

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. Integrity Requires _____.
 - A. Action.
 - B. Daring.
 - C. Effort.
 - D. Wholeness.

2. Ellie and Miah first meet at
 - A. In the school hallway.
 - B. In their social studies class.
 - C. At a school function.
 - D. In detention.

3. The word *banister* most closely means:
 - A. Baseboards
 - B. Staircase
 - C. Railing
 - D. Ceiling

4. In *If you Come Softly*, the point of view of the narrator is
 - A. First person (Ellie)
 - B. Third person (Miah).
 - C. Third person objective.
 - D. First person (Ellie) and third person (Miah).

5. The word yarmulke most closely means:
 - A. Jewish skullcap.
 - B. Religious book.
 - C. Star of David.
 - D. Sacred coat.

6. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Elisha is flashing back to when she met Jeremiah.
 2. Micah felt comfortable playing basketball with his new friends.
 3. Miah's mom asks if the kids at Percy think he's on a scholarship.
 4. Ellie denies that she is interested in a boy.
- A. 1, 2, 4, 3
B. 1, 2, 3, 4
C. 2, 1, 4, 3
D. 4, 1, 2, 3
7. The setting of *If You Come Softly* is
- A. Chicago, Illinois, 1980's
B. Chicago, Illinois, modern day
C. Manhattan, New York, modern day
D. Manhattan, New York, 1980's
8. The word *fret* most closely means:
- A. Satisfied
B. Confused
C. Annoyed
D. Worry
9. Who is the author of *If You Come Softly*?
- A. Sharon Flake
B. Maya Angelou
C. Toni Morrison
D. Jaqueline Woodson
10. How are Miah and Ellie classified?
- A. Ellie is a white privileged girl; Miah is underprivileged African American boy.
B. Ellie is an African American Jewish girl; Miah is a white privileged boy.
C. Ellie is a white Jewish girl; Miah is an African American boy.
D. Ellie is an African American boy; Miah is a white Jewish girl.

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. How does Anne react, when Ellie tells Anne Jeremiah is African American?
 - A. She is surprised.
 - B. She is thrilled and excited.
 - C. She is upset and mad.
 - D. She has no emotional reaction.

2. Anne wants Ellie to visit San Francisco because
 - A. Anne is having a baby.
 - B. Anne is having a commitment ceremony.
 - C. There are many colleges for Ellie to visit.
 - D. Anne misses her little sister.

3. The word *exasperation* most closely means:
 - A. Extremely embarrassed.
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4. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Micah lies and says he is not related to that 'filmmaker guy'
 2. Anne calls Ellie from San Francisco.
 3. Micah goes to basketball practice.
 4. Ellie wonders why her family doesn't have any African American friends.
 5. Micah is transferred to Ellie's history class.
 - A. 2, 3, 1, 4, 5
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5. Miah lies about his father because
 - A. He doesn't think his new friends will believe him.
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6. Why was Miah transferred to Ellie's history class?
- A. His parents requested him to be in this teacher's class.
 - B. Miah tested into that class.
 - C. He requested to be in Ellie's class.
 - D. He was placed there without prior testing.
7. The word *naive* most closely means:
- A. Native
 - B. Gullible
 - C. Nature
 - D. Strong
8. Miah is curious about Carlton's family because
- A. His dad is African American and his mom is white.
 - B. He is adopted by African American parents.
 - C. He is adopted by white parents.
 - D. He is the only child.
9. Ellie's conflict to tell her parents about Miah is
- A. An external conflict.
 - B. An internal conflict.
 - C. A natural conflict.
 - D. A societal conflict.
10. What does Ellie miss most about her dad?
- A. Their travel adventures.
 - B. Their walks in Central Park.
 - C. Their ritual of talking at dinner.
 - D. Their ritual of reading the newspaper.

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. Who is Lois Ann?
 - A. Ellie's mother.
 - B. Miah's friend from his old school.
 - C. The woman Miah's father is now dating.
 - D. Ellie's best friend.

2. Where do Miah and Ellie kiss?
 - A. Walking home from school.
 - B. At Percy Academy.
 - C. At Central Park.
 - D. On the basketball court.

3. The word *lingered* most closely means
 - A. Latched.
 - B. Loitered.
 - C. Littered.
 - D. Laced.

4. Ellie and Miah's struggle to date is what type of conflict?
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6. What did Anne tell Ellie about love?
- A. Love will make you do crazy things.
 - B. When she falls in love she will know it.
 - C. When she falls in love she will never be the same.
 - D. Love is the most precious gift.
7. What reason did Miah's father give to explain why he left Miah's mother?
- A. He did not love her anymore.
 - B. He cheated on her.
 - C. She cheated on him.
 - D. They outgrew each other.
8. The word *sociology* most closely means
- A. The study of human society.
 - B. The study of dating.
 - C. The study of race.
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9. What does Ellie discover when Miah takes her to meet his family.
- A. She discovers Miah is adopted.
 - B. She discovers Miah is a talented basketball player.
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10. Why does Miah's mom like Ellie so much?
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 - B. Because Ellie is white.
 - C. Because Ellie cares about Miah.
 - D. Because Ellie is Jewish.

Final Assessment

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1. Why does Ellie give Miah her Star of David necklace?
 - A. Because she wanted to give him an important parting gift.
 - B. Because she wants him to convert to Judaism.
 - C. Because he need luck for his basketball game.
 - D. Because he really wanted it.
2. Who killed Miah?
 - A. A bully from school.
 - B. A gang member.
 - C. A police officer.
 - D. A gunman on the loose.
3. Why does Ellie stay in touch with Miah's mother after his death?
 - A. Because Miah was important to her.
 - B. Because they are both able to console each other.
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Answer Keys

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

Week 2 Assessment

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

Final Assessment

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

Week 3 Assessment

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