

Week 1 Assessment: Day 3-7

1.	As read in the sentence “I felt only the dark hurt of her <i>weary</i> eyes,” the best meaning for the word <i>weary</i> would be a) Sick b) Demanding c) Tired d) Tough
2.	Change Requires _____. a) Action. b) Fortitude. c) Effort. d) Engagement.
3.	Place the following events in chronological order, in the order in which they appear in the novel. 1. Father slapped the landlord when she came asking for the rent, and he was arrested. 2. Mashah took interest in Jacob, but Jacob’s father stopped their love quickly. 3. Father was released, and he became a hero to the community. Many people wanted to move in into the room and be boarders. 4. Bessie or Fania could not find work to help the family out. However, Sara does find a way to profit. 5. Bessie finds a potential husband, Father and him argue, and Bessie no longer marries him. a) 4, 5, 2, 3, 1 b) 4, 1, 3, 5, 2 c) 4, 1, 5, 1, 3 d) 1, 3, 4, 2, 5
4.	The names of the four daughters of the family are a) Bessie, Farah, Mashah, Susan b) Betty, Fania, Mashah, and Sara c) Bessie, Fania, Mashah and Sara d) Belma, Fania, Mashah, and Sara
5.	“And like a sun in the desert, the glitter of his diamonds <i>withered</i> and faded the poor little flowers on the table.” In the sentence above, the word <i>withered</i> most closely means a) To thrive b) To flourish c) To shrink d) To dry up

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6.	Mashah can be described as a) Selfish b) Helpful c) Generous d) Kind
7.	Why was Father chosen to be Mother's husband? a) Her father wanted her to marry a rich man b) Her father wanted her to marry a educated man c) Her father wanted her to marry an strong man d) None of the above
8.	Why did Sara's family move to America? a) Father lost the business they had back home and lost all their money b) They wanted a better education in America c) They all needed to find work d) Father wanted to study the bible more in America
9.	After Berel tells Bessie to leave her home ... a) Bessie leaves with Berel and they get married b) Bessie refuses and Berel walks away from her for good c) Berel apologizes to her father d) Berel and Bessie argue but agree to stay together
10.	Sara begins to see Father as a tyrant and decides a) She wants to a be boss one day b) She never wants to get married c) She wants to marry someone like Father d) She wants to be her own person, independent, and marry an American

Week 2 Assessment: Day 8-12

1.	“Mother clutched at Father’s arm in excited <i>eagerness</i>.” The use of the word <i>eagerness</i> in the sentence above tells us that Mother is... a) Hungry b) Enthusiastic c) Impatience d) Committed
2.	Who does Father go to for help to marry his daughter's off? a) Zaretsky b) Morris c) Moe d) Jacob
3.	In the context of the sentence, “Don’t dare come and <i>disgrace</i> me before the neighbors,” the opposite of the word <i>disgrace</i> would be a) Humiliate b) Shame c) Credit d) Honor
4.	Father does not respect Morris because... a) He is a poet b) He is poor c) He is not as good as Moe d) All of the above
5.	Mashah returns home because... a) Moe lied about selling diamonds and she was starving b) Moe was abusive c) She was not in love with Moe d) She misses her family

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6.	Place the events from the novel in chronological order: 1. Mashah marries Moe, the diamond dealer, but soon returns home. 2. Morris writes Fania, Father finds out, and decided to marry his daughters off himself. 3. Fania marries Abe and is miserable. She wants to come home but Father will not let her. 4. Sara falls in love with Morris. She tells him, and he laughs in her face. 5. Father marries Bessie off to Zalmon and in return receives money to start a business. a) 2, 3, 1, 4, 5 b) 2, 3, 1, 5, 4 c) 2, 1, 3, 4, 5 d) 4, 5, 2, 3, 1
7.	Why does Bessie finally decide to marry Zalmon? a) She realizes she is in love with Zalmon b) She loves Zalmon's son, Benny c) It is her only way out of the house d) She does it for Father
8.	The author of <i>Bread Givers</i> is a) Anzia Yezierska. b) Suzanne Collins. c) Alice Kessler-Harris. d) Lois Lowry.
9.	Why is Sara unable to buy coat for the winter? a) She does not have enough money b) She donates her extra money to charity c) Father keeps all her wages d) Her money goes to the family
10.	Why does the grocery store owner sell his booming business to Father? a) Because Father is a Jew. b) Because he is going back to the old country. c) None of the above d) A & B

Week 3 Assessment: Day 13-17

1.	How was Father deceived in his business transaction? a) The man stole his money. b) Someone sold him a store with no goods. c) Mother was part of the transaction. d) None of the above
2.	Who tries to make the grocery business prosper for them? a) Father b) Sara c) Mashah d) Mother
3.	Sara demonstrates courage... a) When she leaves the store to go to New York b) When she argues with Mother for marrying Father c) When she lets the little girl borrow two cents d) When she misses making her own money
4.	In the sentence, "He lifted his rack of bottle and turned to go, but Mashah grasped his arm <i>imploringly</i> , 'I've got to have milk for my babies.'" a good synonym for the word <i>imploringly</i> might be a) Demanding b) To hold back c) Begging d) Requesting
5.	Place the following events from the novel in chronological order, as they appear in the novel: 1) Sara goes to Bessie than Mashah for help. 2) The little money they make, father wastes. 3) Father buys a store, and Mother makes sure it becomes successful. 4) Sara finds a job and an apartment. 5) Sara leaves for New York. a) 3, 4, 3, 2, 5 b) 3, 2, 5, 1, 4 c) 3, 2, 4, 5, 1 d) 5, 2, 3, 4, 1

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6.	Sara does not want to be like Bessie or Mashah because... a. They are unhappy b. Married to men they do not love c. They are not treated equally by their husbands d. All of the above
7.	“And he pointed with his thumb to a husky German woman with giant, red arms, who ironed a white dress with big, steady strokes.” In the sentence above, the best antonym for the word <i>probe</i> would be... a) Skinny b) Beefy c) Heavy d) Soft
8.	Sara would like to be a _____ one day. a) Teacher b) Doctor c) Lawyer d) Laundry worker
9.	What discovery does Sara make about herself while studying? a) She can be unorganized b) She is no longer interested in becoming a teacher c) She struggles to learn when there is background noise d) She did not have time to go to school five times a week
10.	Who comes to visit Sara while she is starving in New York? a) Mother b) Bessie c) Father d) Mashah

Week 4 Assessment: Day 18-22

1.	As read in the sentence “I always had to read while cooking to make myself forget the <i>dreary</i> little meal I had to eat all by myself,” the best meaning for the word <i>dreary</i> would be a) Exciting b) Depressing c) Boring d) Cheerful
2.	Place the following events in chronological order, in the order in which they appear in the novel. 1. Sara’s coworkers tease her for living alone and trying to put on a new look. 2. Sara visits Father. 3. Bessie and Fania visit Sara. 4. Sara goes on a date with Max Goldstein. 5. Sara goes to college. a) 3, 1, 5, 4, 2 b) 4, 1, 2, 5, 3 c) 3, 1, 4, 2, 5 d) 5, 3, 4, 2, 1
3.	Sara is very dedicated to a) Her family. b) Her work. c) Her independence. d) Her studies.
4.	Sara describes how she is feeling, “I used to say...all great people have to be alone to work out their greatness. But now all my high talk was <i>hollow</i> and unreal.” In the sentence above, the word <i>hollow</i> most closely means a) Meaningless b) Sincere c) Solid d) Empty
5.	After her date with Max Goldstein, Sara feels... a) Doubtful and self-conscious. b) Youthful and a desire for more. c) Annoyed with Max for boasting about him so much. d) More dedicated to her studies.

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6.	In the end, Sara realizes Max... a) Does not value her education. b) Would treat her like property. c) Was not right for her. d) All of the above
7.	Sara seeks out Father ... a) For advice about Max. b) For advice about life. c) For advice about school. d) For advice about work.
8.	After the visit, Father _____ Sara. a) Loves b) Hates c) Yells at d) Disowns
9.	What was the difference between Sara and the other college students? a) Sara was the only one who had to work. b) They accepted everyone equally. c) They were free and independent to enjoy things. d) They lived without love.
10.	With who does Sara take interest in? a) Her boss b) The Dean c) Mr. Edmund d) Another student

Week 5 Assessment: Day 23-27 & Final Assessment

1.	After college, Sara becomes a a) Teacher b) Doctor c) Lawyer d) Banker
2.	When Sara visits Mother after college, her mother says it is too late. Why? a) Father is dead b) Mother is dying c) One of her siblings passed away d) They sold everything and are moving
3.	“ ‘She’s kind, is she?’ Mother jerked to one side in the bed in a flare of <i>wrath</i> . ” In the sentence above <i>wrath</i> most closely means a) Happiness b) Frustration c) Boredom d) Anger
4.	How does Mother feel towards Widow Feinstein? a) Trustworthy b) Unreliable c) Untrustworthy d) Dishonest
5.	When Mother passed away and Father cried, what did Sara realize about Father? a) He had not changed b) He was getting old c) He was scared of being alone d) He was going to miss her
6.	Why did everyone look at Sara with condemnation at the funeral? a) Sara did not give a speech. b) Sara had to leave early. c) Sara did not participate in a ritual. d) Sara argued with Father.

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7.	Place the events from the novel in chronological order: 1. Sara visits her family. 2. Sara graduates college. 3. Father marries Widow Feinstein. 4. Widow Feinstein writes a letter to Sara's work. 5. Mr. Seelig and Sara begin to spend time together. a) 2, 1, 3, 4, 5 b) 2, 3, 1, 4, 5 c) 2, 3, 1, 5, 4 d) 4, 5, 2, 3, 1 e) 4, 3, 5, 1, 2
8.	What did Sara tell Father about Widow Feinstein when he tells her he is thinking of marrying her? a) Sara agrees with the marriage and will support it. b) Sara yells at him for wanting to marry someone so quickly after her Mother's death. c) Sara will pay for the wedding. d) Widow Feinstein was only marrying him for him lodge money.
9.	Sara feels torn between... a) The American way and Jewish way b) What is right and helping Father c) Helping Father or helping Father and his wife d) Having Father starve or having him live with her
10.	How does Mr. Seelig react to the letter sent to him about Sara? a) Mr. Seelig fires her. b) Mr. Seelig knows she is not a bad person and that her father is an Old Jew. c) Mr. Seelig advises her to help her family. d) Mr. Seelig puts her on a leave of absence until she figures out her family situation.
11.	Who takes care of Father when he is dying? a) His wife b) Mashah c) Sara d) A Nurse

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12.	Why does Sara take a leave of absence from work? a) To go back to school b) To find a better paying job c) To write a book d) To take care of Father
13.	In the end, Father is still not happy so Sara... a) Gives him more money, b) Invites him to live with Hugo and her. c) Moves back into the home. d) Separates herself from him.
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Answer Key

Week 1

1. C
2. C
3. B
4. C
5. D
6. A
7. B
8. A
9. B
10. D

Week 2

1. B
2. A
3. D
4. D
5. A
6. C
7. B
8. C
9. D

Week 3

1. B
2. D
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. D
7. C
8. A
9. C
10. A

Week 4

1. B
2. C
3. D
4. A
5. B
6. D
7. A
8. D
9. C
10. C

Week 5/Final

1. A
2. B
3. D
4. C
5. B
6. C
7. A
8. D
9. A
10. B
11. C
12. D
13. B
14. C
15. B
16. B
17. D
18. A
19. B
20. A
21. B
22. A
23. B
24. D
25. D