

## Thinking About Fables

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Now that you are familiar with the stories, answer these questions on "The Fox and the Grapes" and "The Fox and the Crow."

1. In "The Fox and the Crow," does the fox believe all of the complimentary things he says about the crow?
2. Is a crow usually considered to have a beautiful voice?
3. Do you think the fox in "The Fox and the Crow" would have been successful if he had threatened the crow?
4. Can you think of any other ways the fox could have gotten the cheese?
5. Write down the main events in "The Fox and the Grapes" in sequential order.
6. In "The Fox and the Grapes," does the fox have proof that the grapes are sour?
7. Why does he say that they are?

8. What do you think of the fox's reaction in "The Fox and the Grapes"?

9. What else might he have done once he realized he could not reach the grapes?

10. Each animal character in "The Fox and the Crow" represents a particular human quality. Which of the following qualities do you think each character stands for? Give reasons for your answer. (If you do not know the meanings of these words, look them up in a dictionary):

- slyness
- greed
- determination
- gullibility
- vanity

11. Personification is the technique of giving human qualities to an object, animal, or idea. Consider the fox in "The Fox and the Grapes." Would a real fox act like the fox in the fable? Can you imagine a person acting as the fox did? Explain your answers.

12. A moral is the lesson taught by a story. The moral of "The Fox and the Grapes" is suggested but not stated directly. In your own words, state the general lesson taught in this fable.