

Jr. Great books Reading Level #3

The Little Humpbacked Horse p. 96

Read the Story and review the listed vocabulary:

dullard – a person who learns slowly and/or ignorant

fodder- food for horses, such as hay

Tsar – the emperor of Russia

versts – a distance about equals two-thirds of a mile

currying– combing and cleaning

equerry– an officer in charge of horses

boyars– noblemen

poods– one pood equals about thirty-six pounds (typical three year old’s weight)

sweetmeats– candied fruits and nuts

coutiers– people of noble birth who serve the Tsar

Your new words: _____

- 1) Before your first reading, think about the saying “is it better to be a fool than to be too clever.” How might being too clever get in the way of finding treasure?

Notes: Note the places in the text where **Ivan shows a special quality** or **does something that helps him succeed** with a page number and reason why.

Read the story a second time and answer the following questions:

- 1. Why does Ivan need the help of both the Girl-Tsar and the little humpbacked horse to become Tsar (pgs. 129-130)?**

- 2. Why does the white mare give Ivan a funny –looking “toy” horse that he can neither sell nor give away (pgs. 101-104)?**

- 3. Why does Ivan succeed in getting ahead in life, while his brothers do not (pgs.108-109 & 111-112)?**
