

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. Courage Requires _____.
 - A. Fortitude
 - B. Wholeness
 - C. Restraint
 - D. Moderation

2. Joey can be considered the story's _____.
 - A. hero.
 - B. protagonist.
 - C. antagonist.
 - D. narrator.

3. *Joey Pigza* is set in which city?
 - A. Pennsylvania
 - B. Washington D.C.
 - C. Los Angeles, CA
 - D. Detroit, MI

4. In *Joey Pigza Loses Control*, the story is narrated by Joey. Which point of view is this?
 - A. First person, narrative.
 - B. Third person, narrative
 - C. Second person.
 - D. Omniscient

5. Joey knows the medication helps keep him calm and _____.
 - A. be creative.
 - B. focused.
 - C. make better decisions.
 - D. think.

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6. Joey's dad can be best described as
- A. self-involved.
 - B. lacking empathy.
 - C. mean and abusive.
 - D. a bigger version of Joey.
7. The setting of *Joey Pigza Loses Control* is
- A. Seattle, WA during the 1920s'.
 - B. anywhere in the United States, 1950's.
 - C. Pittsburg, PA 1980's-90's
 - D. Seattle, WA present day
8. Joey's dad thinks Joey should,
- A. pitch on his baseball team.
 - B. stop using a patch for his ADHD.
 - C. learn to hit.
 - D. make friends while on vacation.
9. Who is the author of *Joey Pigza Loses Control*?
- A. Terry Trueman
 - B. Jack Gantos
 - C. Gary Paulsen
 - D. Christopher Paul Curtis
10. Joey can be best described as,
- A. willing to help and please others.
 - B. compassionate and strong.
 - C. smart, focused and a genius.
 - D. overzealous but normal.

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. It is important to take medication as prescribed because,
 - A. infection can return stronger and resilient to antibiotics.
 - B. the prescription tells you to.
 - C. medication is regulated to process differently under different circumstances.
 - D. you want to use it as a helpful tool to kill infection.

2. The main goal of Joey's summer trip is to,
 - A. keep him out of trouble.
 - B. learn to play baseball.
 - C. stop taking his medication.
 - D. get to know his dad better.

3. Who would you consider are Joey's allies?
 - A. Carter, Grandma, and his mom.
 - B. Leezy, mom, grandma.
 - C. Mom, Pablo, Grandma
 - D. Cater, Pablo, mom.

4. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Joey is trying to get to know his dad; all he does is talk about himself.
 2. Joey's dad wants him to stop taking his meds.
 3. Joey is starting to lose focus.
 4. Joey lies to his mom.
 5. Joey is playing baseball on his dad's team.
 - A. 1, 3, 4, 2, 5
 - B. 3, 2, 1, 4, 5
 - C. 1, 5, 2, 4, 3
 - D. 5, 1, 4, 3, 2

5. Carter thinks the greatest gift he can give Joey is to
- A. teach him to pitch.
 - B. have him move to his house.
 - C. take something away from him (his medication).
 - D. teach him to drive.
6. Page 94, “You are liberated.” Which word or phrase best describes the antonym of liberated?
- A. free from traditional roles.
 - B. restrain
 - C. free from any confines.
 - D. calm and focused.
7. How should Joey make good choices?
- A. listen to your parents.
 - B. follow directions.
 - C. be honest with others.
 - D. “think one thought at a time”.
8. “Normal” is,
- A. to function in a natural way.
 - B. to do what others do.
 - C. fit in with those around you.
 - D. to not be strange.
9. What are signs that Joey is starting to lose himself?
- A. He talks to random strangers and tells them he is off his meds.
 - B. He finds his way through the city.
 - C. He is starting to get jumpy and make mistakes.
 - D. Both A & C
 - E. All of the above.
10. What could be considered a conflict for Joey?
- A. staying on his grandma’s good side.
 - B. having to bat during a baseball game.
 - C. lying to his mom.
 - D. remaining calm..

Week 3 Assessment

1. What style did the author use to write the novel?
 - A. argument, to prove that he didn't need his meds..
 - B. auto-biography, to tell his own story.
 - C. narrative, to tell a story.
 - D. biography, to have someone else tell his story.
2. Which genre best describes *Joey Pigza Loses Control*?
 - A. non-fiction
 - B. realistic fiction
 - C. mystery
 - D. biography
3. "Courage Requires _____".
 - A. Fortitude
 - B. Restraint
 - C. Compassion
 - D. Wholeness
4. The conflict in *Joey Pigza Loses Control* can best be described as
 - A. man versus man
 - B. man versus nature
 - C. man versus self
 - D. man versus nurture
5. Joey's transformation can be described as
 - A. learning that his mom has his best interest in mind.
 - B. he needs his medication.
 - C. learning his dad needs help.
 - D. none of the above.

6. Joey's dad is teaching to be a "man" by taking him bungee jumping and taking him off his medication. What are better examples of a man?
- A. ability to apologize when a mistake has been made.
 - B. wear clothes that fit and exercise.
 - C. develop principles and be responsible.
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
7. "*Be reasonable, I do not have batteries in my pocket*, Pg. 148.
What word or phrase best describes the antonym of the word reasonable?
- A. moderate
 - B. irrational
 - C. fair
 - D. sensible
8. Leezy _____ Joey when she sees him struggling.
- A. protects
 - B. helps
 - C. reaches out to
 - D. hides
9. What does Joey want most from his dad?
- A. to have a conversation
 - B. to be heard
 - C. acceptance
 - D. forgiveness

10. Carter can be considered the story's

- A. protagonist
- B. antagonist
- C. hero
- D. narrator

11. Put the following events in chronological order based on the events in the novel

- 1. Joey continues to spin out of control. He is being unreasonable during the game.
- 2. Joey tries to tell his mom about the medication but didn't want to make her sad.
- 3. Leezy helps Joey get to his mom and control his dad.
- 4. Joey leaves the game, he calls his mom to come get him.
- 5. Joey's old habits start to return.

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

12. Which word or phrase could be considered a theme or big idea of *Joey Pigza Loses Control*?

- A. loss
- B. love
- C. divorce
- D. self-understanding

13. Joey would be considered an _____ person.

- A. pessimistic
- B. optimistic
- C. hateful
- D. sad

14. "I'm keeping Carter at bay but you know how unpredictable he can be". Pg. 192. In this phrase the word *unpredictable* can be described as,

- A. inability to gauge his reaction
- B. ability to foretell
- C. describe
- D. None of the above

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15. Joey realizes,

- A. His dad was like him, only bigger.
- B. His dad needed medication.
- C. His dad wasn't like him at all.
- D. His dad was a failure.

Answer Keys

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

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

Week 3 Assessment

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