

Donkey in the well

This is story of donkey, which teaches you a lesson. One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided that animal was old and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to save the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down. A few shovel loads later; the farmer was astonished at what he saw.

With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. The donkey began to sweat but he also began to smile in his triumph. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed to see the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

PART A. What do you believe to be the theme or central message of the story?

- a. When dirt is piled by someone else, shake it off
- b. Sometimes you have to give up
- c. Life is full of difficult problems but you must have courage to step over them.
- d. Don't judge a book by its cover

PART B. Choose two piece of evidence below that support your claim in PART A!

- a. "With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey would shake it off and take a step up."
- b. "The donkey began to cry piteously."
- c. "It just wasn't worth it to save the donkey."
- d. " The donkey began to sweat, but he also began to smile in his triumph."