

### ***Summer and Bird Book Quiz Questions***

1. How do Summer and Bird determine they should go into the forest to find their parents?
2. How does Bird communicate with the birds?
3. How does the Puppeteer understand the bird language?
4. What is the patchwork bird made of?
5. Who is Ben?
6. Ben gives Summer three gifts, what are they?
7. How does Summer enter the Green Home for the first time?
8. There are two maps to the Green Home. What are they?
9. Who is Summer's animal friend?
10. Who is destined to become queen of birds after the swan: Summer or Bird?

## Answers

1. Their mother leaves them a picture letter which they work out together to mean: "I love you both the same. Move fast through the gate."
2. Bird communicates with the birds by using her voice (songs) and her recorder (flute).
3. She swallows a living bird. For a few hours, as the bird remains alive inside of her she is able to understand the bird language and hear the "Great Conversation"
4. The patchwork bird is made of all of the birds the Puppeteer has swallowed in order to hear the bird language. It flies to Summer and Bird to deliver a message that their mother needs them, and that the song is the path that will lead them to her.
5. Ben befriends Summer in the forest when Bird sets off on her own. He is a phoenix and emerges from the eggwood tree, in which he was imprisoned by the Puppeteer, when Summer and Bird make a small fire using the wood of the tree. Later, he becomes Bens, as he hatches for a new life from the egg left in Summer's care.
6. Ben gives Summer a red sweater, a pot and an egg.
7. Summer enters the Green Home for the first time when she is swallowed by the World Snake. After traveling through the snake, she emerges in the Green Home. She returns to the human world by using the crane map.
8. The two maps to the Green Home are the swan queen and the phoenix (Ben/Bens).
9. Summer's animal friend is the raven. She has watched Summer since she was born, and Summer is able to speak to her in the same language while they are in the Green Home. They have a special bond and are often able to communicate after their initial visit to the Green Home despite the language barrier. Some students may respond that it is the cat, which is also an acceptable answer, though the cat plays a much smaller role in the story.
10. Summer is destined to be her mother's successor.