

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. “Hermit crabs like *frantic* children scamper on the bottom sand.”

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

- A. dead.
- B. fearful, but calm.
- C. frightened and excited.
- D. young and inexperienced.

2. Change Requires _____

- A. Action.
- B. Courage.
- C. Effort.
- D. Integrity.

3. For a living, Doc

- A. does nothing; he is independently wealthy.
- B. is a biologist who collects specimens to sell to other scientists.
- C. is a local handyman who lives near the docks.
- D. works for Lee Chong.

4. Hazel is best described as

- A. a hard worker, and future scientist.
- B. a stupid guy who doesn't talk much.
- C. a young man who likes to ask a lot of questions.
- D. Doc's best friend.

5. Lee Chong is

- A. a mysterious figure who scares the local children.
- B. one of Mack's boys.
- C. the bouncer at the Bear Flag.
- D. the owner of the local grocery store.

6. Mack and the boys decide to earn money for Doc's party by
- collecting frogs to sell to Doc.
 - getting temporary jobs at the cannery.
 - stealing it from Lee Chong.
 - washing cars on the streets of Monterey.
7. Place the following events in chronological order, in the order they happen in the novel:
- Hazel and Doc collect specimens at the tide pool.
 - Mack and the boys decide to plan a party for Doc.
 - Mack and the boys move in to Lee Chong's storage shed.
 - Mack divides up the Palace Flophouse among the men.
 - The guard at the Bear Flag kills himself.
- 5, 3, 4, 2, 1
 - 3, 2, 4, 5, 1
 - 3, 5, 1, 4, 2
 - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
8. The phrase that best describes Doc is
- "Everyone who knew him was indebted to him."
 - "Some people thought he was God, and very old people thought he was Death..."
 - "The bums would not receive him socially."
 - "Virtues and graces and laziness and zest."
9. The setting of the novel *Cannery Row* is
- Monterey, California, in modern times.
 - Monterey, California, in the 1850s.
 - Monterey, California, in the 1940s.
 - Monterey, Louisiana, in the 1950s.
10. The word *inviolable* in the sentence "Each man had property rights *inviolable* in his space," most closely means:
- a purple color.
 - cannot be broken or attacked.
 - invisible to other men.
 - violent.

Week 2 Assessment

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

Cannery Row is told from a

- A. first-person point of view.
- B. third person camera view.
- C. third person limited omniscient point of view.
- D. third person omniscient point of view.

Frankie is

- A. a mentally challenged boy who hangs out in Doc's laboratory.
- B. Mack's arch-enemy.
- C. one of Lee Chong's nephews.
- D. the guy who is able to fix anything.

Frankie is depressed after

- A. Doc kicks him out of Western Biological.
- B. he finds out his mother is getting married.
- C. he loses his job at the cannery.
- D. he spills a tray of beer on a young woman.

Gay disappears when

- A. he decides he doesn't like Mack and the boys, and runs to San Francisco instead.
- B. he goes to get a replacement part for the truck, but ends up getting arrested after a party.
- C. he is attacked by a travelling salesman along the road.
- D. his wife comes to the Palace Flophouse to drag him home.

Lee Chong agrees to allow Mack and the boys to borrow the truck if

- A. Doc agrees to pay for any damage they do to the truck.
- B. Gay is able to repair it.
- C. they help him move to his new house.
- D. they pay him \$10.

Mack makes the Captain like him by

- A. offering him some of their jug whiskey.
- B. offering to sell him Lee Chong's truck.
- C. promising to clean up the mess the boys made on his property.
- D. treating his dog for a tick bite.

Mr and Mrs. Sam Malloy live in

- A. an old boiler on an empty lot.
- B. the nicest house in Monterey.
- C. the Palace Flophouse and Grill.
- D. Western Biological.

Out of gratitude, the Captain gives Mack

- A. a puppy.
- B. a whole barrel of frogs.
- C. his shotgun.
- D. the shirt off his back.

Place the following events in chronological order:

- 1. Doc gives Mack some gas to get the frogs.
- 2. Gay disappears.
- 3. Mack and the boys catch hundreds of frogs.
- 4. Mack and the boys set out on their frog expedition.

- A. 1, 3, 4, 2
- B. 1, 4, 3, 2
- C. 2, 1, 4, 3
- D. 1, 4, 2, 3

9. The author of *Cannery Row* is

- A. Ernest J Gaines.
- B. Gary Soto.
- C. John Steinbeck.
- D. Octavia Butler.

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. "...she was entangled in that curious *enigma* which said the business was illegal and then taxed her for it."

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

- A. engineer.
- B. envelope.
- C. puzzling situation.
- D. scam.

2. Everyone in town has the same question for the flag-pole skater. The answer is:

- A. "He's really good at sleeping standing up."
- B. "He's got a can up there."
- C. "He wears two pairs of socks."
- D. "He drinks his meals through a straw."

3. In order to buy supplies for Doc's party, the boys use _____ as currency.

- A. cats.
- B. frogs.
- C. IOUs.
- D. quarters.

4. In the sentence "The boulders show and seem to rise up and the ocean *recedes* leaving little pools," a synonym for the word *recedes* could be:

- A. concede.
- B. die.
- C. enters.
- D. retreat.

5. Who is Doc talking about when he tells Richard Frost "I think they survive in this particular world better than other people"?

- A. Dora and her girls.
- B. Frankie and his friend.
- C. Lee Chong and his family.
- D. Mac and the boys.

Cannery Row

. The result of the party is

- A. deadly; there is a fight, and someone is killed.
- B. Doc decides to sell Western Biological because he's mad at Mack.
- C. great; everyone, including Doc, has a wonderful time.
- D. terrible; they have the party without Doc, but he has to clean it up.

. Things get better after

- A. Darling almost dies, but recovers from her illness.
- B. Lee Chong offers to pay Doc for all of the frogs that were lost.
- C. Mack and Doc have a knock-down, drag-out fight.
- D. Mack decides to leave Monterey because he is so ashamed of what he did.

. To collect octopi, Doc drives to

- A. Carmel.
- B. La Jolla.
- C. Sacramento.
- D. San Jose.

. When gathering octopi at the reef, Doc finds

- A. a car that was driven off the cliff.
- B. a girl's dead body.
- C. a shark.
- D. nothing; he goes home empty-handed.

0. Place the following events in chronological order:

- 1. Doc hits Mack.
- 2. Doc takes a trip to collect octopi.
- 3. Everyone on Cannery Row stops talking to Mack and the boys.
- 4. Henri the painter is fascinated with the flag pole skater.
- 5. Mack and the boys have a party at Western Biological.

- A. 2, 4, 5, 1, 3
- B. 4, 2, 5, 3, 1
- C. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- D. 5, 1, 2, 3, 4

Final Assessment

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

- . A word that best describes Doc and the gopher alike is
 - A. inefficient.
 - B. lonely.
 - C. popular.
 - D. unattractive.

- . *Cannery Row* is told from a
 - A. third person omniscient point of view.
 - B. third person limited omniscient point of view.
 - C. third person camera view.
 - D. first-person point of view.

- . Change Requires _____
 - A. Integrity.
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 - C. Courage.
 - D. Action

- . Doc prepares for the party by
 - A. asking his friends to come dressed in costumes.
 - B. doing nothing; it's a surprise and he doesn't know about it.
 - C. getting extremely drunk before it even starts.
 - D. putting away his valuables and ordering food.

- . Dora and the girls give Doc a
 - A. really old bottle of wine.
 - B. new record to replace the one Mack broke.
 - C. beautiful patchwork quilt for his bed.
 - D. a year of free visits to the Bear Flag.

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Frankie steals a clock and a statue because

- A. he loves Doc, and wants to get him a great gift.
- B. he plans to sell it and give all the money to Doc.
- C. he really likes it, and wants to have it in his house.
- D. he wanted to go to jail to get away from his mother and her boyfriends.

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2. At the second party, Mack and the boys give Doc

- A. a cage full of cats.
- B. a car they bought from Lee Chong.
- C. nothing – they just threw him a great party!
- D. two barrels of frogs.

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5. The last chapter, where Doc recovers on the day after the party, is the _____ of the story.

- A. climax.
- B. exposition.
- C. falling action.
- D. rising action.

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- B. Monterey, California, in the 1940s.
- C. Monterey, California, in the 1850s.
- D. Monterey, California, in modern times.

9. The tale of the gopher is a metaphor for

- A. Doc.
- B. Dora.
- C. Lee Chong.
- D. Mack.

0. The word *disembodied* in the sentence "The angelic, *disembodied* voices filled the laboratory," most closely means:

- A. beautiful.
- B. disturbing.
- C. embalmed, like a dead body.
- D. without a physical body.

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- B. Mack and Doc have a knock-down, drag-out fight.
- C. Lee Chong offers to pay Doc for all of the frogs that were lost.
- D. Darling almost dies, but recovers from her illness.

2. To make up for the disastrous party, Mack and the boys decide to

- A. catch him 500 more frogs.
- B. get him a really good date.
- C. help him pay to fix up his laboratory.
- D. throw Doc a party he will attend.

3. When gathering octopi at the reef, Doc finds
 - A. nothing; he goes home empty-handed.
 - B. a shark.
 - C. a girl's dead body.
 - D. a car that was driven off the cliff.

4. When the cops arrive to break up the party,
 - A. a new fight starts.
 - B. everyone has already left for the Bear Flag.
 - C. they arrest Mack, and let Doc off with a warning.
 - D. they join in.

5. Who is Doc talking about when he tells Richard Frost "I think they survive in this particular world better than other people"?
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 - B. Lee Chong and his family.
 - C. Frankie and his friend.
 - D. Dora and her girls.

Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

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

Week 2 Assessment

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

Week 3 Assessment

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

Final Assessment

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