

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. Leadership Requires _____.
 - A. Action.
 - B. Wholeness.
 - C. Engagement.
 - D. Restraint.
2. In Sister Helen's letter to Patrick, she sends him _____.
 - A. a bible passage.
 - B. a prayer card.
 - C. photos of herself.
 - D. money.
3. Patrick categorizes Sister Helen as a _____.
 - A. family member.
 - B. spiritual advisor.
 - C. friend.
 - D. mentor.
4. In *Dead Man Walking*, the point of view of the novel is
 - A. first person.
 - B. third person limited omniscient.
 - C. third person objective.
 - D. third person omniscient.
5. The word *affluence* most closely means:
 - A. well connected.
 - B. status.
 - C. prosperity.
 - D. All of the above.

6. Place the following events in order:
1. In St. Thomas, Sister Helen works with high school students, food stamp recipients, single parents, and residents on minimum wage.
 2. Sister Helen visits the Prison Coalition and reads graphic transcripts of the crime and the eventual guilty verdict from the jury.
 3. The Chaplin grants Sister Helen permission to serve as spiritual advisor.
 4. Patrick's appeal has been denied.
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7. The setting of *Dead Man Walking* is
- A. Louisiana, 1980s-1990s.
B. Alabama, 1980s-1990s.
C. Mississippi, 1980s-1990s.
D. Arkansas, 1980s-1990s.
8. The word *paranoid* most closely means:
- A. Suspicious.
B. Unreasonable.
C. Mistrustful.
D. All of the above.
9. Who is the author of *Dead Man Walking*?
- A. Mother Theresa
B. Sister Helen Prejean
C. Pope Francis
D. John Paul II
10. Whom does Sister Helen reach out to in order grant clemency on Patrick's behalf?
- A. The Louisiana Governor.
B. The Louisiana Congress members.
C. The Archbishop of New Orleans.
D. The President of the United States.

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. When Sister Helen meets the parents of the victims, what do they ask her?
 - A. How could she befriend a murderer?
 - B. Why did Patrick murder their child?
 - C. How is Sister Helen helping Patrick?
 - D. Why didn't Sister Helen reach out to them?
2. The Governor responded to Patrick's case by
 - A. opening up the his meeting with Sister Helen to the public.
 - B. upholding the execution.
 - C. failing to consider Sister Helen's appeal.
 - D. All of the above.
3. The word *meditate* most closely means:
 - A. contemplate.
 - B. middle.
 - C. mean.
 - D. quiet.
4. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Sister Helen has a dream that Patrick is alive in the future and sitting on a couch in her living room.
 2. Sister Helen goes to meet with the Governor.
 3. Patrick apologizes to Mr. LeBlanc. Mr. Bourque is confused why he is left out from the apology.
 4. Sister Helen travels with her sister to visit the Sonniers and deliver Patrick's possessions.
 5. Sister Helen meets with Tom and Millard to discuss legal representation for death-row inmates.
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 - D. 3, 2, 1, 4, 5

5. What does Eddie's letter to the Governor say?
- A. Eddie confirms Patrick is a murderer.
 - B. Eddie requests to visit Patrick one last time.
 - C. Eddie apologizes for Patrick's crime.
 - D. Eddie admits he is the killer.
6. How do Sister Helen and a priest prepare Patrick for death?
- A. They sing a hymn with the words "Be not afraid."
 - B. They speak about love and life.
 - C. They offer communion.
 - D. All of the above.
7. Sister Helen believes change can be achieved by _____. The head of Corrections, C. Paul Phelps, believes change can be achieved by _____.
- A. working in the system; opposing the system.
 - B. opposing the system; working in the system.
 - C. persuading leadership; mobilizing communities.
 - D. mobilizing communities; persuading leadership.
8. Why is Patrick's funeral a double goodbye for Patrick's family?
- A. It is the last time the family sees Patrick and Eddie.
 - B. It is the last time they see Patrick before he is buried.
 - C. It is the last time the family gathers together.
 - D. It is the last time the family see Eddie.
9. The word *jeopardized* most closely means
- A. Endangered.
 - B. Threatened.
 - C. Risked.
 - D. All of the above.
10. After Patrick's death, how does Sister Helen raise awareness of the injustice of the death penalty?
- A. She preaches to churches.
 - B. She organizes an awareness walk from New Orleans to Baton Rouge.
 - C. She lobbies the U.S. Congress.
 - D. All of the above.

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. Who is Robert Willie?
 - A. He is an inmate on death row.
 - B. He is a friend of Sister Helen.
 - C. He is a polite, soft spoken and intelligent young man.
 - D. All of the above.

2. The word marginal most closely means
 - A. boarder.
 - B. exterior.
 - C. outside.
 - D. All of the above.

3. What is Sister Helen's visit with the Harveys like?
 - A. They provide details of their daughter's death.
 - B. They try to convince Sister Helen not to support Robert as a Spiritual Adviser.
 - C. Sister Helen regrets not speaking to the victim's families sooner.
 - D. All of the above.

4. Why doesn't Sister Helen side with the sit with the victims families at Robert's hearing?
 - A. They don't invite her to join their support group.
 - B. She doesn't trust the family of the victims.
 - C. She is Robert's Spiritual Advisor.
 - D. None of the above.

5. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Sister Helen learns about Robert Willie's crimes.
 2. Robert blames Joe for the murder and only admits to being an accomplice.
 3. Robert's Mother breaks down when speaking about her son.
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 5. Sister Helen sees members of the board arrive in nice cars.
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6. Robert blames the murder on _____.
- A. his up bring.
B. Joe.
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D. All of the above.
7. The political dynamics of Robert's execution _____.
- A. are not a strong case to for a pardon from the board.
B. have an element of truth.
C. are only being publicized by Robert.
D. All of the above.
8. The word *grief* most closely means
- A. mourn.
B. monotonous.
C. miserable.
D. None of the above.
9. Who addresses the pardon board?
- A. Sister Helen.
B. Robert's mother.
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Character Based Literacy Program Assessment
Dead Man Walking

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10. What does Ms. Marsellus think of the death penalty?
- A. It is cruel and unusual.
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 - C. That the board did not make the death penalty but only has make recommendations for the governor.
 - D. All of the above.

Week 4 Assessment

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1. How do Robert's mother and aunt feel as Robert awaits the death penalty?
 - A. They are outraged by the injustice.
 - B. They feel abandoned by their community.
 - C. They are embarrassed that he is their relative.
 - D. All of the above.

2. The word *surveillance* most closely means
 - A. on camera.
 - B. obscene.
 - C. observation.
 - D. None of the above.

3. Robert conducts an interview and expresses his admiration for _____.
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6. Robert requests to be buried with his _____.
- A. family picture.
B. prayer beads.
C. bible.
D. boots.
7. After Robert's execution, Sister Helen publicized the injustice of the death penalty through _____.
- A. a television interview.
B. a marathon awareness campaign.
C. a newspaper article
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8. The word *genocide* most closely means
- A. massacre.
B. hate.
C. anger.
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9. How have the Harveys supported other victims' families?
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10. Who does Mr. LeBlanc pray for?

- A. Patrick Sonnier.
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Answer Keys

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

Week 4 Assessment

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

Week 2 Assessment

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

Final Assessment

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

Week 3 Assessment

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