Questions for Life Is Sweet: The Story of Milton Hershey

Literal Questions:

The Facts:
1. When and where was Milton Hershey born?

2. Who suggested that Hershey should enter the candy trade?

3. Where did Hershey set up his chocolate business?

4. What did Hershey develop during World War II?

Sequence of Events:
5. List the following events of Hershey’s life in chronological order: Hershey added buildings to his town during the Great Depression; Hershey moved to Denver and found work with a candy manufacturer; Hershey sold his confectionery business for one million dollars.

6. What did the U.S. government do after Hershey developed a chocolate bar for soldiers to carry as emergency food?

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Interpretive Questions:

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS:
7. What one word best describes Milton Hershey?

MAKING INFERENCES:
8. How did Milton feel about his workers? What facts in the story support your answer?

MAKING PREDICTIONS:
9. Will Hershey’s® chocolates continue to be a popular snack? Why do you feel this way?

IDENTIFICATION OF CAUSE:
10. Hershey dedicated himself to the repayment of his creditors after his New York candy shop failed. Why do you think he was so determined to pay back his debt?

IDENTIFICATION OF THE MAIN IDEA:
11. Write a title for the story. Use as few words as possible.

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COMPARISON:
12. How was Hershey’s fine caramel confectionery business like his chocolate business? How was it different?

SUMMARIZE:
13. In your own words, describe Hershey’s struggle to create a successful candy business.

EFFECT:
14. What effect did Hershey’s dedication to his workers have on his employees during the Great Depression?

FACT AND OPINION:
15. The story said, “His (Hershey’s) greatest pride was Hershey Industrial School for orphan boys.” Is this statement a fact or an opinion? Why do you feel this way?

ON YOUR OWN:
16. Write a question about the story for a teacher or another student to answer.

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