

Name _____ Skill: Reading comprehension—reasoning

Read the story and answer the questions.

"I've just got to get my merit badge today," thought Jim. He was lost. His compass had broken when it fell out of his hands and hit the rocks. Dad will be disappointed if I don't pass this time. Jim couldn't find the path to take to get back to camp. He saw some boys through the bushes. They were wearing the same troop number as Jim. "I'll just cut through here and get back to camp. No one will know I didn't take the right way, but what about the rocks?" he thought. He was supposed to return with seven rocks that Mr. Sims had left along the path. "I'll just bring back any rocks I find," he thought. Jim picked up some rocks that looked a lot like the rocks Mr. Sims had shown them. "I'm here!" Jim shouted when he arrived. "Here are my rocks." Mr. Sims took the rocks and gave Jim a funny look. "These rocks don't have a green mark painted on them, Jim," he said.



1. Had Jim been careful with his compass? What makes you think so?

2. How did Jim want his father to feel about him?

3. What troop were the boys Jim saw from? How do you know?

4. Did Mr. Sims know that Jim's rocks were not the ones from the path?

5. Do you think Jim got his merit badge? Why or why not?
