

Week 1 Assessment

1. As read in the sentence “Despite his shower, his body still *radiated* heat,” the best meaning for the word *radiated* would be
 - a) craved.
 - b) exhaled.
 - c) gave off.
 - d) rotated.

2. Change Requires _____.
 - a) Action.
 - b) Fortitude.
 - c) Effort.
 - d) Wholeness.

3. Place the following events in chronological order, in the order in which they appear in the novel.
 1. Stanley agrees to let X-Ray have anything interesting he finds in a hole.
 2. Stanley earns the nickname “Caveman.”
 3. Stanley finds a fossil in his hole one day, but it isn’t interesting enough to get him out of digging.
 4. Stanley finds out that he has to dig a large hole every day.
 5. Stanley Yelnats arrives at Camp Green Lake.
 - a) 4, 5, 2, 3, 1
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 - c) 5, 2, 4, 1, 3
 - d) 5, 3, 4, 2, 1

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6. Referring to the sentence above, the quality of an inventor that Stanley's father does *not* have is
- a) intelligence.
 - b) luck.
 - c) perseverance.
 - d) all of the above.
7. Stanley's great-great-grandfather was cursed because
- a) he broke his promise to Madame Zeroni to carry her up the mountain.
 - b) he left his bride at the altar and took off for America.
 - c) he refused to marry the girl Madame Zeroni had picked out for him.
 - d) he was a terrible person who tried to murder an old lady and her pet pig.

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8. The novel *Holes* begins
- a) at Camp Green Lake.
 - b) in Latvia.
 - c) in the charming and lovely town of Green Lake.
 - d) in the cramped Yelnats apartment.
9. The yellow-spotted lizard is dangerous because
- a) it digs giant burrows that a man can become trapped in forever.
 - b) it is a sign that the deadly green-spotted snake is in the area.
 - c) it will kill you with one bite.
 - d) people believe it is; it's really a harmless animal.
10. When Stanley loses his trial, he blames
- a) destiny.
 - b) himself; he knows he shouldn't have run with the shoes.
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2. Before she was an outlaw, Katherine Barlow was

- a) a mystery; no one knows her true background.
- b) a state coach driver who was famous throughout Texas.
- c) a teacher in the town of Green Lake.
- d) an onion farmer.

3. In the context of the sentence, “After a while, she told the boys to switch places, so that Stanley, Zigzag and Magnet dug in the holes, and Zero, Armpit, and Squid shoveled the *excavated* dirt into the wheelbarrows,” the opposite of the word *excavated* would be

- a) clean.
- b) dug out.
- c) filled in.
- d) freed.

4. Katherine Barlow was famous for her

- a) beautiful piano playing.
- b) creative curse words.
- c) long blond hair.
- d) spiced peaches.

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5. Katherine kissing Sam was scandalous in their small community because
 - a) Katherine was already married to Trout Walker.
 - b) she was an educated woman, and he was a poor farmer.
 - c) they were an interracial couple; Katherine was white and Sam was black.
 - d) they were not married, and kissing was illegal until after marriage.

6. Place the events from the novel in chronological order:
 1. Stanley and the rest of the group spend days digging a giant hole near the place where X-Ray says he found the tube, but they turn up nothing else, of course.
 2. Stanley finds a gold tube with the letters "KB" engraved on it.
 3. Stanley gives the gold tube to X-Ray, who turns it in the next day.
 4. Stanley takes responsibility for stealing and eating some sunflower seeds that the whole group was eating.
 5. Zero asks Stanley to teach him to read; in return, he will help him dig his holes.
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 - c) John Steinbeck.
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9. When Mr. Pendanski asks the boys what they would like to do with their lives, Zero says he likes to
 - a) beat up other kids.
 - b) dig holes.
 - c) nothing; Zero can't talk.
 - d) write books.

10. When X-Ray turns in the gold tube that Caveman found, he
 - a) finally gets to leave Camp Green Lake and go home.
 - b) gets in trouble for lying about where he found it.
 - c) gets the day off, with a double shower.
 - d) gets yelled at by the warden for wasting her time.

Week 3 Assessment

1. After the town finds out that Sam and Katherine kissed,
 - a) a small group of locals rally in support of them, and they have a big spring wedding.
 - b) Sam and Katherine escape across the lake and are never seen again.
 - c) Sam is shot and killed while he and Katherine try to escape.
 - d) they hang Sam in the town square, and force Katherine to marry Trout Walker.
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 - a) she is bitten by a yellow-spotted lizard and dies laughing.
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3. Zero attacks a staff member and gets in trouble because
 - a) he is crazy; no one can explain his behavior.
 - b) he is tired of digging holes, and refuses to dig one more.
 - c) the staff member tried to poison Stanley.
 - d) the warden says Stanley can't teach him to read any more.
4. In the sentence, "He hated to think what kind of *vile* substance Mr. Sir might have put in it," a good antonym for the word *vile* might be
 - a) disgusting.
 - b) green.
 - c) poisonous.
 - d) tasty.

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5. Place the following events from the novel in chronological order, as they appear in the novel:

- 1) Katherine Barlow becomes Kissin' Kate.
- 2) Stanley and Zero start to climb to the top of the mountain, looking for water.
- 3) Stanley tries to steal a water truck, but drives straight into a hole.
- 4) Trout Walker returns to Green Lake after twenty years to find Kissin' Kate's treasure.
- 5) Zero takes off alone across the lake.

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- a) hiding on God's Thumb.
- b) taking refuge under the remains of Sam's boat.
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- d) walking aimlessly through the lake bed.

7. "Zero kept backing up, past the *cluster* of holes the boys had been digging, then farther and farther out onto the lake."

In the sentence above, the best synonym for the word *cluster* would be

- a) desert.
- b) expanse.
- c) graveyard.
- d) group.

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8. Stanley and Zero head toward the mountain because
- a) it is to the north, where the closest town is.
 - b) Stanley thinks it might be the “God’s thumb” where his great-grandfather found refuge.
 - c) they hope to find Kissin’ Kate Barlow’s treasure, and bring it back to the warden.
 - d) Zero heard that his grandmother, Madame Zeroni, lives there.
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- a) he was bitten by a yellow-spotted lizard.
 - b) his head hit the windshield when Caveman drove into a hole.
 - c) the warden scratched him with her rattlesnake venom-painted fingernails.
 - d) Zero hit him in the mouth with a shovel.
10. If he went to school, Zero’s best subject would be
- a) history.
 - b) math.
 - c) reading.
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- 2) Stanley finds Kissin' Kate's lost loot.
- 3) Stanley is convicted of stealing a pair of valuable shoes.
- 4) Stanley's great-great-grandfather is cursed by Madame Zeroni.
- 5) Zero survives in the desert by eating 100-year-old spiced peaches.

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- a) jewels and a novel outlining the story of Stanley's great-great-grandfather.
 - b) jewels and a stack of papers.
 - c) nothing; as it turned out, Kissin' Kate gave all of her money away to charity.
 - d) two-and-a-half million dollars.
16. The yellow-spotted lizards don't bother Zero and Stanley because
- a) the boys ate tons of onions, which repel the lizards.
 - b) the boys bravely killed the first one they saw, and the lizards avoided them after that.
 - c) their invention, Sploosh, keeps away the lizards.
 - d) they aren't really as dangerous as everyone says.
17. The Yelnats curse was broken when
- a) Stanley finally took responsibility for his actions, and admitted that he took shoes which were not his.
 - b) Stanley's dad invented a way to recycle sneakers.
 - c) Stanley's mother convinced them all that there was no curse, and it was all in their heads.
 - d) the great-great-grandson of Elya Yelnats carried the great-great-great-grandson of Madame Zeroni up the mountain.

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- a) his mother left him in a park one day, and never came back.
 - b) his mother was dead, and his father threw him out of the house for stealing food from the fridge.
 - c) his parents both died in a car accident, and he ran away from foster care.
 - d) his parents treated him cruelly, so he ran away.

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Answer Key

Week 1

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

Week 2

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

Week 3

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

Week 4

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