

Week 1 Assessment

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2. How old was Moon Shadow when his father left?
 - A. Eight
 - B. Just turned one
 - C. Not yet born
 - D. Seven

3. "As he said, his two unmarried daughters were so ugly that they needed big dowries. But we knew he was going back for another reason"

In the sentence above, the word *dowries* most closely means:

 - A. Money or property a bride brings to her husband at marriage
 - B. Money or property a sister gives to her sister when she marries
 - C. Money or property a husband brings to his wife at marriage
 - D. Money or property the family brings to his family at marriage

4. In the sentence "There was a breeze blowing down the hill and the men had gathered outside, standing on the sidewalks, their hands behind their backs, talking amiably" the word *amiably* most closely means:
 - A. Quietly
 - B. Disagreeably
 - C. A small whisper
 - D. Good-naturedly

5. "He pushed open the door. He waited almost shyly by the doorway as I went inside. The room was only about ten feet wide. By one wall were two mats and truck. A large, long table filled the opposite wall, while shelves covered the other two walls. There were piles of the strange, thick cloth-like paper demons on one corner of the table" (p. 41).

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- D. 2, 1, 4, 3

7. A demon is

- A. A Chinaman in America
- B. A white person in American
- C. The devil
- D. A spirit

8. "The bony ribs of the wings stood out as high as a hill and the arteries and veins gleamed like wires of fine spun ruby and turquoise pressed into a thin sheet of jade."

This sentence is an example of

- A. Alliteration
- B. Foreshadowing
- C. Metaphor
- D. Sensory details

9. Which of the following best describe the personality of Windrider?

- A. Lazy
- B. A visionary
- C. Indifferent
- D. Realist

10. How do the others respond to Windrider's story of being a dragon in his previous life?

- A. They are shocked but believe him.

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- B. Think it was just a dream.
- C. They think he has gone crazy.
- D. Don't say anything and hope that Windrider will forget his crazy dream.

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 - A. Made partner at The Company
 - B. Hurt by a demon and is bedridden
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 - A. He can't wait to return to the Middle Kingdom
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4. In the sentence "Opium costs too much. He's never had enough to go on a binge as long as this." The word *binge* most closely means:
 - A. Shopping spree
 - B. Vacation
 - C. Splurge
 - D. None of above
5. In the sentence "With a sad twist of his head, Red Rabbit turned away from Father and began to clop along in his slow methodical pace."
 - A. Orderly
 - B. Disorganized
 - C. Trotting
 - D. Disciplined

An antonym for the word *methodical* would be:

- A. Orderly
- B. Disorganized
- C. Trotting
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6. “He would have turned away, but Father on impulse suddenly stuck out his hand. Uncle stared at it for a moment and then, like a demon, took it and shook hands with Father. Then Father shook hands like a demon with all the others, rather than bowing and saying good-bye. He was determined to begin doing things in the demonic fashion.”

The mood as Windrider and Moon Shadow leave for demon territory, as illustrated by the paragraph above, might best be described as

- A. Sad and depressing.
 - B. Sorrow and pain.
 - C. Jubilant and festive.
 - D. Tense and determined.
7. Place the following events from, *Dragonwings*, in chronological order:
- 1. Windrider meets Mr. Alger
 - 2. Windrider saves Black Dog from his enemies by whistling like the police.
 - 3. Moon Shadow is collecting money for the Company, Black Dog attacks him and steals the money.
 - 4. Windrider leaves the Company and moves to demon land
- A. 4, 2, 3, 1
 - B. 1 3, 2, 4
 - C. 4, 1, 3, 2
 - D. 1, 2, 3, 4
8. What word can **best** describe the mood at the end of *Tests*.
- A. Fury
 - B. Disappointment
 - C. Disbelief
 - D. Relief
9. What is the **primary** conflict in chapter entitled, *Tests*?”
- A. Windrider and Uncle are arguing over the issue of flying and if it is possible.
 - B. Moon Shadow’s desire to go to school.
 - C. Black Dog and his drug addition.
 - D. The death of a man by the hands of Windrider.

10. Which of the below statements **best** give the reason to why Black Dog is miserable.
- A. He is away from his family and has little to show for his efforts in America.
 - B. Hates it in America.
 - C. Does not like his father.
 - D. Struggling with his addition to Opium.

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. The sentence “‘We trade back and forth, butt’—she leaned forward conspiratorially—‘you can’t tell Auntie. She’d have kittens if she found out’” is an example of which literary device?
 - A. Alliteration
 - B. Hyperbole
 - C. Metaphor
 - D. Simile

2. In the sentence “You are looking good and prosperous”, the word *prosperous* most closely means:
 - A. Healthy
 - B. Skinny
 - C. Successful
 - D. Poor

3. Place the following events in chronological order:
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4. What is Windriders primary form of making money?
 - A. Doing laundry
 - B. Fixing demon machines
 - C. He doesn’t work Moon Shadow works while Windrider stays home building his plane
 - D. Demon house worker

5. How do the Lee's feel about the Whitlaw's?
- A. Fond of Miss Whitlaw but do not like Robin.
 - B. Find them both unappreciative.
 - C. Cautions- think Miss Whitlaw might be taking their money.
 - D. Grateful and thankful for their friendship.
6. In the sentence "'Robin,' Miss Whitlaw snapped. 'Really, Mr. Lee I don't know what's gotten into that greedy child'", the word *greedy* most closely means:
- A. Hungry
 - B. Selfish
 - C. Generous
 - D. All of above
7. "The whole world had become unglued. Our stable and Miss Whitlaw's house and the tenements to either side heaved and bobbed up and down, riding the ground like ships on a heavy sea."
- In the paragraph above, Hurston uses which of the following?
- A. Hyperbole
 - B. Metaphors
 - C. Sensory details
 - D. Simile
8. What happened to Miss Whitlaw's house during the earthquake?
- A. The house collapsed like the others
 - B. Stayed standing, while others collapsed
 - C. Blew up due to a broken gas pipe
 - D. Partially collapsed
9. The word that best describes Miss Whitlaw is:
- A. Realistic
 - B. Restrained
 - C. Open-minded
 - D. Temperamental

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10. In the story “Educations,” how does Windrider initially feel after the Moon Shadow tells reads him the letter from the Wright Brothers?
- A. Angry and betrayed.
 - B. Angry and embarrassed.
 - C. Excited and hopeful.
 - D. Worried and confused.

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All of the following are true **except**:
- A. They pay the landlords the money owed to him
 - B. They bring food
 - C. They all are there to encourage him to give his nonsense and return to The Company
 - D. They help him bring Dragonwings to the top of the hill
7. What happen to the money when Windrider finally gets Dragonwings built?
- A. Moon Shadow looses the money on the way to Tang store.
 - B. Windrider is robbed on the way home from work.
 - C. Windrider must pay rent and has no money left to rent wagons.
 - D. Money is stolen by Black Dog.
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10. Moon Shadow, Robin, Miss Whitlaw and Windrider are able to get about fifty people to help with locating survivors and helping the injured by
- A. Threatening to hit them with a piece of wood
 - B. Bribing them with money
 - C. Using Christian bible versus
 - D. Offering them a ride on Dragonwings
11. The friendship between Robin and Moon Shadow can be described as
- A. Respectful and informative
 - B. Romantic and respectful
 - C. Polite and civil
 - D. Wonderful and loyal
12. The word that best describes Miss Whitlaw is:
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 - B. Restrained
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13. What part of speech is used in the following paragraph:
- “Their sails would belly out full and white before the wind. And the breeze would rise up from the bay, cool and salty, passing over the hissing grass.”
- A. Slang.
 - B. Metaphor.
 - C. Simile.
 - D. Sarcasm.
14. In the sentence “Toiling up the hill out of the fog was Red Rabbit, and behind him I saw Uncle on the wagon seat”, the word *toiling* most closely means.
- A. Racing
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16. How would Moon Shadow describe his experience in America? All of the following are true **except**:
- A. A dream come true
 - B. Difficult and challenging
 - C. Tough and disappointed
 - D. Rewarding and demanding
17. How does Moon Shadow feel about leaving The Company a second time?
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19. Moon Shadow got his first letter addressed to him for the first time. Who's the letter from?
- A. Grandmother
 - B. Wright Brothers
 - C. Mother
 - D. Uncle

20. "I think the reason Uncle had originally been so strict with father was that he thought of Father as his spiritual son. He hoped that Windrider would be everything that Uncle had once wished Black Dog to be. And like any parent with a child, Uncle was hurt and angry when Windrider did not behave as Uncle wanted. But then, with Dragonwings, Uncle came to accept the fact that he was not always right."

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21. How does The Company find out about the Lee's eviction?
- A. Moon Shadow wrote a letter to them asking to borrow money
 - B. Miss Whitlaw contacted Uncle, The Company
 - C. Black Dog told Uncle
 - D. Windrider went to The Company and asked Uncle for a loan
22. In the sentence "Uncle locked himself in his room for one whole night and the next day came out as cantankerous as ever", the word *cantankerous* most closely means:
- A. Relieved
 - B. Depressed
 - C. Good-natured
 - D. Bad tempered
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24. Which of the answers below gives the best reason to why Windrider did not build another Dragonwings?
- A. Realized he couldn't have his family and his flying together and needed to chose one.
 - B. He didn't have enough money for the supplies.
 - C. He didn't have the support of Moon Shadow.
 - D. It was enough for him that he flew; he didn't' need to build another one.
25. What happens to Miss Whitman after the earthquake and fire?
- A. Her house is looted and everything is stolen.
 - B. She loses her savings in the fire and has to work as a housekeeper.
 - C. She and Robin move to Sacramento.
 - D. Becomes a teacher.

Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

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

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

Week 3 Assessment

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

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