

Week 1 Assessment: Day 3-7

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

1. In this sentence “Along their route, a bridge had been reconstructed over an inlet to accommodate their weight,” the word *accommodate* most closely means
 - A. To adapt to
 - B. To demand
 - C. To reveal
 - D. To push against
2. Leadership Requires _____.
 - A. Action.
 - B. Fortitude.
 - C. Effort.
 - D. Engagement.
3. Place the following events in chronological order, in the order in which they appear in the novel.
 1. Robert’s mother decides to move the family to Sachem’s Head.
 2. Robert’s father goes to England to fly planes in the war.
 3. Elliot shows Robert his drawing of Grandpa carving the chicken.
 4. Grandpa embarrasses Elliot at the dinner table.
 5. Robert meets Elliot for the first time.
 - A. 1, 5, 2, 4, 3
 - B. 5, 1, 2, 4, 3
 - C. 2, 1, 5, 4, 3
 - D. 2, 5, 1, 4, 3
4. Which of the following is true about Elliot?
 - A. He plays sports.
 - B. He enjoys drawing.
 - C. He likes spending time with his Grandpa.
 - D. He used to live on a farm in Oklahoma.
5. “They saw how the Germans really might be cooking up something, an espionage mission or an invasion.”

In the sentence above, the word *espionage* most closely means

- A. Rescuing
- B. Underwater
- C. Spying
- D. Dramatic

6. Grandpa Saunders can best be described as:

- A. Having a temper.
- B. Heartbroken after his son left the house.
- C. Supportive of Elliot.
- D. A talented painter.

7. Why did Robert's family move from their farm in Ohio to Sachem's Head?

- A. Their father got fired from his job.
- B. Robert's mother missed her family in Rhode Island.
- C. Carolyn needed to go to a special school in Sachem's Head.
- D. None of the above.

8. What explanation does Robert give for his father's limp at the beginning of the story?

- A. A dog bite.
- B. A plane crash.
- C. A car accident.
- D. A bad fall.

9. Who is the famous artist that Elliot introduces Robert to?

- A. Pablo Picasso
- B. Thomas Cole
- C. Drew Knightly
- D. Abel Hoffman

10. The longer he stays in Sachem's Head, the more Robert begins to get curious about

- A. His father
- B. The torpedo factory
- C. The woods behind his home
- D. His Uncle Jake

Week 2 Assessment: Day 8-12

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

1. "When Elliot's head came up over the embankment this time, he saw we were a good distance beyond the big gun, and relaxed."

The use of the word *embankment* in the sentence above most closely means

- A. Barrier wall
 - B. A safe box
 - C. Row of corn
 - D. Journey
2. According to Elliot and Robert's principal, the most patriotic thing the students can do is
- A. Volunteer at the fort.
 - B. Send supplies to troops.
 - C. Concentrate on their studies.
 - D. Work at the torpedo factory.
3. Which event leads Grandpa Saunders to suggest making a bomb shelter?
- A. Discovering Elliot's drawings.
 - B. An air-raid siren malfunction.
 - C. Abel Hoffman getting beaten up.
 - D. The firing of the big guns.
4. Robert's mother sews a white banner with a blue star to attach to the front window because
- A. It was a symbol that someone who normally lived there was in the war.
 - B. She wanted to raise money for the torpedo factory's home design contest.
 - C. Carolyn helped her make it as part of a school project.
 - D. German fighters would spare any house flying the banner from an invasion.
5. Elliot tells Robert that Abel Hoffman has been living
- A. In Grandma's attic.
 - B. In a boat he fixed up in the woods.
 - C. At the fort.
 - D. In an underground bomb shelter.

6. Place the events from the novel in chronological order:
1. Abel tells Robert and Elliot he paints from his heart.
 2. Robert discovers that Elliot has been visiting Abel and using his paints.
 3. Abel Hoffman got beat up on the road.
 4. Robert warns Elliot that Abel might “get it again.”
- A. 3, 2, 1, 4
B. 1, 3, 4, 2
C. 4, 3, 1, 2
D. 2, 4, 3, 1
7. Grandpa gets angry at dinner one night and nearly
- A. Rips the blue and white banner in pieces.
 - B. Refuses to let Elliot stay with him.
 - C. Joins the army.
 - D. Throws a water glass.
8. The author of *The Art of Keeping Cool* is
- A. John Steinbeck
 - B. Janet Taylor Lisle
 - C. Amy Tan
 - D. Lois Lowry
9. What does Robert ask that makes Grandpa angry at dinner?
- A. If he can have money for doing all the chores.
 - B. If he and Elliot can see the big guns go off at the fort.
 - C. If he helped Abel Hoffman after he got beat up.
 - D. If there were American pilots on the boat that sunk.
10. Why did Grandpa paint the top part of his headlights black?
- A. To help him hunt in the woods without scaring away prey.
 - B. So he could sneak up on people he thought were spying.
 - C. **So enemy aircraft could not identify US roads.**
 - D. To help his car use less gasoline.

Week 3 Assessment: Day 13-17

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

1. During the summer, Grandpa makes Elliot and Robert
 - A. Teach Carolyn how to read and write.
 - B. Work for him at his doctor's office.
 - C. Work for Grandma around the house.
 - D. None of the above.
2. Grandma takes Robert aside and shows him
 - A. Secret messages from a German aircraft.
 - B. An old picture of Robert's father when he was young.
 - C. Letters Grandpa Saunders wrote when he was a young man.
 - D. Elliot's drawings of the ocean.
3. During his conversation with Grandma, Robert learns
 - A. Grandpa Saunders and his father never got along.
 - B. Robert's father always wanted to be a farmer.
 - C. Grandma and Grandpa adopted Robert's father.
 - D. Elliot and Robert are half brothers.
4. In the sentence, "I'm not in the business of housing freeloaders!" the word *freeloaders* most closely means
 - A. Someone who used to work for the railroad.
 - B. German resistance fighters.
 - C. Someone who takes advantage of someone's generosity.
 - D. Someone who is temporarily homeless.
5. Place the following events from the novel in chronological order, as they appear in the novel:
 1. Grandma shows Robert a picture of Robert's father
 2. Four letters from Robert's father are delivered.
 3. Robert learns that his mother has not told his father about moving to the farm.
 4. Robert reads his mother's letters.
 - A. 3, 4, 2, 1
 - B. 2, 1, 4, 3
 - C. 4, 2, 1, 3
 - D. 1, 3, 2, 4

6. Robert's mother has not told Robert's father they are living at the farm because
- A. Robert's father had a disagreement with Grandpa Saunders.
 - B. She realizes that they were not a close family.
 - C. Robert's father would be unhappy if he knew they were living with his parents.
 - D. All of the above.
7. "A moment later, the first echo of the concussion returned from across the water. It was so loud that I thought for a minute that someone had fired back."

In the sentences above, the best meaning of the word *concussion* would be...

- A. Shock
 - B. Musical note
 - C. Alarm
 - D. Headache
8. Who do Elliot and Robert see when they go to the fort to see the guns being fired?
- A. Their principal
 - B. Grandpa Saunders
 - C. German soldiers
 - D. Abel Hoffman
9. Why does Robert have to bring Carolyn with him to the big guns fired?
- A. Because his mother thinks it will bring them closer.
 - B. So she can play near the beach.
 - C. Because Grandma cannot watch her.
 - D. So she can make drawings of the guns when she gets home.
10. What does Carolyn drop in the field when she is watching the guns being fired?
- A. Her notebook.
 - B. Her doll.
 - C. Her cotton ear wadding.
 - D. Her binoculars.

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

1. As read in the sentence “He jumped like a spooked cat and ran up the steps to the post office, slamming the door after him,” the best meaning for the word *spooked* would be
 - A. Fascinated
 - B. Embarrassed
 - C. Cheerful
 - D. Frightened

2. Place the following events in chronological order, in the order in which they appear in the novel.
 1. Abel Hoffman is taken in for questioning.
 2. A military officer finds Carolyn’s cotton ear wadding.
 3. Elliot runs errands and goes into town for Abel.
 4. Abel tells Elliot and Robert about how he was forced to leave Germany because of his art.
 - A. 2, 3, 4, 1
 - B. 2, 1, 3, 4
 - C. 1, 2, 4, 3
 - D. 4, 1, 3, 2

3. Elliot and Robert decide to keep the painting Abel gave them in
 - A. The bomb shelter.
 - B. The hayloft in the barn.
 - C. Elliot’s bedroom with his egg collection.
 - D. The garden.

4. When Robert’s Mother goes to receive news from the army about Robert’s father, Robert feels...
 - A. Hopeful
 - B. Excited
 - C. Worried
 - D. Sneaky

5. How does Robert find out about the truth behind his father’s injury?
 - A. Elliot draws what happened and shows Robert.

- B. Grandma tells Elliot the truth.
 - C. Robert's father explains the situation in a letter.
 - D. Grandpa Saunders confesses.
6. Elliot says, "Robert, thank you! You're a real, true friend!" because Robert agrees to
- A. Give a speech at Abel's funeral.
 - B. Explain to Carolyn what Abel was doing in the woods.
 - C. Speak to the FBI about the fort drawings Elliot made.
 - D. Tell Grandpa Saunders why he and Elliot were visiting Abel.
7. Elliot goes missing after Abel walks into the fire in the woods. After searching for him for hours, Elliot shows up. He was in the _____ the whole time.
- A. Barn
 - B. Woods
 - C. Police station
 - D. Bomb shelter
8. What prank did Uncle Jake and Robert's father participate in when they were young?
- A. They got ice cream delivered and put it on the house bill.
 - B. They put a frog on Grandpa Saunder's chair at the dinner table.
 - C. They pretend they were twins at school one year and switched classrooms.
 - D. Dressed up like soldiers and spied on the fort.
9. What does Elliot say is the 'trick' for not being upset at their family members?
- A. Talk to a counselor about your feelings.
 - B. Find a way to not let it bother you.
 - C. Focus on other things like art and pets.
 - D. Go on long walks by the beach.
10. After Robert's father comes back for good
- A. Robert's family sells the farm.
 - B. Carolyn and Robert go to boarding school.
 - C. Elliot lives with Robert at the farm.
 - D. Grandpa Saunders moves in with Robert's family.

Week 5 Assessment: Day 23-27 and Final Assessment

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

1. Leadership Requires _____.
 - A. Action.
 - B. Engagement.
 - C. Effort.
 - D. Responsibility.

2. The author of *The Art of Keeping Cool* is
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 - D. Lois Lowry

3. "They saw how the Germans really might be cooking up something, an espionage mission or an invasion."

In the sentence above, the word *espionage* most closely means

 - A. Hopeless
 - B. Underwater
 - C. Dramatic
 - D. Spying

4. What country does Abel Hoffman come from?
 - A. France
 - B. Syria
 - C. Germany
 - D. Lebanon

5. When Elliot and Robert were asked to do chores Elliot would
 - A. Work hard until the job was done.
 - B. Do extra chores to earn money.
 - C. Come up with excuses not to do the work.
 - D. Pretend he couldn't see or hear anything.

6. The first drawing Elliot shows Robert is of
- A. Grandpa shooting Robert's father in the leg.
 - B. Grandpa holding the carving knife at the dinner table.
 - C. Abel Hoffman with binoculars.
 - D. The ocean.
7. Place the events from the novel in chronological order:
- 1. Elliot moves in with Robert at the farm in Ohio.
 - 2. Grandpa Saunders helps Abel after he gets beat up.
 - 3. Robert tells the military officer he saw Abel Hoffman at the fort.
 - 4. Elliot draws a picture of what really happened when Robert's father got his leg injury.
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 - B. 4, 1, 2, 3
 - C. 2, 3, 4, 1
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- B. A plane crash
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12. Grandpa gets angry at dinner one night and nearly

- A. Pushes Robert down the stairs.
- B. Refuses to let Elliot stay with him.
- C. Throws a water glass.
- D. Burns the letters from Robert's father.

13. What prank did Uncle Jake and Robert's father participate in when they were young?

- A. They got ice cream delivered and put it on the house bill.
- B. They put a frog on Grandpa Saunder's chair at the dinner table.
- C. They pretend they were twins at school one year and switched classrooms.
- D. Dressed up like soldiers and spied on the fort.

14. Which of the following is true about Elliot?

- A. He plays sports.
- B. He likes spending time with his Grandpa.
- C. He collects baseball cards.
- D. He enjoys drawing.

15. Place the following events in chronological order, in the order in which they appear in the novel.

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5. Robert meets Elliot for the first time.

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

16. As read in the sentence "Along their route, a bridge had been reconstructed over an inlet to accommodate their weight," accommodate most closely means
- A. To adapt to
 - B. To demand
 - C. To reveal
 - D. To push against
17. Elliot brings Robert to visit Abel Hoffman, who has found safety living
- A. In Grandma's attic.
 - B. In a boat he fixed up in the woods.
 - C. In an underground bomb shelter.
 - D. In a shack next to the police station.
18. Robert discovers initials carved into a beam in the bedroom ceiling. The initials belong to
- A. Abel Hoffman
 - B. His father
 - C. Grandpa Saunders
 - D. Elliot
19. Where do Elliot and Robert decide to keep one of Abel's large paintings?
- A. In the woods near their house.
 - B. At the fort.
 - C. Inside the bomb shelter.
 - D. In the barn hayloft.
20. Elliot says, "Robert, thank you! You're a real, true friend!" because Robert agrees to
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23. Robert's mother didn't tell Robert's father that the family had moved to the farm for a while. She did this because:

- A. Robert's father had a disagreement with Grandpa Saunders.
- B. She realizes that they were not a close family.
- C. Robert's father would be unhappy if he knew they were living with his parents.
- D. All of the above.

24. Grandpa Saunders and Robert's father disagreed because

- A. Robert's father wanted to be a pilot, not a doctor like Grandpa Saunders.
- B. Robert's father wanted to get married but Grandpa Saunders did not approve.
- C. Grandpa Saunders realized that Robert's father did not graduate from high school.
- D. Robert's father wanted to keep the dog, but Grandpa Saunders did not approve.

25. What does Elliot say is the 'trick' for not being upset at their family members?

- A. Talk to a counselor about your feelings.
- B. Find a way to not let it bother you.
- C. Focus on other things like art and pets.
- D. Go on long walks by the beach.

Answer Key

Week 1

1. a
2. d
3. c
4. b
5. c
6. a
7. d
8. b
9. d
10. a

Week 2

1. a
2. c
3. b
4. a
5. b
6. a
7. d
8. b
9. d
10. c

Week 3

1. c
2. b
3. a
4. c
5. b
6. d
7. a
8. d
9. c
10. c

Week 4

1. d
2. b
3. b
4. c

5. a
6. c
7. a
8. a
9. b
10. c

Week 5/Final

1. b
2. c
3. d
4. c
5. c
6. b
7. c
8. a
9. c
10. c
11. b
12. c
13. a
14. d
15. c
16. a
17. b
18. b
19. d
20. c
21. b
22. a
23. d
24. a
25. b