

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. Courage Requires _____.
 - A. Action.
 - B. Daring.
 - C. Effort.
 - D. Self-Control

2. Palmer is dreading
 - A. going to the dentist.
 - B. doing a demonstration on pigeons.
 - C. a test at school.
 - D. Becoming a wringer.

3. In the phrase “At the same time she befuddled him.” (36,) the word *befuddled* means
 - A. to confuse a person.
 - B. to make one extremely enthusiastic.
 - C. to be interesting..
 - D. to embarrass someone.

4. What is “The Treatment”?
 - A. A beating to initiate a boy into his peer group.
 - B. A way people ignore one another.
 - C. A way to cure acne.
 - D. A way to wring a pigeon’s neck.

5. What is a phobia?
 - A. A fool.
 - B. A kind of pigeon food.
 - C. An old man.
 - D. An extreme fear.

6. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Palmer gets the nickname snots.
 2. Palmer gets the treatment.
 3. Beans finds Palmer and Dorothy at the playground and cannot believe they are not attending the pigeon shoot.
 4. Palmer has bruises on his arms.
- A. 1, 2, 4, 3
B. 1, 2, 3, 4
C. 2, 1, 4, 3
D. 4, 1, 2, 3
7. The setting of *The Wringer* is
- A. Honolulu, Hawaii, in the fall of 1941.
B. The town of Waymer.
C. Los Angeles, California, 1974.
D. New York, New York, during the World Series of 1986.
8. The word *lunged* in the phrase “Arthur lunged across the table, knocking drinks... (49,) most closely means:
- A. a sudden forward thrust.
B. reached.
C. fell.
D. a large number of things moving together.
9. Who is the author of *The Wringer*?
- A. Francisco Jimenez
B. Graham Salisbury
C. Jerry Spinelli
D. Zora Neale Hurston
10. Why doesn't Palmer like the smell of gun smoke?
- A. Bean always carries a gun.
B. It reminds him of the pigeon shoot.
C. Palmer is afraid of guns.
D. Palmer's mother and father have warned him about guns and fighting.

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. During Palmer's dream
 - A. millions of birds come to town..
 - B. he hides in his mother's closet.
 - C. Bean kisses Dorothy.
 - D. he kills birds.

2. The word *skirting* in the sentence "Jogging through the dark and seeping alleyways, *skirting* pools of streetlight, he imagined he was a toy lead soldier" (61) most closely means
 - A. creeping through
 - B. running along the edge
 - C. making
 - D. flying by.

3. Palmer is woken up by a
 - A. loud horn
 - B. blast
 - C. loud storm
 - D. tapping noise

4. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Palmer feeds the pigeon cereal
 2. Beans and Mutto tease the caged pigeons
 3. The boys sneak out of Palmer's window.
 4. Palmer has a hard time concentrating at school because he keeps on thinking about he pigeon he found at his window.
 - A. 4, 2, 1, 3,
 - B. 2, 4, 3, 1,
 - C. 2, 1, 3, 4,
 - D. 3, 2, 1, 4,

5. Courage is a risk for a
- A. person
 - B. gain
 - C. reason
 - D. reward
6. A Flexible Flyer is a
- A. plane
 - B. sled
 - C. kite
 - D. ski
7. The word *stupendous* in the sentence “Knowing that he was holding inside himself *stupendous* news.”(94,) most closely means
- A. causing amazement, great
 - B. sad
 - C. terrible
 - D. unfortunate
8. Palmer thinks the pigeon must be hungry so he feeds him
- A. grain
 - B. bugs
 - C. cereal
 - D. corn
9. Palmer’s mom becomes more suspicious when Palmer offers to
- A. wash the family car.
 - B. change his own bed sheets.
 - C. visit his grandmother.
 - D. mow the lawn.
10. The hardest thing for Palmer to do is to
- A. run laps.
 - B. act normal.
 - C. feed the pigeon.
 - D. understand his math lessons.

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. Palmer expected Bean's house to be
 - A. a ranch.
 - B. an apartment.
 - C. a mansion.
 - D. a shack.

2. The boys torment Dorothy by
 - A. picking on her younger sister.
 - B. nailing a dead muskrat to her front door.
 - C. painting her bike black.
 - D. calling her house at all hours of the day.

3. In the sentence "Did he fly around town, *oblivious* to the danger?" (107,) the word *oblivious* most closely means
 - A. blind.
 - B. unaware.
 - C. scared.
 - D. rapidly.

4. When Dorothy said, "Why are you doing this to me?" She was speaking directly to
 - A. her teacher.
 - B. Palmer.
 - C. Beans.
 - D. Mutto.

5. In the sentence "Palmer had not *anticipated* this" (140,) the word *anticipated* most closely means
 - A. expected
 - B. wanted
 - C. missed
 - D. hoped for

6. Dorothy writes Nipper's name on a
- A. Frisbee.
 - B. wall.
 - C. cage.
 - D. Nerf ball.
7. Palmer decides the best way to avoid anymore Nipper incidents is to
- A. sell the bird.
 - B. keep him caged.
 - C. disguise himself.
 - D. disguise the bird.
8. The word *beeline* in the sentence "The bike bolted on a *beeline* into the woods" (188) most closely means
- A. a fast path.
 - B. a straight path.
 - C. a dangerous path
 - D. something that changes the intended course or place.
9. Palmer decides Nipper can no longer stay with him because
- A. he is making too big of a mess in his bedroom.
 - B. he is allergic to the bird.
 - C. Panther the cat follows Nipper home.
 - D. Dorothy is going to tell the gang about Nipper.
10. When Palmer gets home from letting Nipper free in the woods,
- A. he finds Nipper at his window.
 - B. he finds Panther the cat with feathers in his mouth.
 - C. he cries himself to sleep.
 - D. his mom has bought him a new puppy.

Final Assessment

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

1. Why does Palmer consider not feeding Nipper?
 - A. Nipper is in danger and needs to go away and find a new home.
 - B. Palmer is afraid of his group of friends.
 - C. The pigeon is becoming a real pest.
 - D. He doesn't want his dad to find out he is feeding a pigeon.
2. What award did *Wringer* receive?
 - A. Zora Neale Hurston Award
 - B. John Steinbeck Award
 - C. Salisbury Award
 - D. Newbery Honor
3. What is Palmer dreading?
 - A. His grandparents coming to town
 - B. Getting the business.
 - C. The approach of World War III.
 - D. Becoming a wringer.
4. What is a wringer?
 - A. A person who gives out towels to a basketball team.
 - B. A person who has to put rings on birds' necks.
 - C. A person who cleans dishes in a big restaurant kitchen.
 - D. A person who kills a wounded bird by breaking its neck.
5. Palmer doesn't want his friends to know he doesn't want to be a wringer because
 - A. His friends think it is cool to be a wringer.
 - B. He doesn't want them to think he is a sissy and tease him.
 - C. His friends will not understand.
 - D. All of the above.

6. The word *persuader* in the sentence “He knew that food was a powerful persuader of animals.” (85,) most closely means
- A. helper.
 - B. influencer.
 - C. maker
 - D. leader.
7. The setting of *Wringer* is
- A. New York, New York.
 - B. Los Angeles, California.
 - C. Boise, Idaho.
 - D. A town called Waymer.
8. What is the treatment?
- A. A method doctors use to cure chicken pox.
 - B. A special oil they put in cars to make them run faster.
 - C. A kind of coffee.
 - D. A friendly ritual of bonding boys receive on their 9th birthday.
9. Why do they train boys to be wringers?
- A. In order to keep the rabbits from running away.
 - B. It keeps the dishes clean.
 - C. In order to keep the pigeons from suffering.
 - D. In order to keep new cars dry after it rains.
10. The word *befuddled* most closely means:
- A. confused.
 - B. messy.
 - C. happy.
 - D. fool.
11. The pigeons name is
- A. Griffin.
 - B. Nipper.
 - C. Napper.
 - D. Flapper.

12. Place the following events in chronological order:

1. Palmer has his 9th birthday.
2. Palmer gets the treatment.
3. A pigeon lands outside of Palmer's window.
4. The pigeon becomes Palmer's secret pet.
5. Palmer starts cleaning his own room so his mom does not discover the pigeon.

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

13. What is a Flexible Flyer?

- A. A sled.
- B. A bike.
- C. A flying disc
- D. A kite.

14. The first thing Palmer feeds the pigeon is

- A. rice
- B. corn.
- C. Sunflower seeds.
- D. cereal.

15. Palmer asks his mother to _____ before she comes into his room because he does not want her to _____ the _____.

- A. yell, clean, room.
- B. Wash, wreck, painting
- C. Knock, find, bird.
- D. Clap, find, bird

16. In the sentence “It landed in dirt beyond the centerfielder’s leap and rolled onto the parking lot, a white pureness against the black *macadam*.” (215,) the word *macadam* most closely means
- A. Pavement
 - B. horse.
 - C. tree.
 - D. dirt.
17. In the phrase “ a merciless *fusillade* the machine gun laid down” (201,) the word *fusillade* most closely means:
- A. battery.
 - B. bomb.
 - C. smoke.
 - D. smell.
18. Nipper was set free in a dangerous place because
- A. it was the home to wild felines.
 - B. wild dogs frequented the area.
 - C. it was right next to Bean’s house.
 - D. It was the area where they collected pigeons for the pigeon shoot.
19. What did the wringmaster do?
- A. Make rings.
 - B. Teach dishwashing.
 - C. Teach how to wring the necks of birds.
 - D. Run the circus
20. Was Palmer able to save Nipper?
- A. yes
 - B. no
 - C. maybe

Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

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

8. B
9. C
10. A

Week 2 Assessment

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

Final Assessment

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

Week 3 Assessment

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