

3. Circle the sentences below that you feel are part of the theme or author's message of *My Mother Wears Combat Boots*.

- People in the military have hard jobs that sometimes take them away from their families.
- Little girls should not visit grocery stores alone.
- It is wrong to think that someone cannot do a job just because they are a girl.
- Cookies will make you feel better if you are sad.
- Everyone should join the military.
- Everyone should follow their dreams and never give up.

4. Below, explain the problems Pearl encountered in the story. How did she solve them?

5. Pearl's mother had a dream for her life. Was she successful at making it come true?

6. Do you have a dream to do something or be something when you grow up?

Indiana Academic Content Standards

Language Arts, Grade Three

- 3.3.3 Determine what characters are like by what they say or do and by how the author or illustrator portrays them.
- 3.3.4 Determine the theme or author's message in fiction and nonfiction text.
- 3.3.8 Identify the problem and solutions in a story.
- 3.2.6 Locate appropriate and significant information from the text, including problems and solutions.
- 3.2.7 Follow simple multiple-step written instructions.
- 3.4.3 Create single paragraphs with topic sentences and simple supporting facts and details.
- 3.6.1 Write legibly in cursive, leaving space between letters in a word, words in a sentence, and words and the edges of the paper.