

## Character-Based Literacy Program Assessment

### *Crossing the Wire, Week 1*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Why does Victor have to support his family?
  - a. He is the oldest of eleven children.
  - b. He lost his father in a construction accident.
  - c. He likes to work.
  - d. There are new job opportunities near his home.
2. Why has the price of Mexican corn dropped?
  - a. The corn is not as good as it used to be.
  - b. Farmers grow too much corn.
  - c. American corn is cheaper than Mexican corn.
  - d. It is very easy to grow corn.
3. What did Rico ask Victor to do for him?
  - a. Tell his parents that he left to El Norte.
  - b. Follow Rico to El Norte.
  - c. Find a good job.
  - d. Help Rico's parents.
4. Why did Victor go to El Cristo Rey?
  - a. Victor needed directions for his journey.
  - b. Victor wanted to join other migrant workers.
  - c. Victor's mother asked him to pray and think about his plan.
  - d. Victor needed a priest's advice.
5. The word *exasperation* most closely means
  - a. Irritation
  - b. Fatigue
  - c. Sense of urgency
  - d. Energy

6. How long can Victor's family survive without receiving money from him?
  - a. One month
  - b. One Year
  - c. Until the end of the summer
  - d. Until the first frost
7. Why was Victor at risk of being deported to Guatemala?
  - a. He looked Guatemalan.
  - b. He didn't have the proper documents in Mexico.
  - c. He didn't pay for his train ticket.
  - d. He wasn't born in Mexico.
8. What did Victor and Julio have in common?
  - a. They were injured from jumping off a train.
  - b. They have been to the United States before.
  - c. They had plenty of supplies for the journey.
  - d. They did not have coyote money.
9. The word *senseless* most closely means
  - a. Expensive
  - b. Insignificant
  - c. Temporary
  - d. Funny
10. Why did Miguel teach Miguel about safe and unsafe paths?
  - a. Victor wanted to lead the way.
  - b. Victor was not careful enough.
  - c. Victor and Miguel might get separated.
  - d. Victor and Miguel might need help from a third person.

**Character-Based Literacy Program Assessment**  
***Crossing the Wire, Week 2***



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. What did the fisherman do when he found Victor in his truck?
  - a. Offer Victor a ride.
  - b. Give Victor water and food.
  - c. Tell Victor to stay away from his truck.
  - d. Call border patrol.
2. Why did the Mexican police chase Rico's group across the border?
  - a. They did not receive their bribe.
  - b. They worked with the US police.
  - c. They thought the group smuggled drugs.
  - d. They wanted to keep the border secured.
3. The word *limbo* most closely means
  - a. Arms and legs
  - b. Trying to decide
  - c. A large car
  - d. A trap
4. Why did Rico lie to Victor?
  - a. Rico needed Victor's money.
  - b. Rico wanted to leave Victor behind in Nogales.
  - c. Rico was mad at Victor.
  - d. Rico wanted to cross the desert with the drug traffickers.
5. What is the Death Season in the Sonoran Desert?
  - a. It is the season of heighten border control watch.
  - b. The months May through October.
  - c. The season with least coyotes for hire.
  - d. When drug traffickers are most likely to cross the desert.

6. Why did Victor and Rico decide to escape the drug smugglers?
  - a. The smugglers were going to kill them.
  - b. The climb was too hard.
  - c. Victor and Rico did not want to be caught with drug smugglers.
  - d. They found a better path to cross the desert.
7. The word *ledge* most closely means
  - a. A round rock
  - b. A shelf-like surface connected to a rock
  - c. A gap
  - d. A tunnel
8. What animal does Dave Hansen study?
  - a. The mountain lion
  - b. The jaguar
  - c. The Mexican iguana
  - d. The Mexican rattlesnake
9. Why did Rico go back to Mexico?
  - a. He wanted to get an education.
  - b. He wanted to feel safe again.
  - c. He missed his parents.
  - d. He missed his friends.
10. Where did Victor live in the US?
  - a. Arizona
  - b. Texas
  - c. Washington
  - d. Many different states.

**Character-Based Literacy Program Assessment**  
***Crossing the Wire, ANSWER KEYS***



**Week 1**

1. b
2. c
3. a
4. c
5. a
6. d
7. b
8. d
9. b
10. c

**Week 2**

1. d
2. a
3. b
4. d
5. b
6. a
7. b
8. b
9. d
10. d