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All Summer in a Day
Critical Thinking Questions

Answer the questions below in complete sentences. Go back in the story for help. Spelling and grammar counts!

1. Where and when does the story take place? (3 pts.)

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2. Why is Margot the only child who remembers the sun? (2 pts.)

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3. Where is Margot when the sun comes out? (2 pts.)

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4. Write down an example of a simile. (2 pts.) _____

5. In your opinion, why do Margot's classmates play a prank on her? (2 pts.)

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6. How do you think the children feel about Margot at the end of the story? Include the following in your answer: **what Margot misses most about the Earth, the children's reaction when the hour ends and it starts to rain, how the children feel when they remember where Margot is.** (5 pts.)

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7. Will Margot's future relationship with her peers be positive or negative? Why? (3 pts.)

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8. Read the poem "Change" on pg. 215. How is Margot's situation different from that of the speaker of the poem? (3 pts.)

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Literary Analysis SkillBuilder

Understanding Theme

A **theme** is the meaning or moral of a story. Themes are usually unstated. To discover a theme you must make inferences based on the characters and the plot. Often, clues to the theme can be found in the actions, speech, and thoughts of characters, and how the characters change as a result of the events. Fill in the chart with your answers to the questions. Then use this information to support the theme.

Questions About Story Elements	Clues to Theme
1. Who is the main character?	
2. Who are the other important characters?	
3. How do the characters change during the story?	
4. What have the characters learned?	
5. What conflicts exist in the story?	
6. What is the climax of the story?	
7. How is the conflict resolved?	

8. One of the themes of this story is "a prank can be very cruel." Which of the story details you added to the chart above help show this theme?

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