

Character-Based Literacy Program Assessment

The Book Thief, Week 1



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

Name:

Date:

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1. Why did Liesel have to move to Himmel Street?
 - a. Because Hans and Rosa wanted kids.
 - b. Because her mom wanted to get rid of her.
 - c. Because her parents were Communist.
 - d. Because Liesel wanted a new home.
2. What is the “Jesse Owens Incident”?
 - a. Rudy pretended he was Jesse Owens.
 - b. Jesse Owens sent messages about Hitler.
 - c. Liesel tried to run as fast as Jesse Owens.
 - d. Rudy met Jesse Owens.
3. Why did Rosa’s laundry business lose customers?
 - a. The customers did not approve of her manners.
 - b. The customers could no longer afford laundry services.
 - c. Rosa did a poort job.
 - d. Most customers wanted to spend their money on other things.
4. The word *melancholic* most closely means
 - a. Reflective sadness.
 - b. Excessive drinking.
 - c. Passionate anger.
 - d. Pensive happiness.
5. Liesel never stole a book from
 - a. The mayor’s house.
 - b. The school library.
 - c. Book burning event.
 - d. A graveyard.

6. Max's life was in danger because
 - a. He was a Communist.
 - b. He committed treason.
 - c. He got into too many fights.
 - d. He was Jewish.
7. Liesel was teased at school
 - a. For being poor.
 - b. For bullying others.
 - c. For being Rudy's friend.
 - d. For being illiterate.
8. What is not likely to happen if the Gestapo found Max at the Hubberman's place?
 - a. Max would be murdered.
 - b. Liesel would be sent back to her mother.
 - c. The Hubbermans would be sent to a concentration camp.
 - d. The Hubbermans would be murdered.
9. Who teaches Liesel how to read and write?
 - a. Rosa
 - b. Hans
 - c. Max
 - d. Rudy
10. What do Liesel and Rudy do to feed themselves?
 - a. They steal from local farms.
 - b. They work for Hans' painting business.
 - c. They sell books.
 - d. They start their own business.

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The Book Thief, Week 2 and 3



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

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1. To make a present for Liesel, Max used
 - a. Old newspapers.
 - b. Wood scraps.
 - c. Rocks.
 - d. A copy of *Mein Kampf*.
2. Nazi officials showed interest in Rudy because
 - a. Rudy is a danger to the party.
 - b. Alex Steiner nominated Rudy to an elite program.
 - c. A Hitler Youth director tried to get Rudy into trouble.
 - d. Rudy is an outstanding athlete.
3. During the “death march” on Himmel Street, Liesel was hoping to see
 - a. Her mother
 - b. Hans, back from the war
 - c. Max
 - d. Someone she could help
4. The word *derision* most closely means
 - a. Making fun of someone to show contempt.
 - b. Making a difficult decision.
 - c. Something that causes tension.
 - d. Something that causes hardship.
5. What is one thing Liesel DIDN'T do to make Max feel better when he was sick?
 - a. She read to him.
 - b. She cut his hair.
 - c. She gave him thirteen presents.
 - d. She brought him a cloud.

6. What did Hans tell Liesel to keep doing, before he left for war?
 - a. Read to books to others during the air raids.
 - b. Write her memoir.
 - c. Look for food with Rudy.
 - d. Search for her mother.
7. Why did Max have to leave Himmel Street?
 - a. The Hubbermans no longer wanted him there.
 - b. Max thought he could escape to another country.
 - c. They thought Nazi officials would soon visit the house.
 - d. Liesel and Max got into an argument.
8. Why did Hans think he was in trouble with the Nazi party?
 - a. He didn't turn Liesel in for stealing books.
 - b. He didn't sign up for military service.
 - c. He gave a Jew a piece of bread.
 - d. He helped spread anti-Nazi propaganda.
9. Why did Liesel tell Rudy the truth about Max?
 - a. Hans and Rosa told her it was okay to tell him.
 - b. Rudy proved his loyalty by saving her book from the river.
 - c. Liesel wanted Rudy to like her.
 - d. Max asked Liesel to tell Rudy.
10. How did Liesel survive the air strike on Himmel Street?
 - a. The fire department helped her escape.
 - b. Liesel's room was not hit by the bombs.
 - c. Death decided to spare her.
 - d. Liesel was in the basement, writing.

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The Book Thief, Answer Keys



Week 1

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

Week 2 and 3

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