

The Westing Game

Week 1 Assessment

1. Angela Wexler is the focus of her mother's attention because
 - A. She is about to marry a doctor.
 - B. She is entering medical school.
 - C. She is Grace's natural child; Turtle was adopted.
 - D. She was injured in an accident and needs special care.
2. Chris Theodorakis passes the time in his wheelchair by
 - A. Reading voraciously about dinosaurs.
 - B. Using his binoculars to spy on pretty girls.
 - C. Using his binoculars to watch birds out the apartment window.
 - D. Watching reruns of *The X-Files* on TV.
3. In the phrase, "...he always acted a role in the *elaborately* staged pageants which he wrote and directed," the word *elaborately* most closely means
 - A. Badly.
 - B. Elegantly.
 - C. Perfectly.
 - D. Professionally.
4. In the sentence, "And high above the putrid corpse a crystal chandelier is *tinkling*," the word *tinkling* most closely means
 - A. Chiming.
 - B. Dark.
 - C. Twinkling.
 - D. Twirling.
5. Leadership Requires _____.
 - A. Action.
 - B. Effort.
 - C. Engagement
 - D. Wholeness

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6. Place the following events in chronological order, in the order in which they appear in the novel.
1. A blizzard forces everyone in Sunset Towers to stay at home.
 2. Sam Westing is found dead in his mansion.
 3. Six families receive invitations to live in Sunset Towers.
 4. Sydelle Pulaski announces she has a wasting disease.
 5. The heirs are placed in pairs to play a game for Westing's fortune.
- A. 3, 4, 2, 5, 1
B. 3, 2, 5, 4, 1
C. 3, 2, 4, 5, 1
D. 3, 1, 2, 5, 4
7. Sunset Towers is located
- A. In Chicago, Illinois.
B. Ironically, on the coast of New Jersey, facing away from the sunset.
C. On the California coast, facing the sunset.
D. Somewhere on the west bank of Lake Michigan.
8. The residents are surprised to find out that
- A. They have each inherited \$100,000 from Sam Westing.
B. They are all related to Sam Westing (and to each other.)
C. Westing did something to harm each person in the building.
D. They are all Westing's heirs, but they don't what they will get.
9. To earn enough money to buy a subscription to *The Wall Street Journal*, Turtle agrees to
- A. Run errands for Otis Amber.
B. Spend the night in the Westing house.
C. Wash dishes in the Theodorakis's coffee shop.
D. Wash Judge Ford's car.
10. Turtle ran out of the Westing mansion after only a few minutes because
- A. She hears a ghost.
B. She is chased out by the limping caretaker.
C. She sees Sam Westing, horribly disfigured from his accident.
D. She sees Sam Westing's dead body.

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Week 2 Assessment

1. Angela and Sydelle dress for the party in the same outfit because
 - A. The judge is hosting a costume contest as part of the party.
 - B. They are showing solidarity as a team.
 - C. They did it by accident; great minds think alike.
 - D. They want to find out if any of the heirs is a twin.
2. In the context of the sentence, "In spite of the *impeccable* logic, Angela looked back over her shoulder several times on the way to 3C," the word *impeccable* most closely means
 - A. Improbable.
 - B. Perfect.
 - C. Preachy.
 - D. Ridiculous.
3. Judge Ford finds out that James Hoo didn't like Westing because
 - A. Westing claimed Hoo stole his idea for disposable diapers.
 - a) Westing ate at his restaurant and wrote a bad review.
 - b) Hoo's first girlfriend later went on to be Westing's wife.
 - c) Hoo claimed Westing stole his idea for disposable diapers.
4. Place the events from the novel in chronological order:
 1. Judge Ford holds a party in her apartment to discuss their situation.
 2. Mr. Hoo's restaurant is bombed.
 3. Sydelle Pulaski's shorthand notes are stolen.
 4. The coffee shop is bombed.
 - A. 1, 2, 3, 4
 - B. 1, 3, 4, 2
 - C. 3, 1, 4, 2
 - D. 3, 4, 1, 2
5. Sydelle Pulaski's notes were written in
 - A. English shorthand.
 - B. Gibberish.
 - C. Polish shorthand.
 - D. Secret government code.

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 - A. Ellen Raskin.
 - B. J. K. Rowling.
 - C. Louis Sachar.
 - D. Robert Lipsyte.
7. The bomb at Hoo's was timed using
 - A. A state-of-the-art digital watch.
 - B. Nothing; it was an accidental gas explosion, not a bomb.
 - C. One of Turtle's color-striped candles.
 - D. Turtle's missing Mickey Mouse alarm clock.
8. The only person injured in the restaurant bombings is
 - A. Grace Wexler.
 - B. Mr. Hoo.
 - C. Mrs. Hoo.
 - D. Sydelle Pulaski.
9. The Theodorakis brothers are connected to Westing because
 - A. Westing shared their Greek ancestry.
 - B. Their mother, Catherine, was Westing's daughter's best friend.
 - C. Their father, George, dated Westing's daughter, Violet, before she died.
 - D. Their father, George, dated Westing's wife as a teenager.
10. When most of the residents of Sunset Towers decide to have Chinese for dinner, Hoo's new hostess, Grace, seats the diners
 - A. With their partners, so she can overhear their discussions.
 - B. With their families, of course.
 - C. In random pairings, which gives her a feeling of power.
 - D. Alone; she wants them focused on their food, not conversation.

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Week 3 Assessment

1. Denton Deere takes Chris to the hospital because
 - A. Chris suddenly experiences severe pain and can't stop screaming.
 - B. He is sneaking the kid out so he can steal the money and the clues.
 - C. He thinks Chris can be cured by a special operation.
 - D. The neurologist there thinks a new medicine may help his condition.

2. In the sentence "The door flew open and slammed against the *adjacent* wall," the word *adjacent* most closely means
 - A. Aqua.
 - B. Concrete.
 - C. Connecting.
 - D. Temporary.

3. Instead of working on the clues, Jake Wexler and Madame Hoo
 - A. Work on Madame Hoo learning English.
 - B. Work on Jake Wexler's cooking skills.
 - C. Run the numbers for his illegal betting business.
 - D. Have a not-so-secret affair.

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6. Place the following events from the novel in chronological order:
1. Angela is injured in the third bombing.
 2. Sandy is fired from his doorman job.
 3. Theo is questioned by police as a possible bomb suspect.
 4. Turtle and Mrs. Baumbach sell their stock.
- A. 1, 2, 3, 4
B. 1, 3, 2, 4
C. 1, 3, 4, 2
D. 1, 4, 3, 2
7. The bomber is
- A. Turtle.
B. Theo.
C. Otis.
D. Angela.
8. The resident who is a “mistake” is
- A. Flora Baumbach.
B. Grace Wexler.
C. Judge Ford.
D. Sydelle Pulaski.
9. The third bomb goes off at
- A. The Westing house when the heirs meet with the lawyer.
B. Judge Ford’s courthouse office.
C. Doug Hoo’s track meet.
D. Angela’s bridal shower.
10. The word *vengeance* in the sentence, “*Vengeance* shall be mine,” most closely means
- A. Revenge.
B. Strength.
C. Vanity.
D. Victory.

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Final Assessment

1. What was the answer to the clues?
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 - b) Berthe Erica Crow.
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 - A. Angela Wexler and Denton Deere.
 - B. Jake Wexler and Madame Hoo.
 - C. Otis Amber and Sydelle Pulaski.
 - D. Turtle Wexler and Sandy McSouthers.
12. Place the following events from the novel in chronological order:
 1. A group of strangers is invited to move into a new apartment building.
 2. Sam Westing dies.
 3. The heirs all receive their valuable apartments as an inheritance.
 4. Turtle wins the Westing Game, and discovers Westing's real identity.
 - A. 1, 2, 3, 4
 - B. 1, 2, 4, 3
 - C. 1, 3, 4, 2
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13. One of the heirs, _____, was really Sam Westing all along.
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20. Angela went to college and became
- A. An explosives expert.
 - B. An orthopedic surgeon.
 - C. A reporter.
 - D. A corporate attorney.

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Answer Key

Week 1

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

Week 2

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

Week 3

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

Final

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