

Character-Based Literacy Program Assessment

Before We Were Free, Week 1



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

Name:

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1. Why does Carla select her jewelry box as her item to bring?
 - a. Because she wants to wear her jewelry on the airplane.
 - b. Because it is pretty.
 - c. Because it holds smaller items; meaning she can take more than one thing.
 - d. Because Anita had given it to her.
2. Why did a black moth startle Anita's family during dinner?
 - a. It is an omen for illness.
 - b. It flew through the house like a bat.
 - c. It landed in Lucinda's hair.
 - d. It is an omen of death.
3. Why does Lucinda whisper when she speaks to Anita?
 - a. In case the SIM put microphones in their house.
 - b. To build suspense.
 - c. In case her parents overhear her telling Anita what is happening.
 - d. Because she is sharing secrets.
4. The word *proposition* most closely means
 - a. Stated opinion.
 - b. Suggested plan.
 - c. Denial of ideas.
 - d. Both A and C
5. What is Anita instructed to tell classmates about her absence?
 - a. That she had the flu.
 - b. That she had chickenpox.
 - c. That they had SIM agents raid their home.
 - d. That she had gone on a trip.

6. What does Anita want most for Christmas?
 - a. For her family to be back together.
 - b. A new pair of shoes.
 - c. A golden necklace.
 - d. A diary.
7. How does Oscar obtain his information about current events?
 - a. He listens to the radio.
 - b. He asks a lot of questions.
 - c. He reads the newspaper.
 - d. He listens in on people's phone calls.
8. The word *amnesty* most closely means
 - a. Official punishment.
 - b. Official penalty.
 - c. Official pardon.
 - d. Official deal.
9. Why does Anita's family distrust Lorena?
 - a. She was caught listening in on conversations.
 - b. She stole from the office.
 - c. She asks too many questions.
 - d. She could be a spy for the SIM.
10. Who is Mr. Smith?
 - a. El Jefe.
 - b. The grocery store owner.
 - c. An Ambassador.
 - d. A friend of Anita's father.

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1. Who sent Lucinda flowers after the party?
 - a. A secret admirer.
 - b. El Jefe
 - c. A young consul member.
 - d. A classmate.
2. How is Lucinda going to the United States?
 - a. To become a Spanish tutor.
 - b. As Susie's chaperone.
 - c. Disguised as a maid.
 - d. With a visitor's visa.
3. What does Anita's father want her to promise him?
 - a. That she will spread her wings and fly.
 - b. That she will protect her family.
 - c. That she will not leave the Dominican Republic.
 - d. That she will get an education.
4. A person called a *dissident* has done what?
 - a. Followed official policy.
 - b. Insulted the governing leader.
 - c. Ignored a law.
 - d. Opposed official policy.
5. Anita is comforted when Oscar admits that
 - a. She is
 - b. He is going to leave for the United States.
 - c. He is scared too.
 - d. He has a crush on her.

6. Papi announces that they are _____ for the first time in 31 years.
 - a. Free.
 - b. Safe.
 - c. Rescued.
 - d. Victorious.
7. Who helped Anita pack a bag after the SIM raid?
 - a. Chucha and Mami
 - b. Chucha
 - c. No one
 - d. Mami
8. The word *confiscated* most closely means
 - a. Give a gift.
 - b. Replace an item.
 - c. Take someone's property
 - d. Ask to use someone's property.
9. What does Anita do to cope with living in hiding?
 - a. Keeping a schedule.
 - b. Reading.
 - c. Writing in her diary.
 - d. All of the above.
10. How did Mundín escape onto a boat?
 - a. The Captain let him aboard.
 - b. He was disguised as a woman.
 - c. He hid in luggage.
 - d. He was disguised as a crew member.

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Before We Were Free, Week 3



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

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1. Why does Anita watch TV every chance she gets?
 - a. To keep her mind distracted.
 - b. She wants to stay informed on the news.
 - c. To learn English.
 - d. She enjoys the shows.
2. Why doesn't Mami want to move to Queens with the García family?
 - a. She prefers staying in the hotel.
 - b. She wants to move to a warmer state.
 - c. She does not want to settle down in the United States.
 - d. She does not like New York.
3. Why does Papito tell Anita they cannot mail her letter to Oscar?
 - a. Because sending mail that far is too expensive.
 - b. Because the Dominican Republic is closed down and no mail is getting through.
 - c. Because the family cannot disclose their location.
 - d. Because Oscar is a boy.
4. The word *farfetched* most closely means
 - a. Reaching.
 - b. Distant.
 - c. Possible.
 - d. Unlikely.
5. Why was the grocer mad at Anita?
 - a. She had stolen food.
 - b. She made a mess of the display.
 - c. Both A and B.
 - d. None of the above.

6. How had Anita and her mother gotten out of the Mancini home?
 - a. They carefully made a plan to walk away.
 - b. Wimpy picked them up in a helicopter.
 - c. They snuck into a bus at night.
 - d. Wimpy picked them up in a car.
7. What is Anita excited to see on Thanksgiving?
 - a. Her family.
 - b. Snowfall.
 - c. A lot of food.
 - d. Photo albums from her Papi's childhood.
8. The word *correspondence* most closely means
 - a. Writing.
 - b. Contrasting.
 - c. Comparing.
 - d. Talking.
9. What does Oscar tell Anita in his letter?
 - a. That her father and uncle were heroes.
 - b. That the school is opening again.
 - c. Both A and B.
 - d. That he missed her.
10. What does Anita see when she looks at the figures made in snow?
 - a. Butterflies
 - b. Angels
 - c. Stars
 - d. Footprints

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Before We Were Free, Answer Keys



Week 1

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

Week 2

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

Week 3

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