

Character-Based Literacy Program Assessment

The Help, Chapters 1–8



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

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1. Hilly persuaded Elizabeth to build a separate _____ for the help.
 - a. Entrance
 - b. Bathroom
 - c. Kitchen
 - d. Dining table
2. Minny accepted a position at Celia's house even though
 - a. The per-hour wage was low.
 - b. Celia was mean to her maids.
 - c. Celia's husband was not aware that Celia was hiring a maid.
 - d. Celia's husband was against the idea of hiring a maid.
3. Why did Skeeter take on the Miss Myrna column?
 - a. Skeeter has vast housecleaning experience.
 - b. Skeeter urgently needed an income.
 - c. Hilly encouraged Skeeter to get a career.
 - d. Elain Stein encouraged Skeeter to get a job at a local paper.
4. Why was Louvenia Brown's son attacked and blinded?
 - a. He used a white people's bathroom.
 - b. He spoke against white people.
 - c. He attempted to vote in the Mississippi elections.
 - d. He threatened a white person.
5. Who is Constantine?
 - a. The chairperson of the Junior League
 - b. The help when Skeeter was a child
 - c. The help at Hilly's house
 - d. A reporter for the Jackson Journal
6. Who is James Meredith?
 - a. An African-American Air Force veteran who applied to the University of Mississippi
 - b. A candidate of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party
 - c. A civil rights advocate
 - d. A known criminal in Jackson, MS

7. The word *predicament* most closely means
 - a. Quandary
 - b. Triumph
 - c. Calculation
 - d. Memory
8. The word *tenacity* most closely means
 - a. Arrogance
 - b. Challenge
 - c. Persistence
 - d. Complication
9. How would you describe Elizabeth's relationship with Mae Mobley?
 - a. Affectionate
 - b. Neglectful
 - c. Proud
 - d. Demanding
10. Where has Skeeter's idea for a book come from?
 - a. Treelore's work on a book about being an African American in Mississippi
 - b. Elaine Stein's book idea
 - c. Hilly's favorite books
 - d. Aibileen's favorite books

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The Help, Chapters 9–20



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1. Why did Aibileen ask Skeeter to bring her library books?
 - a. She wanted to learn how to read and write.
 - b. She wanted to conduct research.
 - c. She wanted to read about the experiences of African Americans.
 - d. She could not get the same books in the library section for people of color.
2. How did Skeeter feel when she saw the compilation of Jim Crow laws?
 - a. Mesmerized that there are so many laws for separating white and African American people.
 - b. Relieved that there are specific rules for every behavior.
 - c. Happy that she found points of discussion for her book.
 - d. Worried that she does not know enough about these rules.
3. What Jim Crow law resembled Hilly's Home Help Sanitation Initiative?
 - a. A penalty for publishing an article in favor of racial equality
 - b. Separate schools for African American and white children
 - c. Separate bathrooms in railroad train stations
 - d. Separate jail facilities for African American and white people
4. What happened to Medgar Evers?
 - a. He was assassinated near his home.
 - b. He received a reward for his community involvement.
 - c. He was recognized by the governor of Mississippi.
 - d. He had an accident at work.
5. How would you characterize the background of Celia Rae Foote?
 - a. Wealthy, highly educated
 - b. Wealthy, history of civil rights activism
 - c. Poor, highly educated
 - d. Poor, low social status
6. What are the main activities of the Junior League?
 - a. Fundraising and community service
 - b. Support of political candidates
 - c. Social services for African Americans
 - d. Health initiatives

7. What did Celia hide from her husband and Minny?
 - a. Plans to renovate the house
 - b. Alcohol addiction
 - c. Multiple miscarriages
 - d. Homesickness
8. Why did so many maids participate in Skeeter's interviews?
 - a. They knew Yule May and were angry about how she was treated.
 - b. They knew Aibileen and wanted to help her.
 - c. They knew Minny and wanted to show solidarity.
 - d. They knew Hilly and wanted to tell the world about her.
9. The word *duplicious* most closely means
 - a. Creative
 - b. Multiple
 - c. Dishonest
 - d. Honorable
10. What is racial segregation?
 - a. Denial of access of people from certain racial backgrounds to public places.
 - b. Allocation of land to people from certain racial backgrounds.
 - c. Promotion of equal rights to people of all races.
 - d. Printing separate textbooks for students of different racial backgrounds.

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The Help, Chapters 21–34



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1. What was the purpose of The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom?
 - a. To promote national awareness of racial inequality in the US.
 - b. To support racial segregation.
 - c. To identify best practices for desegregation.
 - d. To remember key milestones in American history.
2. The word *specialist* most closely means
 - a. Worker
 - b. Expert
 - c. Novelist
 - d. Advocate
3. What would Raleigh Leefolt do if Aibileen ever talks with Skeeter again?
 - a. Cut her salary.
 - b. Give her a raise.
 - c. Fire her and make sure she is unemployable.
 - d. Remove the separate bathroom she was required to use.
4. What is Hilly's response to the display of toilets in her front yard?
 - a. Showing gratitude for the free toilets.
 - b. Canceling the Home Help Sanitation Initiative.
 - c. Firing her maid.
 - d. Removing Skeeter from her position in the Junior League.
5. What did the experience with the naked man teach Minny about Celia?
 - a. Celia would never defend Minny.
 - b. Celia is a strong woman.
 - c. Celia does not believe in violence.
 - d. Celia has a sense of humor.
6. What are Celia's social goals?
 - a. To befriend Hilly.
 - b. To be the most well-dressed woman in The Benefit.
 - c. To support the civil rights of African Americans in Mississippi.
 - d. To promote Women's rights.

7. The word *eradicate* most closely means
 - a. Elaborate
 - b. Educate
 - c. Eliminate
 - d. Exonerate
8. Why did Stuart withdraw his marriage proposal to Skeeter?
 - a. Elizabeth lied to Stuart.
 - b. Elizabeth is poor.
 - c. Elizabeth has a criminal record.
 - d. Elizabeth supports the human rights of African Americans.
9. What did Johnny and Celia promise Minny?
 - a. Minny will always have a job at their house.
 - b. They will start advocating for the civil rights of African Americans.
 - c. Minny's wages will be aligned with the salaries of white people in Jackson.
 - d. They will tell society about Hilly's hypocrisy.
10. Who did Mae Mobley blame when her father caught her play Minny's stories?
 - a. Minny
 - b. Her teacher
 - c. Her mother
 - d. Hilly

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The Help, Answer Keys



Chapters 1–8

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

Chapters 21–34

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

Chapters 9–20

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