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## “The Stars Below Me” Quiz

**Directions:** Read the story “The Stars Below Me” in the September 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then, fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

**1. In the beginning of the story, how does Mara feel about moving to the city?**

- a. excited
- b. fearful
- c. reluctant
- d. curious

**2. What does Mara expect will be the only similarity between the country and the city?**

- a. the kids
- b. the stars
- c. the school
- d. the wide open space

**3. Who is Eta?**

- a. a star
- b. an imaginary girl
- c. Mara’s best friend
- d. all of the above

**4. Why is Mara upset on her first night in the city?**

- a. She misses her friends in the country.
- b. The lights are too bright to see the stars.
- c. Her parents are too busy unpacking.
- d. It’s dark and rainy outside.

**5. Chloe says to Mara, “Your mom was telling me you like astronomy.” What is astronomy?**

- a. the study of buildings
- b. the study of human behavior
- c. the study of the universe
- d. a synonym for hot chocolate

**6. Mara thinks Chloe and other city kids won’t like her for all of the following reasons EXCEPT**

- a. She owns a telescope.
- b. She likes math.
- c. She doesn’t dress as well as they do.
- d. She likes animals.

**7. Why does Mara go to Chloe’s apartment?**

- a. to help her with math
- b. to show her the telescope
- c. to drink hot chocolate
- d. to listen to music

**8. How could you describe the way Chloe treats Mara?**

- a. rude
- b. welcoming
- c. strange
- d. snobbish

**9. What are the different kinds of stars that Chloe shows Mara?**

- a. the city lights
- b. twinkling planets
- c. reflections of stars in the river
- d. a mural of the sky

**10. The main lesson that Mara learns in this story is about**

- a. how to see stars.
- b. the difference between the country and the city.
- c. the power of friendship.
- d. fun things to do in the city.