

Week 1 Assessment

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- D. seriousness.

2. “The shame of dying during one last piss.”

The above is an example of

- A. a comma splice.
- B. a rambling sentence.
- C. a run-on sentence.
- D. a sentence fragment.

3. Change Requires _____

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

4. Chuy is stabbed in a bathroom after he

- A. insults a guy's girlfriend.
- B. steals his friend Angel's girlfriend, Rachel.
- C. tells a guy he likes his yellow shoes.
- D. threatens to kill a guy for making fun of his shoes.

5. Chuy was murdered

- A. at a dance at Club Estrella.
- B. at home.
- C. at school.
- D. on the street in a fight.

6. Place the following events in chronological order, in the order they happen in the novel:
1. Chuy goes to visit Rachel, the girl he liked.
 2. Chuy is stabbed in a bathroom.
 3. Chuy rides in a cop car, and goes with them to a domestic dispute.
 4. Chuy spots Yellow Shoes, and follows him around for a while.
 5. Chuy visits his friend Angel.
- A. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
B. 2, 3, 4, 5, 1
C. 2, 3, 5, 4, 1
D. 2, 4, 3, 5, 1
7. *The Afterlife* is the same story as _____, told from a different point of view.
- A. *A Lesson Before Dying*.
B. *Buried Onions*.
C. *Kindred*.
D. *The Circuit*.
8. The setting of the novel *The Afterlife* is
- A. Anaheim, California.
B. Fresno, California.
C. heaven.
D. San Jose, California.
9. The story is told from the point of view of
- A. Chuy the ghost.
B. the guy with the yellow shoes.
C. Angel, Chuy's friend.
D. Eddie, Chui's *primo*.
10. The word *lamented* in the passage "Then a single quote from Angel, who *lamented*, 'He just went into the restroom. I'm so angry'," most closely means:
- A. cried sadly.
B. to angrily push someone away.
C. to feel or show grief or sorrow.
D. yelled loudly.

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. “I straddled a splintery bench and listened to the spines of water splashing from a fountain.”

In the above sentence, which underlined word is a modifier?

- A. fountain
 - B. listened
 - C. splintery
 - D. straddled
2. As time goes on, Chuy notices that
- A. he doesn't really care what happens to the living.
 - B. only evil people can see or feel him.
 - C. parts of his body are disappearing.
 - D. the living are harder and harder for him to see.
3. At Fausto's place, Chuy takes revenge on him by
- A. freezing the hinges off his door, so that the neighborhood kids will steal his stuff.
 - B. haunting him until he goes crazy.
 - C. leading Yellow Shoes to the place so that he will stab Fausto, too.
 - D. making him have a heart attack.
4. Chuy meets Crystal, who is
- A. a homeless woman who recently died.
 - B. a pretty girl from his high school who is also a ghost.
 - C. the dead girlfriend of his enemy, Yellow Shoes.
 - D. the girl he was going to meet at the dance where he was killed.
5. Chuy tries to help a homeless guy by
- A. applying his cold hands to his body to bring down his fever.
 - B. encouraging his spirit out of his body, because being dead is easier anyway.
 - C. getting a cop's attention, so the homeless guy is taken to the hospital.
 - D. showing him where to get a free meal.

6. Chuy's mom wants his cousin Eddie to
- A. be calm, and not take revenge for Chuy's death.
 - B. shoot and kill the guy who murdered Chuy.
 - C. shoot himself, because he caused Chuy's death.
 - D. work very hard and be successful to honor Chuy's memory.
7. Crystal tells Chuy that she died as a result of
- A. a random act of violence.
 - B. a terrible car accident; her boyfriend was driving drunk.
 - C. her boyfriend beating her because she was dating another guy.
 - D. suicide; she took an overdose of pills.
8. In the sentence "I was determined to repent to my grandfather about something I had stolen," the word *repent* most closely means:
- A. to apologize.
 - B. to feel sorry for something done in the past.
 - C. to laugh about.
 - D. to steal.
9. Place the following events in chronological order:
- 1. Chuy goes to the basketball game, and sees how sad his fellow students are.
 - 2. Chuy visits Eddie, and tries to tell him not to take revenge on Yellow Shoes.
 - 3. Chuy visits his grandfather's grave.
 - 4. He goes home to visit his parents' house.
 - 5. He meets Crystal.
- A. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
 - B. 3, 2, 4, 5, 1
 - C. 3, 4, 2, 1, 5
 - D. 4, 3, 2, 1, 5
10. The author of *The Afterlife* is
- A. Ernest J. Gaines
 - B. Gary Soto.
 - C. Octavia Butler.
 - D. Paul Zindel.

Final Assessment

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1. When Chuy finally flies toward the afterlife, he is with
 - A. a beautiful flock of geese.
 - B. Crystal.
 - C. God.
 - D. his grandfather.
2. What does Chuy have in common with both Yellow Shoes and Jesus Christ?
 - A. All three died on a Friday.
 - B. They all share the name "Jesus."
 - C. They were all murdered.
 - D. They were all only children.
3. The word *giddy* in the sentence "I flew toward Fresno, feeling *giddy*," most closely means:
 - A. dizzy and blind.
 - B. lighthearted and happy.
 - C. nauseous and airsick.
 - D. strong and young.
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7. Robert is
- A. a friend of Chuy's who cries like a baby at his funeral.
 - B. a homeless guy who becomes a ghost like Chuy after he dies.
 - C. Chuy's real father.
 - D. Yellow Shoes' real name.
8. Place the following events in chronological order, *as they occurred in the book*:
- 1. Chuy attends an Oakland Raiders game.
 - 2. Chuy attends his own wake.
 - 3. Chuy is murdered.
 - 4. Chuy meets Crystal.
 - 5. Chuy's mom asks his cousin to kill Yellow Shoes.
- A. 3, 2, 4, 5, 1
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9. In the sentence "They were huddled together, *segregated* from the adults because they were young," the word *segregated* most closely means
- A. combined with.
 - B. forced to use separate areas because of racial differences.
 - C. prejudiced.
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12. Crystal tells Chuy she committed suicide because
- A. she didn't like her two boyfriends fighting over her.
 - B. she didn't think she was going to be incredibly successful in life.
 - C. she was afraid her parents would find out she didn't get into Harvard.
 - D. she was secretly in love with Chuy, and couldn't handle his death.
13. Chuy went to Oakland because
- A. he had no choice; the wind blew him there.
 - B. he heard that the entrance to heaven was in Oakland.
 - C. he wanted to see a live Raiders game just once.
 - D. his ex-girlfriend lived in Oakland, and he wanted to see her once more.
14. Chuy last sees Yellow Shoes
- A. in a church, praying.
 - B. on a bus, cursing.
 - C. on the street, dying.
 - D. robbing a liquor store.
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19. "I watched a guy bringing a taco bloated as a water balloon to his face."

The sentence above is an example of a(n)

- A. alliterative phrase.
- B. incomplete sentence.
- C. metaphor.
- D. simile.

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Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

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

Week 2 Assessment

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

Final Assessment

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