

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. Courage Requires _____.
 - A. Action.
 - B. Daring.
 - C. Effort.
 - D. Moderation.
2. For his school science project, Tomi is planning to
 - A. Build a model of a Hawaiian volcano.
 - B. Do a demonstration on pigeons.
 - C. Find out which came first: the chicken or the egg.
 - D. Study the speed of different baseball pitches.
3. In the phrase “The Kaka’ako Boys were a bunch of too-young-for-varsity baseball *fanatics* like us...” (p. 21) the word *fanatics* most closely means:
 - A. Crazy people.
 - B. Extremely enthusiastic people.
 - C. Uninterested kids.
 - D. Unskilled fans.
4. In *Under the Blood-Red Sun*, the point of view of the narrator is
 - A. First person.
 - B. Third person limited omniscient.
 - C. Third person objective.
 - D. Third person omniscient.
5. The Japanese word *ojii-chan* most closely means:
 - A. Fool.
 - B. Grandfather.
 - C. Old man.
 - D. Respected person.

Character Based Literacy Program Assessment
Under the Blood-Red Sun

Name _____

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6. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Grampa decides to wash his Japanese flag, and hangs it on the clothesline.
 2. Keet Wilson threatens to tell his father about Grampa's flag.
 3. Tomi and Billy go fishing with Papa, and Billy catches a really big one.
 4. Tomi finds out that his dog, Lucky, is going to have puppies.
- A. 1, 2, 4, 3
B. 1, 2, 3, 4
C. 2, 1, 4, 3
D. 4, 1, 2, 3
7. The setting of *Under the Blood-Red Sun* is
- A. Honolulu, Hawaii, in the fall of 1941.
B. Honolulu, Hawaii, right after World War II.
C. Los Angeles, California, 1941.
D. New York, New York, during the World Series of 1941.
8. The word *swarm* in the phrase "We headed right into a swarm of seabirds circling and rising high into the sky... (p. 53) most closely means:
- A. A community of bees.
B. A few.
C. A group that is swimming together.
D. A large number of things moving together.
9. Who is the author of *Under the Blood-Red Sun*?
- A. Francisco Jimenez
B. Graham Salisbury
C. John Steinbeck
D. Zora Neale Hurston
10. Why does Tomi choose *not* to fight Keet when he frightens the pigeons?
- A. Keet always carries a gun, and Tomi is sure he will use it.
B. Keet's father threatened to throw the Nakaji family out if Tomi hits Keet again.
C. Tomi is afraid of Keet, because he is much bigger and stronger than Tomi.
D. Tomi's mother and father have warned him that fighting damages the family honor.

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. During the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Kimi reacts by
 - A. Climbing a tall tree so she can see the action.
 - B. Hiding in Mama's closet.
 - C. Running through diamond grass with Grampa's Japanese flag.
 - D. Screaming nonstop until they take her to the hospital.
2. Grampa likes to visit Charlie's house because
 - A. Charlie has a radio on which they can listen to local police activity.
 - B. Charlie is the only other Japanese retiree in the area.
 - C. Charlie's wife makes excellent pineapple strudel.
 - D. He loves to listen to baseball on Charlie's radio.
3. In the sentence "It was after dark when I finally remembered, but Papa said never to fly them at night, so I had to wait until morning, which broke their *routine*" (p. 103), the word *routine* most closely means
 - A. A regularly scheduled activity.
 - B. Concentration.
 - C. Feeding time.
 - D. Training.
4. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Billy and Tomi are bullied by the punks on Coral Street.
 2. Keet shoots at Tomi in the jungle.
 3. Lucky has puppies.
 4. The Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor.
 5. U.S. soldiers find the pigeons.
 - A. 2, 3, 1, 4, 5
 - B. 2, 4, 3, 1, 5
 - C. 2, 1, 3, 4, 5
 - D. 3, 2, 1, 4, 5
5. The Rats are afraid of the Butcher because
 - A. He goes crazy when one of his pitches is called a ball.
 - B. He has thrown seven perfect games.
 - C. He is rumored to carry knives and use them on white kids.
 - D. He might hurt them with one of his wild pitches.

6. The *Reuben James* was
- A. A German submarine that sunk 33 ships during WWII.
 - B. The aircraft carrier that escaped attack at Pearl Harbor.
 - C. The biggest ship sunk in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.
 - D. The first U.S. warship sunk by the Germans.
7. The word *massive* in the sentence “I followed Billy up the *massive* trunk into the branches” (p. 85) most closely means
- A. Extremely big.
 - B. Main or primary.
 - C. Old and hard.
 - D. Strong.
8. Tomi feels sorry for Keet because
- A. Keet has no friends.
 - B. Keet is failing all of his classes at school, and has to repeat a grade.
 - C. Keet’s father is planning to force him to enlist in the army.
 - D. Keet’s father yells at him and calls him names.
9. When Mr. Wilson warns Tomi that “...I don’t want to see any more of that Jap crap around my place...” (p. 78) he is referring to
- A. Grampa singing the Japanese national anthem and waving the flag.
 - B. the altar that the family has built to honor their ancestors.
 - C. the party that Tomi’s parents threw in honor of Japanese Memorial Day.
 - D. the toys that Tomi and Kimi left all over the lawn.
10. When the U.S. soldiers find Papa’s pigeons, they
- A. arrest Grampa and take him to an internment camp.
 - B. confiscate the pigeons for use by the U.S. military.
 - C. force Grampa and Tomi to kill them all.
 - D. search the house for messages they’ve received from the Japanese military.

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. During his trip to and from Sand Island, all of the following happen to Tomi *except*
 - A. He is almost drowned in an encounter with a tugboat.
 - B. He sees Papa, who looks terrible.
 - C. His father tells him that he is very brave.
 - D. The guards on the island shoot at him in the water.
2. The *katana* is important to Grampa because
 - A. He is planning to use it to defend his family against Japanese invaders.
 - B. He won it in a great battle during World War I.
 - C. It represents the honor and history of the Nakaji family.
 - D. It was a wedding present from his wife.
3. In the sentence “I shook my head and *averted* my eyes” (p. 156) the word *averted* most closely means
 - A. Blinked.
 - B. Closed.
 - C. Stared with.
 - D. Turned away.
4. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, civilians in Honolulu are required to:
 - A. Blackout their windows and get national identification cards.
 - B. Blackout their windows and sleep in the jungle.
 - C. Get national identification cards and give their cars and trucks to the military.
 - D. Report to evacuation centers to be transported to the mainland.
5. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Grampa finds out that Papa was shot in the leg and arrested.
 2. Mama, Tomi, and Billy visit Sanji’s wife and daughter.
 3. The Rats play a game of baseball against the Kaka’ako Boys.
 4. Tomi helps Billy and his brother, Jake, build a bomb shelter.
 5. Tomi swims to Sand Island to see his father.
 - A. 1, 4, 2, 5, 3
 - B. 1, 5, 2, 4, 3
 - C. 3, 1, 2, 4, 5
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6. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Grampa feels that the Japanese people have been
- A. Disgraced.
 - B. Made into heroes.
 - C. Strengthened.
 - D. Vindicated.
7. What happened to Sanji?
- A. He died while trying to protect his wife and daughter from Japanese bombs.
 - B. He drowned when he tried to swim back to the island during the bombing.
 - C. He was shot by American fighter pilots.
 - D. He was shot by Japanese fighter pilots.
8. The word *stray* in the sentence “Dad thinks it was one of our own... a *stray* anti-aircraft shot” (p. 150) most closely means
- A. A homeless dog.
 - B. A strong item on the ground.
 - C. Dangerous.
 - D. Something that has left its intended course or place.
9. Mama is no longer working at the Wilson house because
- A. Mrs. Wilson sent her home when she arrived for work the day after Pearl Harbor.
 - B. She got a much better job helping injured soldiers at the hospital.
 - C. She is afraid that Kimi or Tomi will be arrested while she is gone.
 - D. She is angry that the Wilsons reported the pigeons to the military.
10. Billy earned Mama’s respect by
- A. Being a great baseball player.
 - B. Giving Sanji’s daughter, Mari, his new binoculars.
 - C. Helping the Nakaji family build a bomb shelter.
 - D. Taking Lucky’s puppies home, so that the Nakajis won’t have to feed them.

Final Assessment

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3. What is the Call to Adventure of Tomi's Heroic Journey?
 - A. The fishing trip with Papa, Billy, and Sanji.
 - B. The first fight against the Coral Street punks.
 - C. The approach of World War II.
 - D. Sanji's death.
4. What happened to Sanji?
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10. The Japanese word *oji-chan* most closely means:
- A. Respected person.
 - B. Old man.
 - C. Grandfather.
 - D. Fool.
11. The Butcher’s real name is
- A. Griffin.
 - B. Gregory.
 - C. George.
 - D. Gayle.

12. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. On his way into the harbor, Papa was shot in the leg and arrested.
 2. The Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor.
 3. Papa, Sanji, Billy and Tomi go on a fishing trip.
 4. Grampa decides to hang his Japanese flag on the clothesline.
 5. Tomi swims to Sand Island to see his father.
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13. On Tomi's Heroic Journey, which event is his Approach to the Inmost Cave?
- A. Watching the bombs go off at Pearl Harbor.
B. Swimming the harbor to Sand Island to see his father.
C. Standing up to Keet and taking the *katana*.
D. Facing the Butcher in the game against the Kaka'ako Boys.
14. Mr. Davis finds out that Papa has been moved from Sand Island and
- A. Sent to fight in the war against the Germans as part of the 442nd.
B. Sent to Crystal City, Texas.
C. Put to work on a battleship in the Pacific.
D. Been tried and convicted of treason.
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16. In the sentence "A lot of people who lived around there had *evacuated* to the mainland on the first boat they could get a ride on" (215,) the word *evacuated* most closely means
- A. Torpedoed.
B. Sailed.
C. Left a place of danger.
D. Been forced to leave.

17. In the phrase “Mama *gawked* at Billy and me for a moment” (p. 229), the word *gawked* most closely means:
- A. Yelled.
 - B. Stared.
 - C. Laughed.
 - D. Cried.
18. Grampa likes to visit Charlie’s house because
- A. He loves to listen to baseball on Charlie’s radio.
 - B. Charlie’s wife makes excellent pineapple strudel.
 - C. Charlie is the only other Japanese retiree in the area.
 - D. Charlie has a radio on which they can listen to local police activity.
19. During the next school year, Billy will be
- A. Staying at Roosevelt with the rest of the Rats.
 - B. Signing a minor league contract with the New York Yankees.
 - C. Returning to the mainland with his family.
 - D. Attending a private school with the rest of the *haole*.
20. During the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Kimi reacts by
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22. Courage Requires _____.
- A. Moderation.
 - B. Effort.
 - C. Daring.
 - D. Action.

23. At the end of the novel,
- A. Tomi finds out that Grampa died of a stroke at Sand Island.
 - B. Tomi decides to protect the *katana* and his family until Papa and Grampa come home.
 - C. Papa and Grampa are found innocent and sent home.
 - D. Mama, Kimi, and Tomi are sent to an internment camp in California.
24. Are the Kaka'ako Boys Tomi's allies or enemies?
- A. Enemies, because they cheated at the baseball game.
 - B. Enemies, because they are a rival baseball team.
 - C. Allies, because they helped him stand up to the Coral Street punks.
 - D. Allies, because the Rats beat them at baseball.
25. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Grampa feels that the Japanese people have been
- A. Vindicated.
 - B. Strengthened.
 - C. Heroes.
 - D. Disgraced.

Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

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

7. C
8. D
9. A
10. B

Week 2 Assessment

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

Final Assessment

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

Week 3 Assessment

1. D
2. C
3. D
4. A
5. A
6. A