

Assessor Copy

Form 8-5

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

1. Place the Student Copy in front of the student. Point to the names on the Student Copy as you read them:

"This is a story about Andrew and Mary. I want you to read this story to me. You'll have 1 minute to read as much as you can. When I say "begin," start reading aloud at the top of the page. Do your best reading. If you have trouble with a word, I'll tell it to you. Do you have any questions? Begin."

2. Start the timer.
3. While the student is reading, mark errors with a slash (/).
4. At 1 minute, mark the last word read with a bracket (]).
5. When the student gets to a logical stopping place, say "**Stop.**"

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| <u>Andrew</u> and <u>Mary</u> were proud of their Irish heritage. Their grandparents | 11 |
| never grew tired of telling them stories of the 'old country.' This was fortunate | 25 |
| because the twins never tired of hearing the tales. One of the stories Andrew | 39 |
| especially liked was about the great fortress on the west coast of Ireland. The | 53 |
| castle had once been a thriving center of the community. Even after the centuries | 67 |
| had toppled its tallest towers, it was still the largest and most impressive building | 81 |
| for miles around. It was built of dark stones, roughly squared off so they would | 96 |
| stack on top of one another, but still quite jagged on the outer edge. High up on | 113 |
| the walls, narrow slits had been made so that defenders could hide in the safety | 128 |
| of the castle walls and shoot arrows at enemy invaders. Grandfather used to make | 142 |
| up wonderful stories about the people who had once lived there. | 153 |
| Although Mary loved to hear the stories of the castle, she loved even more | 167 |
| to hear about the fine horses that were raised in the town where her | 181 |
| grandparents had grown up. The town was located in the center of Ireland, famous | 195 |
| for its racehorses and show jumpers. Mary had always loved horses, so for her | 209 |
| these stories were always the most interesting. Her grandmother told her about a | 222 |
| horse named Steam Roller who had won the Irish Derby three years in a row, | 237 |
| something no other horse had ever done before. | 245 |
| Whenever their grandparents started talking about their homeland, the | 254 |
| children would draw close. They would sit on the floor, or draw chairs up to be | 270 |
| nearby. And as the stories were told, Andrew and Mary would smile at each other | 285 |
| and dream of the day they would be able to travel to Ireland and explore the place | 302 |
| for themselves. | 304 |

Total Words Read: _____ - # of Errors: _____ = CWPM _____