

Name and number _____

How I Came to Be a Writer

1. [1 pt] Explain why Phyllis Naylor got an “A-” instead of an “A” on her Christmas poem. _____

2. [1 pt] Summarize her thinking after she made her first sale of a short story. _____

3. [1 pt] Tell how Grandpa Grinager changed the way he was treated at his daughter Meg’s house.

4. [2 pt] Think about the advice, “Write what you know best.” List four topics Naylor knew about from her early life that she says she used to help her in her early writing.

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5. [1 pt] Out of all the books that Naylor wrote, with all the reviews—good and bad—which book does she always consider her best? _____

6. [1 pt] Identify the kind of place where it is hard for Naylor to write. Why is it hard for her to write there? _____

7. **[1 pt]** Relate two things Naylor says she learned about taking time over her manuscripts.

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8. **[2 pt]** State at least two differences between Naylor's two sets of grandparents and their homes.

For example, one lived to the west and one lived to the east.

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