

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. Courage Requires _____.
 - A. Action.
 - B. Daring.
 - C. Fortitude.
 - D. Moderation.

2. The Logan Family lives in,
 - A. The Deep South, USA.
 - B. Mississippi.
 - C. In the North.
 - D. California.

3. *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* takes place during which historical period?
 - A. The Great Depression
 - B. World War II.
 - C. World War I.
 - D. The Civil War.

4. In *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry*, the point of view of the narrator is
 - A. First person.
 - B. Third person limited omniscient.
 - C. Third person.
 - D. Third person omniscient.

5. Introduction: "...and of the days following slavery; of those who lived still not free, yet would not let their spirits be enslaved." What does the author allude to in this passage?
 - A. Slavery had been abolished but treatment, laws, and opportunity was not equal.
 - B. Judgments and stereotypes still hindered the lives of former slaves.
 - C. Hope and the human spirit allowed families to move forward
 - D. All of the above.
 - E. None of the above.

6. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. The children are walking to school.
 2. The students were given hand-me-down books.
 3. Papa has gone to work on the railroad to help send money to the family.
 4. The Logan Children refused the books.
 5. The family values their land because they own it.
- A. 5, 1, 3, 2, 4
B. 1, 3, 5, 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. Reconstruction.
D. Prohibition.
8. Page 30: *"In the first place no one cares enough to come down here, and in the second place if they should come, maybe he could see all the things we need...biting the hand that feeds you. That's what you're doing."* The phrase *"Biting the hand that feeds you"* can best be described as a(n)
- A. Simile.
B. Idiom.
C. Metaphor.
D. Alliteration.
9. What word or phrase best describes the saying, *"Don't bite the hand that feeds you"*?
- A. Bites hurt people
B. Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.
C. Being ungrateful or turning against someone who helps you.
D. Looking at something in a very critical way or fashion.
10. Who is the author of *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry*?
- A. Mildred Taylor.
B. Graham Salisbury.
C. John Steinbeck.
D. C.S. Lewis.

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. Page 77: "*The Monday after his arrival Mr. Morrison moved into the deserted tenant shack that stood in the south pasture.*" What word or phrase best describes the underlined word above?
 - A. Resident.
 - B. Room or space to rent.
 - C. Someone who works for their food and shelter.
 - D. Place that people vacation.

2. What character trait(s) best describe TJ?
 - A. Responsible.
 - B. Friend.
 - C. Troublemaker and agitator.
 - D. Hard-worker.

3. Page 77: "*Friends gotta trust each other, 'cause there ain't nothing like a true friend.*" TJ made this statement after he was caught looking at their mom's schoolwork. What word or phrase best describes his attitude?
 - A. Manipulative.
 - B. Honest.
 - C. Caring.
 - D. None of the above

4. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Cassie saw the night riders.
 2. TJ tries to steal answers for a test from Mama.
 3. Cassie was traumatized by the night riders and she didn't want to tell her mom.
 4. A man told a shopkeeper he was shorted goods and he was tar and feathered.
 5. Mr. Morrison moved onto the families land to help with work and keep the family safe.
 - A. 1, 3, 5, 2, 4
 - B. 1, 2, 5, 4, 3
 - C. 2, 1, 3, 4, 5
 - D. 1, 3, 4, 2, 5

5. Stacey was whipped and failed because he was caught “cheating”. In reality, TJ was the one who had the notes. Why wouldn’t Stacey tell on TJ?
- A. He knew it was wrong to cheat.
 - B. He didn’t want to embarrass his mama.
 - C. He knew that TJ suffers enough.
 - D. He didn’t want to violate a “code of honor”.
6. What could be considered effects of reconstruction?
- A. Money lost its value
 - B. Families lost land.
 - C. Soldiers ruined land when they were fighting and leaving.
 - D. All of the above.
7. What effect did the Wallace’s have on people in the community?
- A. They stole land.
 - B. They burned Mr. Berry and his nephew.
 - C. They were compassionate and loved others.
 - D. They overcharged the colored folks.
 - E. Both A & C.
 - F. Both B & D.
8. *“There were too many ears that listened for others besides themselves, and too many tongues that wagged to those they shouldn’t.”* *Tongues that wagged* is an idiom that can best be described as another term for
- A. Sharing pertinent factual information with the community.
 - B. Gossip.
 - C. A church sermon.
 - D. New community laws.
9. As a result of the fight between Stacey and TJ and Mr. Berry being burned, Mama wants the community to stop shopping at the Wallace Family Store. This could be considered a(n)
- A. Active protest
 - B. Outright payback for their poor behavior and lack of consequences
 - C. Silent protest or civil disobedience.
 - D. Desire to take over the community marketing.

10. Page 104: “*But by dawn, when the December sun was creeping warily upward shooting pales streams of buff color light through the forest, he was fully awake and chattering like a cockatoo.*” What literary device is the author using to describe TJ?
- A. Simile.
 - B. Metaphor.
 - C. Personification.
 - D. Alliteration

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. Big Ma gets frustrated at Uncle Hammer when he doesn't pull over for the Wallace's. Cassie doesn't understand why she has to apologize to the Sims girl. Stacey understands,
 - A. That when papa returns he was make everything better.
 - B. The family makes these choices in order to survive.
 - C. The Civil Rights Movement will help his family.
 - D. The family and social dynamics of the time period.
2. Stacey "loans" TJ his coat until it will fit him better. Uncle Hammer "gives him a tongue lashing". This leaves Stacey feeling,
 - A. Humiliated
 - B. Relieved that he wasn't whipped.
 - C. Afraid of what his father will do to him.
 - D. Sad—he has lost a friend.
3. The family is together and reminiscing. Mr. Morrison shares his history with the family. What lesson does Cassie learn from this time together?
 - A. Sometimes it is best to forget your past.
 - B. It is best to stay angry at people who harm you.
 - C. Wisdom comes from learning about your past but not staying there.
 - D. All of the above.
4. Mr. Jamison offers to back the Logan Family's credit. Credit can be considered,
 - A. Paying immediately for goods you buy.
 - B. Having the intention of paying.
 - C. Having intention and ability to pay back a lender for goods.
 - D. Having collateral.
5. Mr. Jamison offers to hold the credit for the families so they can shop in Vicksburg. He spoke candidly to the Logan's about his beliefs. Because of this he earned their,
 - A. Business.
 - B. Credit.
 - C. Loan.
 - D. Respect.

6. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Uncle Hammer gives Stacey a coat. He gives it to TJ.
 2. Papa returns home for Christmas.
 3. Uncle Hammer gives Stacey a tongue lashing for not knowing his worth.
 4. Big Ma signs the deed/land over to the boys.
 5. They Logan's convince their neighbors to boycott the Wallace Store.
- A. 4, 3, 2, 5, 1
B. 1, 5, 2, 4, 3
C. 1, 3, 4, 2, 5
D. 1, 4, 3, 5, 2
7. Page 165: *"I want these children to know we tried, and what we can't do now, maybe one day they will."* What trait is Papa trying to instill in the kids?
- A. Ability to change
B. Integrity, doing the right thing regardless of outcome.
C. Courage.
D. Honesty.
8. Page 173: *"It ain't none of my business." Then, after a moments silence he added, 'I got too many worries of my own to worry 'bout Cassie Uncle Tomming Lillian Jean.'"* In this passage which word or phrase best describes the term Uncle Tomming,
- A. Someone of a lower class group who is overly supportive of others to gain approval.
B. Ability to do ones best regardless of the situation
C. Breaking through the self imposed limits
D. Acting differently to make friends.
9. Papa advises Cassie to,
- A. Turn the other cheek.
B. Fight back.
C. Demand respect/stand on principle.
D. Do what she is told without asking questions.
10. How does Cassie convince Lillian Jean to stay quiet about the fight?
- A. Threatens to blackmail her.
B. Threatens to fight her again.
C. Threatens to share their secrets with the church.
D. None of the above.

Week 4 Assessment

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

1. The kids learn that TJ told Mr. Wallace about Mama failing him. What was the result of that action?
 - A. Members of the school board visited her class.
 - B. The community gave her an award.
 - C. The kids were no longer friends with TJ.
 - D. Mama was fired in front of her class.

2. Mama was really fired because
 - A. She is helping the community boycott the Wallace's (retaliation).
 - B. She destroyed school property.
 - C. Because she spread rumors about the night riders.
 - D. She told papa not to sell their land to Mr. Granger.

3. What is one possible outcome of TJ getting Mama fired?
 - A. TJ went to the Wallace's to tell them it was a misunderstanding.
 - B. TJ was shunned by the kids in school and lost his friends.
 - C. Mama was rehired.
 - D. Mama took a teaching job in Vicksburg for more pay.

4. What are some of the injustices between Cassie's school and the one that Jeremy attends?
 - A. Jeremy's school is a longer school year.
 - B. Cassie's school gets all of the hand-me-downs.
 - C. Jeremy's school provides bus transportation. Cassie's does not.
 - D. All of the above.

5. What is the purpose of Papa working at the railroad?
 - A. To get away from the injustices at home.
 - B. To help pay the taxes and mortgage.
 - C. To allow Mr. Morrison to stay at the house.
 - D. To pay for food and clothes at the house.

6. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Mama was fired from her job as a teacher.
 2. TJ starts hanging out with the Wallace boys. They don't treat him well.
 3. The kids shun TJ and he has no friends.
 4. The community is getting harassed for participating in the boycott.
 5. TJ tells the Wallace's that mama is a bad teacher and failed him.
- A. 5, 2, 4, 3, 1
B. 1, 5, 2, 4, 3
C. 5, 1, 3, 2, 4
D. 1, 4, 3, 5, 2
7. What does Papa want for Stacey?
- A. To learn the skills and business of the farm.
B. To become a man.
C. To act and live with courage.
D. All of the above.
8. Mr. Avery and other families will not participate in the boycott anymore. They are being threatened with,
- A. Increased taxes on their profit and being forced onto a chain gang.
B. Not being able to send their kids to school anymore.
C. Their house being taken by the bank.
D. None of the above.
9. How would you describe Jeremy Simms?
- A. Confused by the societal rules between races.
B. Disagrees and dislikes his family.
C. Respects the Logan family.
D. None of the above
E. All of the above.
10. What change has occurred for Mr. Morrison?
- A. He becomes more passive.
B. He becomes one of the family. He belongs.
C. He is not easy to anger.
D. He decides to move off the farm.

Week 5 Assessment

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

1. A church revival can be described as a
 - A. Meeting.
 - B. Celebration.
 - C. Feast.
 - D. An awakening for a church community.
2. Uncle Hammer borrows money and sells his car. What caused that reaction?
 - A. The bank called the loan—the family’s credit was no longer good.
 - B. Papa had medical bills to pay after the accident.
 - C. Prices at the store were too high.
 - D. TJ stole from the family.
3. The storm at the revival can be used as which literary device?
 - A. Antagonist.
 - B. Symbol.
 - C. Prologue.
 - D. Foreshadow.
4. *“TJ did not follow immediately. He remained standing in the middle of the compound, his face puzzled and undecided. I had never seen him look more desolately alone, and for a fleeting second I felt almost sorry for him.”* What word or phrase can best be used to describe the underlined word above.
 - A. Deserted.
 - B. Friendly.
 - C. Abandoned or neglected.
 - D. Afraid.
5. Stacey feels responsible for TJ because,
 - A. Even the despicable need a friend.
 - B. He can see that TJ really is a good person.
 - C. TJ has no one.
 - D. None of the above.

6. Page 254: “*An electric tenseness filled the air.*” What tone or mood is the author setting?
- A. Anger.
 - B. Intensity/suspense.
 - C. Carefree.
 - D. Humorous.
7. Jeremy Simms comes to check on the children in the middle of a crisis situation; what does this say about his character?
- A. He was looking for information about the fire.
 - B. He is honest.
 - C. He has their best interests at heart regardless of color.
 - D. He wanted to give the children an update.
8. The townspeople and local farmers all joined to assist in firefighting efforts. What does this imply about human nature?
- A. You can work together and still not agree.
 - B. Each individual was trying to protect his or her own land and interests.
 - C. Neighbors help neighbors.
 - D. People will unite during adversity.
9. What method did Papa use to stop TJ from being hanged?
- A. Papa asked Mr. Granger and Mr. Jamison for assistance.
 - B. He set his land on fire.
 - C. He called a neighborhood meeting.
 - D. Papa offered to sell his land if they stopped.
10. What conflict did Cassie face at the end of the novel?
- A. Cassie did not understand what happened to TJ.
 - B. Cassie did not understand the injustice of the system.
 - C. She did not want TJ to suffer even though she didn't like him.
 - D. All of the above.
 - E. None of the above.
11. Cassie can be considered the
- A. Mentor.
 - B. Ally.
 - C. Protagonist.
 - D. Antagonist.

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12. What trait(s) describe Mr. Jamison?
- A. Mentor.
 - B. Sympathetic.
 - C. Man of Integrity.
 - D. All of the above.
13. Which best describes one of the major themes of *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry*?
- A. Importance of education.
 - B. Ability to do better.
 - C. Friendship.
 - D. Equality and change can happen.
14. *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* was written by,
- A. Francisco Jimenez.
 - B. Graham Salisbury.
 - C. Mildred Taylor.
 - D. C.S. Lewis.
15. In *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry*, the point of view of the author is,
- A. First person.
 - B. Third person limited omniscient.
 - C. Third person.
 - D. Third person omniscient.
16. Courage Requires _____.
- A. Effort.
 - B. Action.
 - C. Fortitude.
 - D. Moderation.
17. *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* is written to be (a) _____.
- A. Biography.
 - B. Historical Fiction.
 - C. Autobiography.
 - D. Mystery.

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18. The setting of *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* is,
- A. Mississippi.
 - B. North of Mason Dixon Line.
 - C. California.
 - D. Appalachian Trail.
19. *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry*, takes place during which historical period?
- A. WWI.
 - B. Suffrage.
 - C. The Industrial Revolution.
 - D. The Great Depression.
20. _____ would be considered a lesser theme in *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry*.
- A. Independence breeds opportunity.
 - B. Rivalry.
 - C. Fairness.
 - D. Dignity.

Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

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

Week 4 Assessment

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

Week 2 Assessment

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

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

Week 3 Assessment

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