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4TH GRADE READING COMPREHENSION



It was Halloween night, and the moon was full. All over town, children were getting into costumes, getting ready to go out trick or treating. Many of the costumes were spooky, as many of the older children enjoyed a good fright on Halloween. These children were glad that the moon was full, since a full moon made Halloween seem even spookier.

The moon, on the other hand, did not like Halloween. He gazed gloomily down from the sky as children began to come out of their houses and walk around their neighborhoods. He was glad that he was safe high up in the sky, far removed from their spooky tricks. Every once in a while, someone would notice him and point out to others how huge and round and magnificent he was that night. But otherwise, thankfully, Halloween left him well enough alone.

About an hour into the festivities, the moon was just dozing off when he heard a disturbing sound. First there was a honk, then another, then another. Then he was startled by the loud flutter of wings and dark shadows rushing past him. Halloween had managed to reach all the way up to him at last! He was so frightened that he closed his eyes tight and hoped it would be over soon.

And it was, the large formation of geese continued on their way, without a single thought to the moon or any awareness of Halloween tricks whatsoever.

1. When does the story take place? _____
2. Who is the main character? _____
3. What frightens the main character? _____