

Week 1 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. "He sat down on the table and sneered at the cereal bowl, where two flies sat like *sentries*."

In the sentence above, the word *sentries* most closely means:

- A. gangsters
 - B. guards
 - C. pests
 - D. pets
2. Eddie is angry with Angel because
- A. Angel has taken Eddie's job.
 - B. he is jealous of Angel.
 - C. he knows that angel killed Jesús.
 - D. he suspects that Angel stole Mr. Stiles' truck.
3. Eddie is avoiding his Aunt Dolores because
- A. he is afraid to tell her that he hates her homemade tortillas.
 - B. she is begging him not to take revenge for Jesús' death, but he's determined to avenge his *primo's* murder.
 - C. she wants him to fix her air conditioner, because she thinks he's studying it in college.
 - D. she wants him to kill the guy who murdered Jesús, but he doesn't want to.
4. In the sentence "Mr. Stiles was a good person," the subject of the sentence is
- A. a good person
 - B. Mr. Stiles
 - C. person
 - D. was
5. In the sentence "The early dusk was *ribbed* with a low-level bank of pinkish clouds," the word *ribbed* most closely means:
- A. beautiful
 - B. created
 - C. outlined
 - D. teased

6. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Eddie confronts a guy wearing yellow shoes, and accuses him of killing Jesús.
 2. Eddie leaves his apartment on his bike to head to his job painting numbers on curbs.
 3. Eddie tells the reader about his cousin, Jesús, who was stabbed in a bathroom.
 4. He finds a job working for a guy named Mr. Stiles working in his yard.
 5. Mr. Stiles' truck is stolen when Eddie parks it in front of his apartment for a few minutes.
- A. 1, 3, 2, 5, 4
B. 2, 3, 1, 4, 5
C. 3, 1, 2, 4, 5
D. 3, 2, 4, 5, 1
7. Responsibility Requires _____
- A. Action.
B. Courage.
C. Effort.
D. Integrity.
8. The novel is titled *Buried Onions* because
- A. a lot of Eddie's friends and relatives are dead and buried.
B. Eddie imagines that there is a giant onion buried beneath the town that makes everyone cry.
C. if you bury someone with an onion, it makes the afterlife happier.
D. many people in Eddie's community work in the onion fields for a living.
9. The phrase "...your life could spill like soda right on the black asphalt," contains an example of
- A. a metaphor
B. a simile
C. alliteration
D. personification
10. The setting of the novel *Buried Onions* is
- A. Fresno, California.
B. Jalisco, Mexico.
C. Los Angeles, California.
D. San Jose, California.

Week 2 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. Eddie asks his mother to send him money so that he can
 - A. buy a new bike.
 - B. buy groceries.
 - C. purchase a weapon so he can attack Angel.
 - D. take the bus to visit her.
2. Eddie gets his job with Mr. Stiles back because
 - A. Coach called Mr. Stiles to vouch for him.
 - B. he apologized to Mr. Stiles in person, and Mr. Stiles believes him.
 - C. Mr. Stiles realizes that he treated Eddie unfairly, and apologizes to him.
 - D. the police caught the guys who really stole Mr. Stiles' truck.
3. In the sentence "He wanted to know if he took his stick against our heads would he have to struggle or just *pummel* away because we were too messed up," a good synonym for the word *pummel* would be:
 - A. beat
 - B. drag
 - C. walk
 - D. yell
4. In the sentence "My mom *rummaged* through her purse," the word *rummaged* most closely means:
 - A. dumped out
 - B. hid something in
 - C. placed something in
 - D. searched
5. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Eddie hangs out with Norma, who tells him that Angel killed Jesús.
 2. Eddie visits Coach for some advice about getting out of Fresno.
 3. Eddie's mother and aunt visit him in his apartment.
 4. José is stabbed after having breakfast with Eddie.
 - A. 1, 3, 4, 2
 - B. 2, 1, 3, 4
 - C. 3, 1, 4, 2
 - D. 4, 3, 1, 2

6. The author of *Buried Onions* is
- A. Francisco Jimenez.
 - B. Gary Soto.
 - C. George Orwell.
 - D. John Steinbeck.
7. When considering joining the military, Eddie chooses the Navy because
- A. he likes water.
 - B. his father died in the navy.
 - C. his favorite color is blue.
 - D. José was in the navy.
8. When he attended City College, Eddie studied
- A. air conditioning repair.
 - B. art.
 - C. bicycle repair.
 - D. Spanish literature.
9. When José gets stabbed, Eddie feels guilty because
- A. Eddie ran away from the fight and left José alone.
 - B. Eddie set him up to get revenge for Jesús' death.
 - C. he was stabbed by Eddie's former friend, Angel.
 - D. he was stabbed while watching Mr. Stiles' truck.
10. Why does Eddie feel guilty about taking Queenie to the pound?
- A. Eddie promised his grandmother he'd take her to the vet and have her cured.
 - B. Eddie took half of the donation his grandmother intended for the SPCA.
 - C. He feels that having Queenie killed is morally wrong, and that she should die naturally.
 - D. Queenie was healthy, and his grandmother just wanted to get rid of her.

Final Assessment

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In the sentence above, the word *sentries* most closely means:

- A. pets
 - B. pests
 - C. guards
 - D. gangsters
2. At the end of the novel, Eddie is
- A. finally happy and content with his life.
 - B. in a van on the way to navy boot camp.
 - C. in an onion field crying over his sad childhood.
 - D. killed in a fight by Angel and Samuel.
3. At the end of the novel, Eddie's primary emotion is
- A. relief.
 - B. sorrow.
 - C. happiness.
 - D. fear.
4. Coach and I were going fishing, that's what was going on. Coach came up the steps, calling, "Eddie, Eddie, Eddie!" Coach gave Eddie *un abrazo* and said that Coach was really sorry that Mr. Stiles had set Eddie up. Coach hadn't heard what happened until yesterday...

Choose the best pronouns to replace the underlined words in the passage above.

- A. Us, He, I, he, me, He.
- B. Us, He, me, he, me, He.
- C. We, He, me, he, I, me.
- D. We, He, me, he, me, He.

5. Eddie asks his mother to send him money so that he can
- A. take the bus to visit her.
 - B. purchase a weapon so he can attack Angel.
 - C. buy groceries.
 - D. buy a new bike.
6. Eddie gets his bike back when
- A. Mr. Stiles leaves it at his apartment with an apologetic note.
 - B. he returns to Mr. Stiles' house in the middle of the night and steals it back.
 - C. the police return it when they release Eddie from custody.
 - D. Angel steals it back for him.
7. In the sentence "He *ambled* heavily toward me as he barked, each time louder," the word *ambled* most closely means:
- A. ran.
 - B. rolled.
 - C. slowly walked.
 - D. tiptoed.
8. In the sentence "Jose shrugged and sighed at the river that *surged* over rocks and driftwood like time itself," the word *surged* most closely means:
- A. added extra soldiers.
 - B. flowed weakly.
 - C. moved forward steadily.
 - D. studied.
9. In the sentence "Mr. Stiles was a good person," the subject of the sentence is
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 - B. person
 - C. Mr. Stiles
 - D. a good person

10. In the sentence "The early dusk was *ribbed* with a low-level bank of pinkish clouds," the word *ribbed* most closely means:
- teased
 - outlined
 - created
 - beautiful
11. In the sentence, "His blue eyes swam in moisture," the simple predicate of the sentence is
- "eyes."
 - "His blue eyes."
 - "swam in moisture."
 - "swam."
12. Place the following events in chronological order:
- Coach, Eddie, and José go fishing.
 - Eddie gets beat up by Angel and Samuel.
 - Eddie joins the navy.
 - Mr. Stiles sets Eddie up with the police.
- 2, 3, 4, 1
 - 1, 2, 4, 3
 - 4, 1, 2, 3
 - 3, 2, 4, 1
13. Put the following events from the novel in sequential order:
- Eddie confronts Angel, and is beaten up by him and Samuel.
 - Eddie joins the navy.
 - Eddie works for Mr. Stiles.
 - Eddie's aunt wants him to kill the guy who stabbed his cousin.
 - José is stabbed.
- 4, 3, 5, 1, 2
 - 3, 4, 1, 5, 2
 - 4, 3, 1, 2, 5
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 - C. Eddie imagines that there is a giant onion buried beneath the town that makes everyone cry.
 - D. a lot of Eddie's friends and relatives are dead and buried.
16. The phrase "...your life could spill like soda right on the black asphalt," is an example of
- A. personification
 - B. alliteration
 - C. a simile
 - D. a metaphor
17. The sentence "I hoped that the navy could teach me to swim like a dolphin and fight like a crocodile," is an example of all of the following *except*
- A. figurative language.
 - B. imagery.
 - C. metaphor.
 - D. simile.
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 - D. Eddie ran away from the fight and left José alone.

Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

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

Week 2 Assessment

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

Final Assessment

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