The Buried Giant Assessment

Directions: You must answer question 1. However, you may choose to write on question 2 OR 3, not**.** The total number of responses that you have to complete for this test are 2. Write a minimum of 6-8 sentences for each writing prompt.

Prompts

1. After examining characters' relationships in the novel as they accept their negative memories of each other, what lesson can readers learn from them? Also, what would be the effect of choosing to forget bad memories if it meant that you could have a better relationship with them?

2. At the end of the novel, Axl says, "'I was wondering, princess. Could it be our love would never have grown so strong down the years had the mist not robbed us the way it did? Perhaps it allowed old wounds to heal.'" What do you think he means? Apply your explanation to Axl and Beatrice.

3. The common **characteristics** of a **magical** realist work of literature are fantastical elements in a natural setting, withholding of information or explanations about the supernatural occurrences, a deviation from conventional styles, and disorienting attention to detail. How/why does *The Buried Giant* fit in this category? Support your response by addressing at least one of the elements of magical realism.

Rubric

Your written response is well organized. It has a topic sentence that introduces the point that you are trying to make about the writing problem (your argument). **5 points**

Your response provides a reference to a specific part in the novel that helps to support your thought process by giving evidence that you have read the novel, but the reference is not a direct quote or page in the novel. **15 points**

Your response then completely develops the reference to the novel (that you mentioned above). You will want to take your time at this point in your writing and analyze how the reference to the part in the novel supports the argument that you want to make in the paragraph. **25 points**

Grammar and punctuation count. **5 points**

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