

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. Change Requires _____.
 - A. Effort
 - B. Daring.
 - C. Action
 - D. Moderation.
2. Lafayette lived in a(n) _____.
 - A. House with his aunt.
 - B. Home for troubled boys.
 - C. Harlem.
 - D. Apartment with his brothers.
3. Miracle's Boys takes place in which time period?
 - A. The 1960's
 - B. modern time
 - C. The Roaring 20's
 - D. In the future
4. In *Miracle's Boys*, 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. Newcharlie got his name because,
 - A. He was the second Charlie born into the family.
 - B. He had changed into a kind and caring teen.
 - C. He changed into a mean, evil stranger while he was at Rahway.
 - D. He was learning to become a better person since his mom died.
6. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Newcharlie returns from Rahway and reconnects with Aaron.
 2. Ty'ree and Lafayette talk about their parents and what drives Newcharlie to be so angry.
 3. Mama dies and Lafayette was the last person to see her.
 4. Ty'ree is guardian of the boys and has sacrificed his goals for them.

5. Newcharlie goes out with Arron and doesn't tell Laf where they're going.
- A. 1, 2, 4, 3, 5
 - B. 3, 4, 1, 5, 2
 - C. 3, 1, 4, 2, 5
 - D. 4, 1, 2, 3, 5
7. The setting of *Miracle's Boys* is
- A. New York City, modern times
 - B. Central Park, New York 1970's
 - C. New York City, the future
 - D. Anytown, USA, present day
8. Newcharlie burned the pictures of Mama and replaced them with plants. What do the plants represent?
- A. Health and healing.
 - B. Their mama and her beauty.
 - C. Something he can care for and control.
 - D. Life
9. Who is the author of *Miracle's Boys*?
- A. Francisco Jimenez
 - B. Graham Salisbury
 - C. Jacqueline Woodson
 - D. Christopher Paul Curtis
10. Mama's name means,
- A. Dominican.
 - B. Paradise.
 - C. Miracle.
 - D. Strength.

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. Once Mama died, Aunt Cecil thinks the boys should come live with her. Ty'ree decides to
 - A. Put his dreams on hold and keep the family together.
 - B. Go to night school and work during the day.
 - C. Continue with his plans. He knows he can not give the boys a stable life.
 - D. Quit his job and move to another state.
2. What strengths does Ty'ree have?
 - A. Accepted to MIT on a full scholarship.
 - B. A great work ethic.
 - C. Ability to budget, plan, and be a stable force for the boys.
 - D. All of the above.
3. What does Lafayette remember about Aunt Cecil?
 - A. Fishing in the stream
 - B. The watermelons
 - C. Smell of honeysuckle.
 - D. None of the above
 - E. All of the above
4. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Ty'ree and Lafayette talk about how everyone has changed since their mom died;
 2. Ty'ree and Lafayette go to the movies—they get sidetracked and Ty'ree tells Lafayette about their father;
 3. Lafayette realizes that they are not poor, just barely getting by;
 4. Ty'ree and Lafayette realize they were the last people to see their parents alive;
 5. Ty'ree cooks dinner for Lafayette.
 - A. 2, 3, 1, 4, 5
 - B. 4, 2, 3, 1, 5
 - C. 5, 1, 3, 2, 4
 - D. 4, 1, 5, 2, 3

5. The phrase, "*he has a money on his back*" is considered a(n),
- A. Metaphor.
 - B. Idiom.
 - C. Slang term.
 - D. Hyperbole.
6. Lafayette liked to see Dr. Vernon because,
- A. He was able to share how he felt about his mom.
 - B. He liked the independence of traveling on the train.
 - C. He reminded him of his daddy and Ty'ree.
 - D. His office made him feel safe, like he was surrounded by a blanket.
7. "Nobody told him to hold up the store." I said.
"But he did," Ty'ree said. "And while he was gone, me and you had each other after mama died and he just had _____."
- A. His friends
 - B. Aunt Cecil
 - C. Rahway
 - D. Guilt
8. Ty'ree's secret was,
- A. He watched his father slip into the pond.
 - B. He regretted not going to school
 - C. He was frustrated caring for Charlie and Lafayette.
 - D. He liked to read cookbooks.
9. How does Lafayette equate mama to a snake's skin?
- A. He was nothing without her.
 - B. She was what held everything together for them.
 - C. He needed her to protect him.
 - D. He didn't feel he could grow without her.
10. Lafayette tells Dr. Vernon that he still feels his mother. Where or when does he feel her?
- A. When he is trying to remember their life together
 - B. When he remembers her
 - C. When he tells her about his day
 - D. Everywhere

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. Newcharlie used to tell Lafayette,
 - A. "Stand up for yourself, no one else will"
 - B. "The pain always goes away"
 - C. "Don't die on me"
 - D. "When someone hurts you, hold on until the pain goes away"
2. Ty'ree had to give the police,
 - A. His ID.
 - B. The papers that showed he was the boys guardian.
 - C. Aunt Cecil's number so she could vouch for them.
 - D. None of the above.
3. Why didn't the officer arrest Newcharlie?
 - A. He felt sorry for the boys and their situation.
 - B. He didn't want to do additional paperwork.
 - C. *"Last thing I want to do is send another bother to jail."*
 - D. He wanted to give him another chance.
4. Charlie was arrest for
 - A. Being in a stolen car, violating probation, and being in an initiation.
 - B. Hanging out in the wrong area of town.
 - C. Stealing a new car.
 - D. Messing up.
5. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Ty'ree is frustrated and yells at him. Newcharlie knows he always messes up.
 2. Lafayette goes to the park and stands up to Aaron.
 3. Lafayette remembers his mom and how you have to help someone else get free.
 4. Lafayette decides to forgive Newcharlie.
 5. Newcharlie was arrested for being in an initiation.
 - A. 5, 1, 3, 2, 4
 - B. 1, 5, 2, 4, 3
 - C. 3, 1, 2, 4, 5
 - D. 5, 1, 2, 4, 3

6. Mama read, "*the function of freedom is to free someone else.*" Pg. 109 . The sentence or phrase that best describes this quote is,
- A. To open your mind.
 - B. To overcome oppression.
 - C. That being free means you help someone else get free.
 - D. No one is truly free when they live with guilt.
7. What does Lafayette recalls their trip to Aunt Cecil's and eating watermelon. He equates the rind to being like Newcharlie when he returned home,
- A. Because Aunt Cecil broke it open. Newcharlie was broken.
 - B. Watermelon rinds are rotten.
 - C. The rind of a watermelon is not sweet.
 - D. Rahway took the good stuff out and sent them back a shell.
8. What changes start to occur in Lafayette?
- A. He goes to spend time with his friends.
 - B. He stands up for Newcharlie.
 - C. He decides to talk to Newcharlie.
 - D. All of the above.
9. What does the leaf mama is giving to Lafayette represent?
- A. A new start.
 - B. A promise.
 - C. New life and reconciliation.
 - D. Death.
10. Lafayette was willing to let Newchrliie burn the pictures because,
- A. He was making copies.
 - B. He didn't want them anymore.
 - C. The pictures were chiseled into his brain, they were a part of him.
 - D. Aunt Cecil had sent a box and he had gotten new pictures.
11. The last image that their mama had of Charlie was _____.
- A. Of him being arrested.
 - B. Of him watching a movie with her.
 - C. Of him making her laugh.
 - D. Of him and Ty'ree fighting.

12. Which genre most closely resembles *Miracle's Boys*?

- A. Realistic Fiction
- B. Fiction
- C. Historical Fiction
- D. Non-Fiction

13. Which theme is not conveyed in the novel?

- A. Respect.
- B. Leadership and responsibility
- C. Exploration.
- D. Death, grief and loss

14. Charlie robbed the store to,

- A. Take his mama to paradise.
- B. Buy a home.
- C. Purchase a headstone for his father's grave.
- D. Help buy food.

15. Change Requires _____.

- A. Action.
- B. Daring.
- C. Effort.
- D. Moderation.

Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

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

Week 2 Assessment

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

9. B
10. D

Final Assessment

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