where the nanny cared for the children
**Cause & Effect**

Describe the causes and effects in the story.

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Who is Who?

1. **E** - Hmong man sometimes at the pond
   - A. Illustrated the book

2. **H** - the boy (Bao)
   - B. shows colorful lure collection

3. **F** - Dad
   - C. did not come home from the war

4. **G** - Mom
   - D. thought Dad was there early

5. **A** - Thi Bui
   - E. tells funny jokes

6. **B** - black man sometimes at the pond
   - F. puts minnows on the hooks

7. **C** - Dad’s brother
   - G. sleeps when Dad and the boy fish

8. **D** - bait shop man
   - H. builds a fire with ten twigs set up like a volcano

Name ________________________  Date __________
What is true?

Circle the 4 true statements that best fit each character.

**Dad**
- catches fish for food
- has one job
- has straight teeth
- used to go fishing in Vietnam

**Bao**
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**Mom**
- helps fish
- drives to work
- says the boy learns quickly
- rides a bicycle to work

**Sleep**
- wakes up early
- builds a fire and starts it with one match
- counts twigs for the fire
- asks about homework
Settings in the Story

Circle the sets of words that best describe each setting. There are three correct answers for each place.

Pond
- had crappie fishes
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<td>The boy was used to his father and thought his English was just fine.</td>
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<td>They had to catch fish even though Dad had two jobs and mom worked.</td>
<td>Everything in America cost a lot of money. They didn’t have a lot of money.</td>
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<td>Dad worked hard (manual labor).</td>
<td>Dad has callouses on his hands.</td>
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<td>Matches were valuable and not to be wasted.</td>
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