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Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.**Grandpa's Toy Truck**

“Oh no!” cried Nancy. “That was my favorite toy.” She was upset because her little brother George had broken her toy truck. Grandpa came over and tried to fix the truck, but it could not be repaired.

“It is not all George’s fault,” said Grandpa. “They do not make toys the way they did when I was a boy.” Grandpa explained that the toys when he was younger were made of stronger materials. For instance, he had had toy army men that were made out of metal. These days they were made out of plastic. He had had a doll that was made out of wood. Grandpa thought his doll was much nicer looking than Nancy’s dolls.

“If the toys were made better when you were little,” asked Nancy, “why did they change?”

“Time and money,” replied Grandpa. “Today they make toys in half the time and for less money.”

Grandpa went inside. When he returned, he gave Nancy the toy truck he had kept from when he was her age. “This truck will survive George,” said Grandpa. Nancy thanked him with a hug.

Answer the questions below.

1 What sort of person is Grandpa?

- kind
- foolish
- greedy

2 How did George *most likely* break Nancy's truck?

- hiding what he had done
- putting it away at night
- playing with it one day

3 Grandpa *probably* cannot fix the truck because

- It is poorly made.
- It needs special tools.
- It is too small to see.

4 According to Grandpa, why are today's toys being made from weaker materials like plastic?

5 What do you think Grandpa's toy truck is *most likely* made from?

Common Core State Standards

Questions 1–3: Literature 3. Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges. Questions 4, 5: Literature 1. Ask and answer such questions as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.