

Character-Based Literacy Program Assessment

Journey of the Sparrows, Week 1



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

Name:

Date:

Period:

1. Where did María come from?
 - a. Mexico
 - b. Honduras
 - c. Guatemala
 - d. El Salvador
2. Who is Marta?
 - a. Tomás' mother
 - b. Tomás' aunt
 - c. A doctor who helps immigrants
 - d. A church volunteer
3. How do María and her siblings feel when they hear a siren?
 - a. Excited
 - b. Curious
 - c. Angry
 - d. Afraid
4. How did the children cross the border?
 - a. Nailed in a crate.
 - b. On a raft.
 - c. Walking across the desert.
 - d. On a bus.
5. A Quetzal is _____.
 - a. A cat.
 - b. A bird.
 - c. A mythological creature.
 - d. A cultural artifact.
6. Where are María's mother and baby sister?
 - a. Illinois
 - b. El Salvador
 - c. Mexico
 - d. Honduras

7. The word *exuberant* most closely means
 - a. Cheerful
 - b. Sad
 - c. Scary
 - d. Mysterious
8. Based on her memories from her father, what responsibility did María think she had?
 - a. Finishing school.
 - b. Learning English.
 - c. Being respectful.
 - d. Saving her family.
9. María needs to learn English because
 - a. She should go to school.
 - b. Her current job will not last for long.
 - c. She is unemployed.
 - d. She wants to fit in American society.
10. How does María show respect when talking to other people?
 - a. Looking down.
 - b. Making eye contact.
 - c. Nodding her head.
 - d. Shaking other people's hands.

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Journey of the Sparrows, Week 2



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

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1. What toy does the Quetzal Lady give to Oscar?
 - a. A balloon.
 - b. A toy firetruck.
 - c. A kite.
 - d. A stuffed animal.
2. What did Oscar did with the picture of his mother?
 - a. He carried with him all the time.
 - b. He gave it to María.
 - c. He made a copy of it.
 - d. He decorate the wall next to his bed with it.
3. How did María lose her job at the sewing factory?
 - a. She was laid off because there was not enough work.
 - b. She was laid off because she was too slow.
 - c. Immigration raided the factory.
 - d. María quit her job because she wasn't paid.
4. The word *fervently* most closely means
 - a. Calmly
 - b. Excitedly
 - c. Reluctantly
 - d. Nervously
5. What did María do at Father Jonathan's church?
 - a. She ate at the soup kitchen.
 - b. She volunteered at the soup kitchen.
 - c. She collected donations.
 - d. She tried to steal bread.
6. How did María know that her mother is struggling?
 - a. Her mother tried to cross the border.
 - b. Her mother paid strangers to take Teresa to the US.
 - c. Her mother wrote asking for help.
 - d. Her mother stopped sending letters.

7. What did María sell at the store?
 - a. Pictures of San Martín and El Santo Niño.
 - b. Pictures of sparrows and quetzals.
 - c. Julia's necklace.
 - d. The last items from home.
8. How did Tomás and María get to know each other?
 - a. They told sad stories from their past.
 - b. They told funny stories about the good times at home.
 - c. They asked each other personal questions.
 - d. They drew pictures for each other.
9. The word *basin* most closely means
 - a. Valley
 - b. Bath tub
 - c. Washbowl
 - d. Foundation
10. According to Doña Elena, the delivery of the baby is harder than normal because
 - a. They didn't go to a hospital
 - b. Julia is weak and scared
 - a. Doña Elena does not have much experience in delivering babies.
 - b. Julia does not understand Doña Elena's instructions.

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Journey of the Sparrows, Week 3



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

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1. Why was the view of the park at spring time meaningful to María?
 - a. She could draw pictures of the park.
 - b. It symbolized freedom.
 - c. It reminded her of home.
 - d. It was a place to hang out with friends.
2. The word *quiver* most closely means
 - a. Disappear
 - b. Grow
 - c. Shiver
 - d. Shrink
3. Why was Teresa in danger?
 - a. She was with strangers.
 - b. Her mother was deported.
 - c. She arrived to Illinois.
 - d. She was hungry.
4. How did Doña Elena help Julia and María?
 - a. She sold her San Ysidro.
 - b. She gave Julia and María her life savings.
 - c. She promised to travel to Mexico to bring Teresa.
 - d. She found a ride for María.
5. Who is Ana Aragón?
 - a. Father Jonathan's secretary.
 - b. Tomás' relative.
 - c. A woman who once took care of Tomás for a week.
 - d. A human rights advocate.
6. The word *gully* most closely mean
 - a. Hill
 - b. Path
 - c. Paddle
 - d. Ravine

7. The word *infirmary* most closely means
 - a. Hospital
 - b. Jail
 - c. Theater
 - d. Bus station
8. What river does María try to cross by foot?
 - a. The Colorado River
 - b. The Texas River
 - c. The Lerma River
 - d. The Rio Grande River
9. The word furnished most closely means
 - a. Fixed
 - b. Furniture
 - c. Provided
 - d. Completed
10. What happened to Estela, Gilberto, and Juan?
 - a. They found work in Chicago.
 - b. They found medical treatment for Juan.
 - c. They were caught by border patrol officers.
 - d. They did not find a way to cross the desert.

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Week 1

1. d
2. b
3. d
4. a
5. b
6. c
7. a
8. d
9. b
10. a

Week 3

1. c
2. c
3. b
4. a
5. c
6. d
7. a
8. d
9. c
10. c

Week 2

1. c
2. a
3. c
4. b
5. d
6. b
7. a
8. b
9. c
10. b