

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. Leadership Requires _____.
 - A. Action.
 - B. Daring.
 - C. Engagement
 - D. Moderation.
2. In the beginning of the novel the Malone Family lives in,
 - A. The deep south, USA.
 - B. Mississippi.
 - C. Flint, MI
 - D. Gary, IN.
3. *Mighty Miss Malone* takes place during which historical period?
 - A. The Great Depression
 - B. World War II
 - C. World War I
 - D. Civil War
4. In *Mighty Miss Malone*, the point of view of the narrator is
 - A. First person.
 - B. Third person limited omniscient.
 - C. Third person.
 - D. Third person omniscient.
5. Page 38, *"That is why I gave you an A-, Deza, and it won't be the last if you're not up on your p's and q's. Any more grandstanding in your writing, there might even be a B or two sown the road. Remember much is required of her to whom much has been given.* In this text, what does the phrase mind your p's and q's refer to?
 - A. Mind your manners or mind your behavior.
 - B. Pay close attention to your writing skills.
 - C. Do your best all of the time.
 - D. Used in the Old English it refers to watching the ways letters face on the printing press.

6. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Deza loves school, her family and books.
 2. Jimmie “steals” a pie but leaves money and a note. He has to return it.
 3. Deza’s teacher knows she is talented and wants to make sure she is supported. She offers to tutor her.
 4. The pie lady agrees to have Jimmie work for the pie and she is going to tutor him.
 5. Deza, is crushed when she gets an A- on a paper.
- A. 5, 1, 3, 2, 4
B. 1, 5, 3, 2, 4
C. 3, 1, 4, 2, 5
D. 1, 5, 3, 4, 2
7. The time period of the novel can be referred to as,
- A. Post construction
B. Post war era
C. The Great Depression
D. Prohibition
8. Page 55, *“I am not the least bit surprised, your father and I always tell both of you how talented you are. It feels like Christmas in July when someone else agrees, especially someone as wise as Mrs. Needham.* In the phrase, “it feels like Christmas in July” what is the author trying to convey?
- A. It is unseasonably cold for the month.
B. Mrs. Needham is a good judge of character.
C. Foreshadowing the good that is to come.
D. There is much excitement and anticipation.
9. What literary device is the author using when Deza thinks, *“Not really, but that is the kinda of thing to say to someone who’s a great singer, a good imitator and full of more baloney than Mr. Stewart’s butcher shop?*
- A. Alliteration
B. Simile
C. Metaphor
D. Idiom
10. Who is the author of *The Mighty Miss Malone*?
- A. Mildred Tailor
B. Christopher Paul Curtis
C. John Steinbeck
D. C.S. Lewis

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Week 2 Assessment

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

1. The Emancipation Proclamation can best be described as,
 - A. An address given by President Lincoln stating that slaves would become free in rebellious states.
 - B. A turning point in the Civil War.
 - C. A point where the war turned from a fight for the nation to a fight for human freedom.
 - D. All of the above.
 - E. None of the above.

2. What character traits best describe Deza?
 - A. Responsible
 - B. Wasteful
 - C. Troublemaker
 - D. Spoiled

3. Page 63, *“Right after the kindest, most loving friend in the world Miss Clarice Anne Johnson, picked up her report card, my name was called. Last! Instead of holding it so the rest of them could see, I folded it and walked back to my seat.”* What word or phrase best describe how Deza had changed since she spoke with Mrs. Needham?
 - A. Manipulative
 - B. Honest
 - C. Humble
 - D. Caring

4. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Deza felt a new sense of confidence after the fight.
 2. Deza is able to bandage Jimmie and he likes how he looks after the fight.
 3. Deza did not know that they were so poor that mother would pick the bugs out of the food so they could eat.
 4. Deza helps defend her brother in a fight.
 5. Deza forces Dolly peaches to apologize.
 - A. 1, 3, 5, 2, 4
 - B. 3, 4, 5, 1, 2
 - C. 2, 1, 3, 4, 5
 - D. 3, 5, 1, 4, 2

5. Page 75, *Boxing gloves? In the Library? I said, "I'm mortified too."* What is the antonym of the underlined word in the phrase above?
- A. Humiliate
 - B. Shame
 - C. Console or reassure
 - D. Distressed
6. "She sounded like a steam radiator starting up", page 76. What literary device is the author using?
- A. Metaphor
 - B. Simile
 - C. Alliteration
 - D. Phonetic device
7. What is the feeling or tone of the fans at the baseball game?
- A. Sadness.
 - B. Community
 - C. Hope
 - D. Respect
8. Mother wants Deza to tell her the story of Mrs. Needham giving her the clothes and offering to tutor her. How does this story affect mother?
- A. It makes her angry.
 - B. It makes her want more for her children.
 - C. It gives her hope.
 - D. The story makes her sad.
9. What is the significance with the fight between the Brown Bomber and Joe Louis?
- A. They were going to witness history.
 - B. The boxing ring is one of the few places skin color doesn't matter.
 - C. A win for Joe Louis would give the community hope.
 - D. All of the above.
 - E. None of the above.

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10. Clarice and Deza's sign when they leave each other represents,

- A. Love
- B. Friendship
- C. Two friends and one heart
- D. Hope

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. Page 127, *"We are at our strongest when we are together, when we're a family. If you leave how long do you think it'll be before Jimmie goes? How long before I lose Deza? What does mama mean by the phrase "we are at our strongest when we are together"?*
 - A. Collectively each member of the family has strengths and can contribute something different.
 - B. They will be able to rely on each other and keep each other safe?
 - C. They won't have to worry about each other if they stay together.
 - D. None of the above.
2. Jimmie's solution to keep father home is to,
 - A. Start singing full-time.
 - B. Continue to work for Ms. Bracey.
 - C. Eat less and use fewer resources.
 - D. Quit school and look for work too.
3. Jimmie was unconsolable page 131. What word or phrase is the synonym for the underlined word.
 - A. Discontent
 - B. Sick
 - C. Upset and slightly weepy
 - D. Unable to get comfort from grief
4. Mother gets the letter of recommendation from Mrs. Carsdale and comes home happy and hopeful. What happens to the tone of the chapter when Deza asks her about it? (page 140)
 - A. It becomes playful and light.
 - B. There is a sense of hope.
 - C. Nervous and forlorn.
 - D. Exciting.

5. What is symbolic about the chapter name in Chapter 18, "Deza's Steers."
- A. Deza is steering her future by being positive about the move.
 - B. Deza's tears were on the paper and Jimmie was sharing them with Clarice.
 - C. The title foreshadows her apprehension about saying good-bye.
 - D. None of the above.
6. Place the following events in chronological order:
- 1. The family is told they have to move three days before they were supposed to. They have nowhere to go.
 - 2. Mr. Rythmes loses his truck. Jimmie asks his friend for help. Mother is upset that he knows a "numbers man".
 - 3. Deza and Jimmie are given permission to say good-bye to their friends.
 - 4. Mr. Rythmes is driving the family to Detroit. They will take a bus to Flint.
 - 5. The family won't need a truck to move as they rent everything.
- A. 4, 3, 2, 5, 1
 - B. 4, 5, 3, 1, 2
 - C. 4, 5, 3, 2, 1
 - D. 1, 4, 3, 5, 2
7. The family decides to ride the rails to get to Flint. They have to stay in a Hooverville. What word or phrase best describes a Hooverville?
- A. Shanty town made by the homeless where people could live.
 - B. Small apartment communities.
 - C. A place where people could look for work, have food, support, and medical care.
 - D. A government program to help build parks and recreation areas and put men to work.
8. Once in the Hooverville/camp mother gives half-truths about their lives. What purpose does this serve?
- A. Gives them protection, there is strength in "numbers."
 - B. She doesn't want people to prey on them.
 - C. She is trying to stay anonymous.
 - D. All of the above.

9. Stew helps orientate the family on the camp. What is the purpose of the “camp rules”?
- A. Bring order in a chaotic situation.
 - B. Allow the campers to respect each other.
 - C. Form a hierarchy and democracy in the Hooverville.
 - D. Both A & B
 - E. Both B & C
10. Page 194, *Everyone who has been on the road a while comments on how clean this camp is, and it's not by accident. We work hard at keeping it that way. We may be poor but that isn't an excuse to live poorly?* In this example what does it mean to live poorly?
- A. Live with structure and cleanliness.
 - B. Have shared duties and cooperation.
 - C. Live inadequately, with no order, substandard conditions.
 - D. Below par.

Week 4 Assessment

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

1. Page. 210, *"From your singing I see a full-growned man. Jimmie had hardened his heart twice as much as I had mine, but from the look that came over him I could see that when it came to those words he was totally lost."* What word or phrase best describes the term hardened.
 - A. Hearty from hard work
 - B. Robust
 - C. Listless
 - D. Run-down, angry
2. Page 214, *"Wow sis, hasn't this been the best night ever?"* What factors contribute to the best night ever?
 - A. They family is on the way to find papa.
 - B. Jimmie has found confidence and mama is happy.
 - C. Deza is able to go to school.
 - D. Mother is making enough to get them an apartment.
3. What happened to the Shanty Town?
 - A. The rail bulls were keeping people off the train.
 - B. The train was leaving early.
 - C. The "Bulls" kept the hobos off the train and came to break up the town.
 - D. The town was organized to help people find their families and new jobs.
4. What is the tone and the mood of the camp when the people are leaving?
 - A. Fear and panic; dark
 - B. Excitement
 - C. Joyous and happy
 - D. Electric

5. Page 233, "*The Deza Malone in Gary would have been crushed. Her heart would have withered like grapes left on a vine at the North Pole in the middle of winter.*" This passage is an example of a(n),

A. Alliteration
B. Metaphor
C. Simile
D. Antonym

6. Place the following events in chronological order:

1. Jimmie sings for the camp and gains confidence and is happy for a moment.
2. Deza returns to school and is no longer challenged. She is losing hope.
3. Mama and Deza get a letter from father. He has sent money.
4. The family rides the rails and stays in a "shanty town/camp".
5. The camp is raided, Jimmie leaves, mama and Deza have to find a new place to stay.

A. 1, 4, 2, 5, 3
B. 4, 1, 2, 3, 5
C. 5, 1, 3, 2, 4
D. 4, 1, 5, 2, 3

7. Deza learns Jimmie is singing in a Speak Easy. A Speak Easy was an underground club that was a result of,

A. The Great Dust Bowl
B. The Prohibition Era
C. World War I
D. The Great Depression

8. Page 241, "*She smiled and patted my hand. "Besides, Miss Malone, I bet it's an absolute impossibility for you to walk all the way home and get there with that envelope still sealed?*" The antonym for absolute can best be described as

A. Not qualified
B. Perfect
C. Imperfect
D. Certain

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9. How would you describe Jimmie?
- A. Angry
 - B. Committed/loyal
 - C. Caring
 - D. Hard working
10. Page 261, *“Mr. Henderson finally had had enough and started to pull up anchor. But somehow the anchor had come off the rope and they’d been drifting. No one knew for how long.”* What symbolism is the author using?
- A. The fog bank is symbolic of the government regulations.
 - B. Many people had come to the end of their rope.
 - C. How people had been drifting throughout the depression.
 - D. Time stands still when you are in trouble.

Week 5 Assessment

1. How does Deza describe Dr. Mitwally?
 - A. Honest
 - B. A leader
 - C. Kind and gentle
 - D. Awkward
2. What came in the mail for Deza and mother?
 - A. Letters from father.
 - B. Keys to a new house.
 - C. Bills.
 - D. A new loan for a car.
3. The keys arriving in the mail for a new home can be best described as a(n),
 - A. Foreshadow.
 - B. Falling action.
 - C. Prologue.
 - D. Climax.
4. How did mother know the letters were not from father?
 - A. The tone.
 - B. They never mentioned Jimmie.
 - C. No one is a traveling carpenter.
 - D. One cannot be a carpenter with a hurt hand.
 - E. All of the above.
 - F. None of the above.
5. Father was found,
 - A. In Lake Michigan.
 - B. By a good Samaritan who nurses him back to health.
 - C. In a poorhouse.
 - D. By a missing person campaign.

6. The family motto can best be described as,
 - A. Gang afta-gley.
 - B. We are on a journey to a place called wonderful.
 - C. When there is a will there is a way.
 - D. Humorous.
7. What did Deza realize about Jimmie?
 - A. He was the best brother in the world.
 - B. She was proud of him.
 - C. He had been sending the letters and the money.
 - D. All of the above.
8. The theme of *The Mighty Miss Malone* can best be described as,
 - A. Survival
 - B. Hope
 - C. Faith
 - D. Self-reliance
9. What event could be described as a major turning point for the family.
 - A. Papa deciding to go to Flint.
 - B. Jimmie leaving to sing.
 - C. Mrs. Needham offering to tutor Deza.
 - D. Deza getting her teeth fixed.
10. What conflict did Deza face at the end of the novel?
 - A. Deza did not understand what happened to father.
 - B. Deza did not understand the injustice of the system.
 - C. Deza wanted to find wonderful whatever that looked like.
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
11. Deza can be considered the
 - A. Mentor.
 - B. Allies.
 - C. Protagonist.
 - D. Antagonist.
12. What trait(s) describe Father?
 - A. Mentor.
 - B. Sympathetic.
 - C. Man of Integrity.
 - D. All of the above.

13. Which best describes one of the major themes of *The Mighty Miss Malone*?

- A. Importance of having good healthcare
- B. Achievement/Education/Opportunities
- C. Family
- D. None of the above

14. *The Mighty Miss Malone* was written by,

- A. Christopher Paul Curtis
- B. Graham Salisbury
- C. Mildred Taylor
- D. C.S. Lewis

15. In *The Mighty Miss Malone*, the point of view of the author is,

- A. First person.
- B. Third person limited omniscient.
- C. Third person.
- D. Third person omniscient.

16. Leadership Requires _____.

- A. Effort.
- B. Action.
- C. Fortitude.
- D. Engagement.

17. *The Mighty Miss Malone* is written to be a _____.

- A. biography.
- B. historical fiction
- C. autobiography
- D. mystery

18. The setting of *The Mighty Miss Malone* is,

- A. Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- B. North of Mason Dixon Line.
- C. California.
- D. The Great Lake Region (Michigan).

19. *The Mighty Miss Malone*, takes place during which historical period?

- A. WWI
- B. Suffrage
- C. The Industrial Revolution.

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D. The Great Depression

20. _____ would be considered a lesser theme in *The Mighty Miss Malone*?

- A. Independence breeds opportunity.
- B. Perseverance
- C. Prejudice/unequal opportunity
- D. Dignity

Answer Keys

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

Week 4 Assessment

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

Week 2 Assessment

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

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

Week 3 Assessment

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