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The Faithful Collie

James Hogg was a well-known poet, but he was also a shepherd. One night when he was out with his sheep, it started to snow heavily. Knowing that he would have to get his flock in, Hogg whistled for his faithful collie. When she came running to him, he told her to get all the all the sheep in from one side of the moor while he did the same on the other side. Off they both went.

The shepherd returned much later, bringing with him the sheep he had round up. As there was no sign of the collie, he went into his cabin to wait.

After several hours a painful whine and a feeble scratching were heard at the door. Rushing out , the shepherd saw that the collie had brought in her share of the flock with not a single sheep missing. Then he noticed that the collie and laid at his feet a new-born puppy.

Off she went into the snow again, but soon returned with another puppy, but as she took this to her master she fell to the ground and died. James Hogg knew that although his faithful collie had had her puppies in a snowstorm she had carried out her duty to her master and had brought the sheep safety home.

Please read the text carefully and use this to answer the questions

1. What did James Hogg was well as writing poetry ?

2. Who is the main character in the story ?

3. Use three adjectives to describe the main character's personality ?

4. Can you think of another title for this story?

5. What do you think the relationship is between dog and master?

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6. Where do you think this story is set?

7. Continue the story. Write 6 more sentences on what James Hogg did next and how he felt ?

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