

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. Integrity Requires _____.
 - A. Effort
 - B. Wholeness
 - C. Restraint
 - D. Moderation.
2. Shawn can be considered the story's _____.
 - A. Hero.
 - B. Protagonist.
 - C. Antagonist.
 - D. Narrator.
3. *Stuck in Neutral* is set in which city?
 - A. Seattle, Washington
 - B. Washington D.C.
 - C. Los Angeles, CA
 - D. Detroit, MI
4. In *Stuck In Neutral* the story is narrated by Shawn, which point of view is used?
 - A. First person, narrative.
 - B. Third person, narrative
 - C. Second person.
 - D. Omniscient
5. What does Shawn's dad feel the crows symbolizes?
 - A. Creativity
 - B. Lack of fear
 - C. A bad omen or death
 - D. One's ability to fly free
6. Shawn continues to describe his dad's desire to kill him. The author is using what literary device?
 - A. Past tense
 - B. Foreshadow
 - C. Irony

D. Metaphor

7. The setting of *Stuck in Neutral* is
- A. Seattle, WA during the 1920s'.
 - B. Anywhere in the United States, 1950's.
 - C. A mental institution, in the future.
 - D. Seattle, WA present day
8. Shawn feels the award winning poem his dad wrote has,
- A. Made him resent Shawn more.
 - B. Helped him process Shawn's condition.
 - C. Made him a professional victim.
 - D. Made him a better father.
9. Who is the author of *Stuck in Neutral*?
- A. Terry Trueman
 - B. Graham Salisbury
 - C. Gary Paulsen
 - D. Christopher Paul Curtis
10. Shawn can be best described as,
- A. Uncaring.
 - B. Compassionate and strong.
 - C. Smart, focused and a genius.
 - D. Temperamental.

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. The Americans with Disabilities Act, 1990 is
 - A. A law to give people with disabilities more freedoms.
 - B. A law the gives people with disabilities jobs.
 - C. Helpful to people who need assistance.
 - D. An equal opportunities law that protects the rights of people with disabilities.

2. Shawn's classroom is used to,
 - A. Teach the kids and give them the therapy they need.
 - B. Try to normalize the un-normal.
 - C. Teach job and life skills.
 - D. None of the above

3. The purpose of Shawn's dad's video is to,
 - A. Expose how much money the state spends on teaching kids who can not learn.
 - B. Justify why this money should be spent on kids like Shawn.
 - C. Share how caring the teaching staff is at Shawn's school.
 - D. Explain that more money should be given to this type of program.

4. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Shawn's dad left the family when he was 4.
 2. Shawn can remember everything he hears.
 3. Shawn has CP and can not control any of his functions.
 4. Shawn's dad is exposing the physical and emotional cost of having a child like Shawn.
 5. Shawn's dad wants to end his pain.
 - A. 1, 3, 4, 2, 5
 - B. 3, 2, 1, 4, 5
 - C. 3, 1, 2, 5, 4
 - D. 3, 1, 2, 4, 5

5. Shawn describes himself as,
 - A. A hopeless romantic.
 - B. A secret genius.
 - C. A athlete.
 - D. Brilliant.

6. Page 51: "He's weak and cowardly." Which word or phrase best describes the antonym of cowardly?
- A. fearful
 - B. brave
 - C. scared
 - D. confident
7. The thing that Shawn wants most is to,
- A. Walk again.
 - B. Stop his seizures.
 - C. Be able to feel.
 - D. Be understood.
8. Euthanasia is,
- A. Children who live in Asia.
 - B. The moral responsibility for physicians to "do no harm."
 - C. The right of terminally ill people to end their life or have their life ended for them.
 - D. Moral, ethical, and lawful.
9. How should people approach/speak to someone with a disability?
- A. Acknowledge their presence.
 - B. Make them aware of your presence (blind).
 - C. Speak loudly, enunciate clearly, and speak to the person (deaf).
 - D. All of the above
10. Shawn sees his father as a,
- A. Self-involved jerk.
 - B. Brilliant businessman.
 - C. Loving father.
 - D. Compassionate man.

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. What style did the author use to write the novel,
Stuck in Neutral?
 - A. Argument, to prove that he was unjustly sentenced.
 - B. Narrative, to finish telling the story.
 - C. Letter format to finalize details.
 - D. Biography, to have someone else tell his story.
2. Which genre best describes *Stuck in Neutral*?
 - A. Non-fiction
 - B. Realistic fiction
 - C. Mystery
 - D. Biography
3. "Integrity Requires _____".
 - A. Action
 - B. Restraint
 - C. Compassion
 - D. Wholeness
4. The conflict in *Stuck in Neutral* can best be described as,
 - A. Man vs. man
 - B. Man vs. nature
 - C. Man vs. self
 - D. Man vs. nurture
5. The Alice Ponds Show can best be described as,
 - A. Newspaper/Magazine show
 - B. Hardline news
 - C. Sensationalism
 - D. Opinion News
6. Shawn's dad wrote and directed a documentary about life with kids like Shawn. Which word or phrase best describes the word *documentary*?
 - A. Factual objective
 - B. Historical
 - C. Humorous
 - D. Factual with opinions

7. Page 79: “If you love your child enough and you see him suffering horribly, and you know both medically, ‘cuz what the docs tell you, and in your heart, that his condition is hopeless, and that his life is nothing but pain and agony” (p. 79). What word or phrase best describes the antonym of the word agony?
- A. Extreme pain
 - B. Paradise
 - C. Misery
 - D. Distress
8. Paul and Cindy want to _____ Shawn.
- A. Protect
 - B. Love
 - C. Save
 - D. All of the above
9. In the title, “*Stuck in Neutral*” what word or phrase most closely describes *neutral*?
- A. Not taking part or giving assistance
 - B. Belonging to a neutral state or party
 - C. No particular kind or characteristic
 - D. No hue
10. Shawn can be considered the stories,
- A. Protagonist
 - B. Antagonist
 - C. Hero
 - D. Narrator
11. Put the following events in chronological order based on the events in the novel
- 1. Paul and Cindy are concerned about Shawn’s safety.
 - 2. Two neighborhood kids tried to light Shawn on fire.
 - 3. Shawn’s father released a documentary and was on the Alice Ponds Show.
 - 4. Paul nearly killed the boys trying to defend Shawn.
 - 5. Shawn’s family leaves for a basketball tournament.
- A. 3, 1, 2, 4, 5
 - B. 1, 5, 4, 2, 3
 - C. 3, 5, 1, 2, 4
 - D. 2, 5, 4, 1, 3

12. Which word or phrase could be considered a theme or big idea of *Stuck in Neutral*?

- A. Loss
- B. Love
- C. Freedom
- D. Suffering

13. Shawn would be considered an _____ person.

- A. Pessimistic
- B. Optimistic
- C. Hateful
- D. Self-loathing

Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

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

Week 2 Assessment

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

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