

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. Justice Requires _____.
 - A. Effort.
 - B. Daring.
 - C. Restraint
 - D. Moderation.

2. Jeffery/Maniac lives in,
 - A. Bronx Zoo
 - B. Western Pennsylvania
 - C. Along the Appalachian Trail
 - D. The Dust Bowl

3. Maniac Magee takes place during which historical period?
 - A. World War II
 - B. The Depression
 - C. World War I
 - D. 1960's

4. In *Maniac Magee*, the point of view of the narrator is
 - A. third person limited omniscient.
 - B. forth person .
 - C. second person
 - D. first person.

5. When Maniac meets Amanda, she gives him,
 - A. her suitcase
 - B. a book.
 - C. advice.
 - D. left over food

6. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Jeffery left his home and ran, and ran, and ran.
 2. Jeffery ate a meal with the Pickwell family.
 3. Jeffery met Amanda Beale.
 4. Jeffery intercepted a pass to Hands Down with a book in his hands.
 5. Jeffery's mom and dad died, he went to live with his aunt and uncle.
- A. 5, 1, 3, 2, 4
B. 1, 2, 5, 3, 4
C. 5, 1, 3, 4, 2
D. 5, 4, 1, 2, 3
7. The setting of *Maniac Magee* is
- A. The north east.
B. The southern states.
C. Around 2 towns in Pennsylvania.
D. Any town any place, USA.
8. The Finsterwallies refer to,
- A. a home in town.
B. a violent shaking and fear from being thrown in Mr. Finsterwald's.
C. a medical condition.
D. a fear of high school kids.
9. Who is the author of *Maniac Magee*?
- A. Jerry Spinelli
B. Wilson Rawls
C. John Steinbeck
D. C.S. Lewis
10. Jeffery can be described as,
- A. narrator
B. the antagonist
C. timid
D. the protagonist

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. Kids start calling Jeffery,
 - A. Maniac.
 - B. Finsterwally.
 - C. Mars Bar.
 - D. derogatory names.
2. Mrs. Beale refers to Maniac as,
 - A. one of the family.
 - B. a saint.
 - C. her son.
 - D. the miracle of Sycamore St.
3. What does Maniac do in the community,
 - A. he washes dishes without being asked.
 - B. he makes his bed.
 - C. is appreciative.
 - D. none of the above.
 - E. all of the above.
4. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. He begins to fit in and develop a name for himself in the neighborhood.
 2. Jeffery considers running away, he does not want the Beales to be harmed because of him.
 3. Mr. Beale brings Billy back and he moves in.
 4. He does not understand how others see color.
 5. Maniac acts respectfully and responsibly in the neighborhood.
 - A. 5, 3, 4, 2, 1
 - B. 4, 2, 3, 1, 5
 - C. 3, 5, 1, 4, 2
 - D. 3, 1, 5, 4, 2

5. *“Maniac’s lip started to quiver, and right there, with the car idling in the middle of the street, Maniac told him he really didn’t have a home unless you counted the deer shed at the zoo.”* Pg. 43 what word or phrase most closely resembles the term quiver?
- A. tremor from cold.
 - B. a case of arrows
 - C. hold steady
 - D. shake with quick, rapid movements.
6. A man tells Jeffery to go home. Jeffery tells him he is home. The next day graffiti was on the Beale front porch. This treatment could be referred to as
- A. racist.
 - B. hazing.
 - C. bullied.
 - D. harassment.
7. Mr. Beale knows that Maniac is homeless because,
- A. his clothes are worn.
 - B. he doesn’t go to school.
 - C. he tries to please people too much.
 - D. He asks to be dropped at a home that was on the “wrong” side of town.
8. *“It was made of string, but it had more contortions, ins and outs, twists and turns and dips and doodles than the brain of Albert Einstein himself.* In this sentence what is the antonym of the word contortions?
- A. loop and bend
 - B. straight
 - C. to deviate from what is natural
 - D. twist and bend out of natural shape
9. What role does Mrs. Beale play for Maniac?
- A. she provides a stable and loving place for him.
 - B. Mrs. Beale gives him direction and rules.
 - C. Mrs. Beale provides expects the same from him that she does from her own children. She is fair.
 - D. None of the above.
 - E. All of the above.

10. *“He turned and started walking north on Hector, right down the invisible chalk line that divided the East end from the West End.”* What makes Maniac’s exit from town significant?
- A. He has not seen color differences. Walking in the middle represents he still sees people for who they are, not how they look.
 - B. Most used to like him, now they were yelling at him.
 - C. He ran into town, now he was walking out.
 - D. He left the Beale family to protect them from hurt.

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. What does it mean to be literate?
 - A. have a vast knowledge and understanding of information.
 - B. to be able to read, write, and understand the written word.
 - C. ability to process information.
 - D. not having the ability to read or write.

2. Grayson befriended Maniac, and he was able to
 - A. teach Maniac some skills while working.
 - B. give Maniac a safe place to stay.
 - C. encourage him to go to school.
 - D. All of the above.
 - E. None of the above.

3. Grayson can best be described as,
 - A. slightly depressing .
 - B. a stable force.
 - C. a pitcher.
 - D. friendly

4. Amanda can best be described as,
 - A. eager.
 - B. smart.
 - C. bossy.
 - D. polite.

5. What language did Maniac use when teaching Grayson to read,
 - A. English.
 - B. Latin.
 - C. Baseball terms.
 - D. The Little Engine That Could.

6. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Grayson finds him weak, hurt, and hungry.
 2. Maniac Leaves town and returns to the zoo.
 3. Grayson and Maniac make the shed into a nice place to stay and have a good holiday together.
 4. Maniac teaches Grayson to read.
 5. Grayson takes Maniac to the baseball shed and allows him to stay there.
- A. 2, 5, 1, 3, 4
B. 2, 1, 5, 4, 3
C. 4, 3, 1, 2, 5
D. 3, 4, 2, 5, 1
7. “*This time the ornaments were nature’s brilliant red-and-yellow necklaces of bittersweet, pungent pinecones, white clusters of sumac berries, abandoned bird bodied boats of milkweed.* . . what word or phrase most closely resembles the word *pungent*?
- A. sharp and painful.
B. bland
C. having sharp leaves
D. having intense odor
8. Grayson’s death represents,
- A. freedom for Maniac to find a home where he can be a kid.
B. abandonment.
C. loss of a teacher.
D. Both A & B
E. Both B & C
9. Maniac ends up at Valley Forge. Why is this an ironic place for him to be
- A. he was hurting and suffering much like the soldiers who camped there.
B. he was homeless and there was shelter there.
C. he meets the McNab brothers there. He has to protect them
D. he was in a place where no one else could orphan him

10. What does John McNab represent?

- A. kindness.
- B. strength and skill.
- C. the need to make rational choices.
- D. How Maniac could end up, without guidance, hope, and caring.

Week 4 Assessment

1. How would you describe Piper and Russell?
 - A. innately bad.
 - B. innately good.
 - C. caring
 - D. educated.
2. What is Maniac willing to do to get Piper and Russell to school?
 - A. take silly challenges.
 - B. be their friend.
 - C. stay at the house and help clean.
 - D. helps them by giving them, importance.
3. *"Remembering Hester and Lester on his lap, Grayson's hug, corn muffin in the toaster oven. Tthinking Who's the orphan here anyway? Page 135.* What makes Maniac think he is not really the orphan?
 - A. he had caring adults in his life.
 - B. he found clean and safe places to live.
 - C. He was given guidance.
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
4. The tone of the McNab house can best be described as,
 - A. tense/angry.
 - B. loving.
 - C. joyous.
 - D. welcoming.
5. Mars Bar can best be described as,
 - A. kind and caring.
 - B. fierce and scary.
 - C. egotistical.
 - D. a scared kid at heart.

6. How did Maniac react when he beat Mars in the race?
- A. he was thrilled, he enjoyed the pandemonium.
 - B. with regret.
 - C. he was embarrassed.
 - D. with good spirit.
7. Russell and Piper missed Maniac and had _____ concern for him. What word or phrase best makes this sentence true.
- A. bona fide
 - B. genuine
 - C. unauthentic
 - D. phony
8. The antagonist can be considered,
- A. the Pickwell's
 - B. Grayson
 - C. The McNab Family
 - D. The Beale Family
9. What would be considered the falling action of the novel?
- A. Grayson dying.
 - B. Maniac runs with Mars and sees the McNab boys on the trellis.
 - C. Returning to the zoo to live with the bison.
 - D. Amanda and Mars coming to the zoo to take Maniac home.
10. What one thing do the people of the East End and the West End have in common?
- A. a deep misunderstanding of one another.
 - B. they have many of the same habits and rituals
 - C. the majority of the people want and need the same things.
 - D. All of the above.
11. What do the Pickwell's represent?
- A. kindness to anyone who needs it.
 - B. caring and responsibility to others in the community.
 - C. a big family with lots of love and caring for others.
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above

12. What event changed Maniac's stay at the McNab house?
- A. the completion of the pill box.
 - B. wanting Maniac at the birthday.
 - C. Piper and Russell disrespecting his (Grayson's) Baseball glove.
 - D. The condition of the house.
13. Mars and Maniac would run together. They started off competing and pushing one another, they ended up running as,
- A. peers.
 - B. friendly, respectful, competitors.
 - C. equals
 - D. enemy's
14. A theme of *Maniac Magee* could be,
- A. search for family and belonging.
 - B. determination.
 - C. friendship.
 - D. love.
15. In *The Maniac Magee* the point of view of the author is,
- A. first person.
 - B. second person.
 - C. third person.
 - D. third person omniscient.
16. The general tone of the novel can best be described as,
- A. intense.
 - B. humorous.
 - C. angry.
 - D. lighthearted and sad.
17. *Maniac Magee* was written to be a _____.
- A. biography.
 - B. young adult novel (fiction).
 - C. historical Fiction
 - D. mystery

Character Based Literacy Program Assessment
Maniac Magee

Name _____

Date _____

18. *Maniac Magee* takes place during which historical period?
- A. WWI
 - B. sometime post 1960's
 - C. The Great Depression
 - D. The Industrial Revolution
19. What does Mars ask Maniac?
- A. to help return the McNabs to their house.
 - B. to tell him why he didn't save the boys.
 - C. to come over to his house.
 - D. Why he sleeps with the deer.
20. _____ would be considered a lesser theme in *Maniac Magee*.
- A. loss of innocence
 - B. prejudice
 - C. abandonment
 - D. search for family

Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

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

Week 2 Assessment

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

Week 3 Assessment

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

Final Assessment

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