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Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.**Jack's First Pottery Class**

Jack liked to draw. He loved taking art classes in school. Every holiday he made beautiful drawings as presents for his family.

One day Mom came home very excited. "Jack," Mom said, "guess what I got for you?" Jack made some guesses, but each time Mom shook her head no. "I signed you up for a pottery class."

"Pottery?" Jack said. "What is that?" Mom explained that pottery is when you make things out of clay with your own hands. Jack jumped up and down.

At the first class Jack met the teacher, Mrs. Slater. She showed Jack how to put clay on the wheel. The wheel spun around slowly. He put his hands in water to keep them from sticking to the clay. As he pushed on the clay, the shape changed. The more he pushed, the more it changed. When he was finished, Jack had made a clay bowl. He had a huge smile on his face as he showed Mrs. Slater what he had made.

"When is the next holiday?" Jack wondered.

Turn the page.

Answer the questions below.

1 Which event happened first?

- Jack put clay on the wheel.
- Jack went to his first pottery class.
- Mom had a surprise for Jack.

2 Why did Jack jump up and down?

- He was happy that his mother was home.
- He loved the holidays.
- He was excited about going to the pottery class.

3 What happened in the middle of the story?

- Jack met Mrs. Slater.
- Jack made a clay bowl.
- Jack drew a beautiful picture.

4 What did Jack already know how to do at the *beginning* of this story?

5 In the pottery class, what did Jack do next *after* he got his hands wet?

Common Core State Standards

Questions 1, 3–5: **Literature 5.** Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action. **Question 2: Literature 3.** Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.