

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. Change Requires _____.
 - A. Action.
 - B. Daring.
 - C. Effort.
 - D. Moderation.
2. Which of the following best represents Abel and Jesse's relationship?
 - A. Rival classmates
 - B. Feuding friends
 - C. Close siblings
 - D. Enemies
3. In the phrase "I knew Chavez was a great man and I knew that it would be a good thing to **picket** for the farm workers. ..." (24,) the word *picket* most closely means:
 - A. Vandalize.
 - B. Vote.
 - C. Collect signatures.
 - D. Protest.
4. In *Jesse*, the point of view of the narrator is
 - A. first person.
 - B. third person limited omniscient.
 - C. third person objective.
 - D. third person omniscient.
5. A synonym for **picketing** is:
 - A. protesting
 - B. boycotting
 - C. vandalizing
 - D. both A & B

6. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Jesse dropped out of high school.
 2. Jesse and Abel chop cotton to make money.
 3. Jesse meets Glenda and her baby.
 4. Jesse and his bother move into a small apartment.
 5. Jesse asks Minerva out.
- A. 1, 2, 4, 3, 5
B. 1, 4, 2, 3, 5
C. 2, 1, 5, 4, 3
D. 4, 5, 1, 2, 3
7. The setting of *Jesse* is:
- A. Fresno, CA, 1960's.
B. Honolulu, Hawaii, right after World War II.
C. Los Angeles, California, 1941.
D. Present day Southern California.
8. The word *remarked* in the phrase " Abel stared at the water. He chewed his carrot and after a long silence remarked, "I can't do this no more." ... (13,) most closely means:
- A. growled.
B. giggled.
C. threw.
D. commented.
9. Who is the author of *Jesse*?
- A. Francisco Jimenez
B. Gary Soto
C. John Steinbeck
D. Zora Neale Hurston
10. Which of the following adjectives could NOT be used to describe Jesse:
- A. Rich.
B. Latino.
C. Hardworking.
D. Responsible.

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. What best describes Jesse's relationship with his parents:
 - A. Gets along with his mom, but not his step-dad.
 - B. Despises both his mom and step-dad.
 - C. Praises both his living parents very much.
 - D. Shows no respect to his mother and deceased father.
2. Which of the following best describes Jesse:
 - A. A trouble maker in his 20's always looking to party.
 - B. A minor with a respectful disposition.
 - C. An American American scholar.
 - D. A good parent.
3. During Jesse and Abel's trip all the following occurred except::
 - A. They slept on the side of the road.
 - B. They bonded speaking about their feelings and parents.
 - C. They hitchhiked.
 - D. They made it to Pismo Beach.
4. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Jesse discovers Minerva has a boyfriend.
 2. An officer hits Raul.
 3. Jess and Abel begin hitchhiking.
 4. Jesse is assaulted on his date with Minerva.
 5. Leslie and Jesse travel to Delano to protest.
 - A. 1, 4, 2, 5, 3
 - B. 1, 5, 2, 4, 3
 - C. 5, 1, 3, 2, 4
 - D. 4, 1, 2, 5, 3
5. Which of the following picked up Jesse and Abel while hitchhiking:
 - A. A police officer
 - B. A shady salesman
 - C. A friendly woman
 - D. Cesar Chavez

6. *Cesar Chavez* was:
- A. An American labor leader.
 - B. A Deputy sheriff.
 - C. A plantation owner.
 - D. A clothing factory worker.
7. The word *rally* most closely means
- A. A united gathering promoting a cause.
 - B. A loud party.
 - C. A large mall.
 - D. A brawl.
8. Jesse and Leslie set out to Delano to:
- A. Vacation.
 - B. See the beach.
 - C. Protest.
 - D. Attend college.
9. Which of the following is NOT a location Jesse visits in the novel:
- A. The levee.
 - B. Pismo Beach.
 - C. Delano.
 - D. Fresno.
10. Which of the following adjectives best describes Raul:
- A. Brash.
 - B. Meager.
 - C. Weak.
 - D. Shy.

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. Which definition best describes *levee* as used in the text:
 - A. A large ship.
 - B. An abandoned pool.
 - C. An embankment built along the river.
 - D. None of the above.
2. In the sentence, “I talked to it. I told the **sapling**, “You’re going to be OK. I’m going to put some wire on you, and you’re going to look great” (pg. 145), the word **sapling** most closely means:
 - A. A small child.
 - B. A good deed.
 - C. A tornado .
 - D. A young tree.
3. What happens to Luis and Jesse when they encounter Ron and his friends at the levee?
 - A. They discuss the upcoming art show.
 - B. Jesse throws bottles at them.
 - C. They fight.
 - D. Ron apologizes.
4. Based on Jesse’s following description, what can we infer about his feelings:

“My eyes filled with tears. I thought of my brother, and I thought of my step father, who was probably scrubbing a piece of furniture with a wad of steel wool, his knuckles a nest of wiry fibers. I thought of my mom with a telephone to her ear, and my dead father on his rack of blackness, lighting up the earth with the glow of his bones.”

 - A. He wants to always be a laborer.
 - B. He is ashamed of his family’s socio-economic status.
 - C. He does not respect his family.
 - D. He comes from a family of laborers.

5. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Jesse helps Luis with his college application essay.
 2. Jesse goes to a MeCHA Meeting.
 3. Jesse goes on a fieldtrip to the country with his class.
 4. Luis and Jesse attend a school dance.
 5. Jesse lies about his art to his mom.
- A. 3, 2, 5, 4, 1
B. 1, 5, 2, 4, 3
C. 3, 1, 2, 4, 5
D. 4, 1, 2, 5, 3
6. After Jesse sees Raul on the front cover of the school newspaper, he describes Raul as:
- A. Disgraced.
B. Brave.
C. Punished.
D. Insane.
7. Which of the following did not occur?
- A. Leslie and Jesse go to Piedra River to swim and play.
B. Glenda and Leslie are falling in love.
C. Jesse takes his mother to the school art exhibit.
D. Jesse's mother fully understands Jesse's art and praises his art work.
8. The tone of following scene can best be described as:
- "Leslie brought over eggs and bologna. We cooked up a storm, the quartered bologna flapping like tongues in a black frying pan. We added bell peppers and made toast. Smoke filled the kitchen. Steam dripped from the kitchen window over the sink. I wiped the window and looked out; Glenda was parking her Chevy. "Let's invite Glenda," I called out. I was feeling happy because we seemed like one family."
- A. Foreshadowing tragedy
B. Joyful and excited.
C. Somber.
D. Grotesque.

9. Based on the scenes the author presents in the apartment complex Jesse and Abel live, that setting can best be described as:
- A. Communal and inviting.
 - B. Dark and scary.
 - C. Isolated.
 - D. Conservative and upper class.
10. In the end, Jesse's brother Abel:
- A. gets drafted and leaves.
 - B. Buys a house with Jesse.
 - C. Marries Glenda.
 - D. Moves back in with his parents.

Final Assessment

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

1. Which of the following does Jesse face in the book:
 - A. Balancing classes at the community college with work in the fields.
 - B. The tense political climate.
 - C. Shyness around girls.
 - D. Protests of farm-movement leader Cesar Chavez.
 - E. All of the above.

2. Who is the author of *Jesse*?
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3. Which of the following does Jesse do for money?
 - A. Jesse hauls some aluminum siding from an alley.
 - B. Jesse offers tutoring services for a small fee.
 - C. Jesse sells his mother's jewelry.
 - D. Jesse works at the movie theater.

4. What happened at the school art exhibit?
 - A. Jesse's mother loved all the art.
 - B. Jesse ditches his mom and hangs out with his friends.
 - C. Jesse's mom did not understand the art.
 - D. Jesse proudly shows his mom his art.

5. We can infer Jesse has an unhealthy relationship with his step-father because:
 - A. His step-father is verbally abusive and an alcoholic.
 - B. Jesse's step father favors his brother Abel.
 - C. Jesse's step-father has never worked a day in his life.
 - D. Jesse likes going over to his real dad's instead.

6. Which best represents why Jesse feels Raul is brave because:
- A. Raul fights several protesters at a rally.
 - B. Raul is arrested.
 - C. Raul appears on the front page of the school newspaper.
 - D. Raul intimidates and bullies Jesse.
7. The setting of *Jesse* is
- A. Present day New York, New York.
 - B. Los Angeles, California, 1941.
 - C. Fresno, California in the 1960's.
 - D. Honolulu, Hawaii, in the 1980's.
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12. Place the following events in chronological order:

1. Jesse and Abel move into their own small apartment.
2. Leslie and Jesse protest in Delano.
3. Abel is drafted.
4. Jesse and Abel head toward Pismo Beach.
5. Jesse attends a high school dance.

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13. Which best describes MEChA:

- A. A television show they all watch together at the apartment complex.
- B. A radical extremist group not supported by Latinos.
- C. A student organization that promotes political involvement and education.
- D. A group of student botanists.

14. Which best describes Jesse and Abel's relationship:

- A. The brothers rely on each other to get through the bad times as well as the good.
- B. Siblings with entirely different political views.
- C. Classmates with strong artistic abilities.
- D. Brothers from a wealthy family.

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18. How do Jesse and Abel make a living?
- A. Only taking jobs that are indoors and easy.
 - B. Taking odd jobs and working hard.
 - C. Working at the college.
 - D. Working as the professor's personal assistant.
19. We can infer Jesse participates in the protests and rallies because:
- A. Raul bullies him into participating.
 - B. César Chavez personally asked him to participate.
 - C. He believes in the cause and wants to be part of the movement.
 - D. His brother pressures him to go.
20. Based on Jesse's following description, what can we infer about his feelings:
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22. In *Jesse*, the point of view of the narrator is
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23. At the end of the novel,
- A. Abel and Maureen get married.
 - B. Jesse drops out of college.
 - C. Abel is draft and Jesse must decide whether to follow him by enlisting, or carve out his own path.
 - D. Glenda buys the apartment complex.
24. Jesse demonstrates positive characteristics most similar to:
- A. His stepfather.
 - B. The salesman who gives them a lift while hitchhiking.
 - C. Cesar Chavez.
 - D. Ron Dyer.
25. Laborers are presented in this novel as:
- A. Hard-working.
 - B. Honorable.
 - C. Worthy of civil rights.
 - D. All of the above.

Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

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

Week 2 Assessment

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

Week 3 Assessment

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

8. B
9. A
10. A

Final Assessment

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