

Week 1 Assessment

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The word *gratitude* in the passage above most closely means:

- A. bribery.
 - B. grateful or thankful.
 - C. protest.
 - D. to sell or give away.
2. The novel *Children of the River* begins
- A. in Cambodia in 1975.
 - B. in Cambodia in 1990.
 - C. in Oregon in 1975
 - D. in Vietnam in 1975.
3. Jonathan’s father is a
- A. military officer.
 - B. minister.
 - C. pediatrician.
 - D. teacher.
4. Sundara is shocked at the football game by
- A. the outfits and dances of the rally girls.
 - B. the quietness of the crowd.
 - C. the violence of the sport.
 - D. the way Jonathan looks at her from the field.
5. Sundara flees Cambodia with
- A. her handsome boyfriend, Chamroeun.
 - B. her parents and siblings.
 - C. her uncle, aunt, grandmother, and cousins.
 - D. no one; she is all alone.

6. Courage Requires _____.
- A. Action.
 - B. Effort.
 - C. Moderation.
 - D. Wholeness.
7. In the passage “Ravy would be her helper. And, she suspected, her *chaperone*” the word *chaperone* most closely means:
- A. a fancy hat.
 - B. a person who supervises another, usually younger, person.
 - C. a person who takes care of an older person.
 - D. a servant or personal assistant.
8. Place the following events in chronological order:
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 - 2. Sundara attends her very first American football game.
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 - 4. Sundara’s English teacher reads her poem out loud in class.
- A. 4, 3, 2, 1
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 - C. 3, 4, 1, 2
 - D. 3, 2, 1, 4
9. The author of *Children of the River* is
- A. C.S. Lewis
 - B. George Orwell
 - C. Linda Crew
 - D. Paul Fleischman
10. The last time Sundara saw her father was when
- A. he dropped her off at the airport to visit her uncle.
 - B. he threw her onto the boat out of Cambodia, but he couldn’t get on.
 - C. she held his hand when he died in a bombing raid.
 - D. she left the house the morning of the football game.

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. The capitol of Cambodia is
 - A. Phnom Penh
 - B. Saigon
 - C. Shanghai
 - D. Stockton

2. In the phrase “As for Naro’s *admonition* to think only of her education...” the word *admonition* most closely means
 - A. admitting.
 - B. brilliant idea.
 - C. plan.
 - D. warning or advice.

3. Some people in the Cambodian community disapprove of Moni because
 - A. she is a young widow.
 - B. she is thinking of choosing her own husband.
 - C. she makes American food.
 - D. she was able to escape from Cambodia, but the rest of her family was trapped.

4. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Cathy confronts Sundara about Jonathan’s interest in her.
 2. Jonathan asks Sundara out on a date.
 3. Naro hosts a meal for many people in the Cambodian community.
 4. Sundara goes sailing with Jonathan and his family.
 - A. 3, 2, 4, 1
 - B. 3, 2, 1, 4
 - C. 1, 2, 3, 4
 - D. 2, 3, 1, 4

5. Sundara would like to become a
 - A. doctor.
 - B. home maker.
 - C. lawyer.
 - D. teacher.

6. The word *gleaned* in the phrase “She was not eager to begin shucking the huge pile of corn they had just *gleaned* from Mr. Bonner’s fields,” most closely means
- A. to gather what is left after the harvest of a crop.
 - B. to pick up carefully.
 - C. to shovel into the back of a truck.
 - D. to steal from your employer.
7. Jonathan gets Sundara in trouble by
- A. kissing her in front of Soka.
 - B. saying that it is stupid not to be able to touch a kid on the head.
 - C. telling Cathy that Sundara is his girlfriend.
 - D. telling her aunt Soka that Sundara had gone sailing with him.
8. When Jonathan asks Sundara out, she turns him down because
- A. Cambodian girls don’t date.
 - B. Cathy has threatened to beat her up if she goes out with him.
 - C. she doesn’t like him.
 - D. she thinks he is trying to take advantage of her.
9. According to Sundara, Cambodians don’t touch a child’s head because
- A. children have very dirty hair.
 - B. it can injure the neck of a small child.
 - C. it might cause a child to lose her or his intelligence, or her or his soul.
 - D. only parents have the right to touch their children’s heads.
10. Sundara’s best friend at school is
- A. Cathy.
 - B. Jennifer.
 - C. Kelly.
 - D. Soka.

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. In the football game, Jonathan
 - A. broke both of his legs.
 - B. has a spinal injury that leaves him paralyzed.
 - C. is fine; he was just taken to the hospital as a precaution.
 - D. suffers from a severe concussion.

2. In the sentence “It was he who taught my brother all his tricks, how to *wheelde* money from my mother for treats from the vendor,” the best synonym for the word *wheelde* would be
 - A. give.
 - B. persuade.
 - C. steal.
 - D. wire.

3. Jonathan tells Sundara that he
 - A. hates everything about Cathy.
 - B. likes Sundara a lot, but thinks of her like a sister.
 - C. loves Cathy.
 - D. loves Sundara.

4. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Jonathan got hurt in a football game.
 2. Moni gets married in a beautiful traditional ceremony.
 3. Sundara promises her family not to see Jonathan any more.
 4. Sundara tells Jonathan about what happened to Chamroeun.
 - A. 3, 2, 4, 1
 - B. 4, 3, 2, 1
 - C. 2, 3, 4, 1
 - D. 1, 2, 3, 4

5. Soka is very angry with Sundara because
 - A. Soka is jealous of how young and pretty Sundara is.
 - B. Sundara doesn’t help around the house enough.
 - C. Sundara has been friends with Jonathan, an American boy.
 - D. Sundara touched Pon on the head.

6. Sundara comes home one day and finds Soka very upset because
- A. she has found out that her friend Theary and her family are dead.
 - B. she is devastated by the news of her mother's death.
 - C. they are being forced to move out of Oregon because they've lost their green cards.
 - D. they have news that Sundara's family has been killed.
7. Sundara finds out that Chamroeun is
- A. alive and well in California.
 - B. coming to see her soon.
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8. Sundara finds out that in Cambodia, *genocide* is taking place. *Genocide* is
- A. a cultural revolution.
 - B. generational killing; the murder of everyone over the age of 30.
 - C. the systematic killing of an entire group of people.
 - D. total war.
9. The last time Sundara saw Chamroeun, he told her
- A. he was going to marry another girl, and have a big family.
 - B. he would find her when the war was over, wherever she goes.
 - C. she was the ugliest girl he knew.
 - D. they couldn't be married, due to the war.
10. The word *bewildered* in the sentence "His smile was sleepy, happily *bewildered*," most closely means
- A. confused.
 - B. cynical.
 - C. excited.
 - D. gorgeous.

Final Assessment

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

1. “And then she walked on, pretending not to see the clusters of people who’d been *lingering*, trying to hear.”

The word *lingering* in the passage above most closely means:

- A. eavesdropping.
- B. hanging around.
- C. laughing.
- D. pointing.

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4. After she breaks down crying at the dump, Sundara finds out

- A. that Soka has always been afraid that Sundara will steal her other children.
- B. that Soka has been mean to her for years because she blames her for the baby’s death.
- C. death.
- D. that Soka never blamed Sundara for the baby’s death.
- E. that Soka’s baby didn’t die, and is still alive.

5. At the end of the novel, Sundara and Jonathan

- A. are together.
- B. break up forever.
- C. decide to go to the refugee camps together.
- D. hate each other.

6. Coach Hackenbruck is angry with Sundara because
- A. he thinks she is the reason Jonathan quit the football team.
 - B. he wants her to be a cheerleader, and she refused.
 - C. her “free Cambodia” rallies conflict with the team’s pep rallies.
 - D. Jonathan told him that Sundara is forcing him to choose between football and her.
7. Dr. McKinnon asks Naro if
- A. Jonathan can take Sundara out on a date.
 - B. Naro’s son can accompany Dr. McKinnon to the camps in Thailand as a
 - C. translator.
 - D. Sundara can come to live in his house.
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11. In the sentence “She’d never stopped to think that her *ultimate* safety had been part of the plan,” the word *ultimate* most closely means:
- A. consequential.
 - B. emotional.
 - C. final.
 - D. physical.
12. Moni doesn’t come to Thanksgiving because
- A. she found out she was pregnant, and was too sick to come.
 - B. she was busy finding the best divorce lawyer to get back at her husband for cheating.
 - C. she was mourning because she found out her baby in Cambodia died.
 - D. she was sad to find out that her husband has a wife and children who are still alive.
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19. Sundara's Aunt Valinn brings news that
- A. her little sister, Mayoury, is alive in a Thailand camp.
 - B. her parents and sister are dead.
 - C. her parents want her to return to Cambodia right away.
 - D. the earlier news is wrong, and Chamroeun is alive and well.
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23. To help her sister, Sundara plans to

- A. get a job to raise money for her trip.
- B. pray very hard for her soul.
- C. teach her how to steal food.
- D. travel to Thailand to search for her.

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25. When Soka accuses Sundara of being a "bad girl," Naro

- A. defends Sundara and points out how helpful she's been for the family.
- B. doesn't get involved; it's an unimportant quarrel between women.
- C. takes Soka's side, and threatens to throw Sundara out of the house.
- D. tells Sundara and Soka to work it out, or he'll leave them both.

Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

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

Week 3 Assessment

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

Week 2 Assessment

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

Final Assessment

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