

A War That is Finished

by Gerald R. Ford

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

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About the Pre-Reading Activity

Open-dictionary; ungraded or completion grade. Students preview 20 words from the upcoming reading, each in a sentence that supports understanding. They choose the best meaning from 3 choices.

About the Optional Post-Reading Quiz

Use after reading, or skip. The same words appear in excerpts from the text.

Practice words: Abraham Lincoln, alleviate, attain, deterrent, devise, enhance, facilitate, illustrious, indulgent, innovate, motivate, motivation, nevertheless, nucleus, optimistic, stimulate, technique, temperament, transcend, unprecedented



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address is considered one of the most important speeches in American history.
 - A. U.S. president who wrote the Declaration of Independence (1743–1826)
 - B. Civil War U.S. president
 - C. U.S. president who led the country through World War II and created the New Deal (1882–1945)
2. She wants to save the planet and **alleviate** poverty at the same time.
 - A. understand
 - B. eliminate
 - C. lessen
3. They hope to **attain** effective law and order in the region before withdrawing troops.
 - A. openly oppose
 - B. carefully describe
 - C. successfully gain
4. The steep fine served as a **deterrent** to careless parking.
 - A. something that rewards
 - B. something that discourages
 - C. something that explains
5. This may be our last chance to **devise** a compromise that will save the peace.
 - A. consider
 - B. create
 - C. save
6. The stunning victory over the Blue Devils **enhanced** the Bulldogs' image as title contenders.
 - A. damaged
 - B. questioned
 - C. improved
7. She argues that the stimulus **facilitated** an economic recovery.
 - A. ruled out
 - B. made easier
 - C. complicated
8. The **illustrious** scientist received another prestigious award for her research.
 - A. famous and admired
 - B. unknown and ordinary
 - C. controversial but rich
9. Her **indulgent** parents bought her every toy she asked for.
 - A. strictly demanding
 - B. coldly distant
 - C. overly lenient
10. Companies must **innovate** quickly to stay ahead of their competitors.
 - A. follow old rules
 - B. create new methods
 - C. imitate rivals
11. She is **motivated** by a sincere desire to help others.
 - A. driven
 - B. slowed
 - C. stopped

12. I can describe her actions but not her **motivation**.
A. history
B. reason
C. future
13. She loves him. Nevertheless, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
A. also
B. despite that
C. in addition
14. The small reading group became the nucleus of a schoolwide book club.
A. ending
B. critics
C. center
15. She keeps telling me her chances of dying in a car accident are 1 in 150, but I keep telling her that's too optimistic if she drives after drinking.
A. hopeful
B. gloomy
C. simplistic
16. The government hopes that the new tax breaks will **stimulate** the economy.
A. encourage activity or development in
B. directly control prices in
C. reduce overall spending in
17. One **technique** I use for dealing with anger is to wait ten seconds before responding.
A. way of doing something
B. habit
C. solution to anger
18. Her calm **temperament** helped her stay patient during the long delay.
A. formal training
B. usual nature
C. sudden mistake
19. Her artwork **transcends** typical landscape painting through bold abstract elements.
A. goes beyond
B. stays within
C. exactly copies
20. The targeting of civilians is **unprecedented** in the conflict.
A. a recurring problem
B. not having happened before
C. highly regrettable

Vocabulary in Context

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____ Score _____ / 20

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

- 1 Louisiana had been a State for less than three years, but outnumbered Americans **innovated**, outnumbered Americans used the tactics of the frontier to defeat a veteran British force trained in the strategy of the Napoleonic wars.
A. said (or make a sound) with the voice
B. bring something new to an environment
C. controlled (how something turned out)
- 2 So, the **illustrious** victory in the Battle of New Orleans was a powerful restorative to our national pride.
A. famous and admired; or worthy of admiration
B. the state or degree of being bad or harmful
C. able to be taken up or received into heaven
- 3 Yet, the epic struggle **nevertheless** restored America's pride.
A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
C. therefore (for that reason)
- 4 As I see it, the time has come to look forward to an agenda for the future, to unify, to bind up the Nation's wounds, and to restore its health and its **optimistic** self-confidence.
A. expecting the best; or focusing on the good part of things
B. in a manner of accepting something as true (without proof)
C. relating separately to the people or things just mentioned
- 5 It is true that we have launched our Bicentennial celebration without having achieved human perfection, but we have **attained** a very remarkable self-governed society that possesses the flexibility and the dynamism to grow and undertake an entirely new agenda, an agenda for America's third century.
A. examined in detail to better understand
B. tension from opposing ideas or feelings
C. gained or reached something with effort
- 6 Tonight, I would like to talk about another kind of strength, the true source of American power that **transcends** all of the deterrent powers for peace of our Armed Forces.
A. exceeds or surpasses
B. reaches
C. restricts
- 7 Tonight, I would like to talk about another kind of strength, the true source of American power that **transcends** all of the **deterrent** powers for peace of our Armed Forces.
A. opinion of what is good and bad about something
B. something that discourages something not wanted
C. the majority denomination of Islam (almost 90%)
- 8 Abraham Lincoln asked, in his own words, and I quote, "What constitutes the bulwark of our own liberty and independence?"
A. U.S. president who wrote the Declaration of Independence (1743–1826)
B. U.S. president who led during the Civil War and ended slavery before being assassinated (1809–1865)
C. U.S. president who led the country through World War II and created the New Deal (1882–1945)
- 9 However, tonight, with your **indulgence**, let me share with you my own views.
A. a person with or something related to an eating disorder in which overeating is followed by guilt and unhealthy attempts at correction -- especially self-induced vomiting
B. a musical play with orchestra in which most of the dialogue is sung (or the art form that consists of such musicals; or describing something as related to that art form)
C. treatment with extra kindness or tolerance
- 10 My goal is to **stimulate** productivity, but use technology to redeem, not to destroy our environment.
A. to encourage growth or excitement, or to cause something to happen
B. to show something -- such as to demonstrate, express, or represent
C. to donate a portion of one's income to a church; or the gift given

- 11 *The time has now come for our Government to **facilitate** the individual's control over his or her future – and of the future of America.*
- A. bounce back
 - B. make easier
 - C. windy storm
- 12 *We must not only be **motivated** to build a better America, we must know how to do it.*
- A. wanting to do something; or made someone want to do something
 - B. provided investment funds for something -- such as a business
 - C. not viewed in a certain way so as to form a belief or opinion
- 13 *If we really want a humane America that will, for instance, contribute to the **alleviation** of the world's hunger, we must realize that good intentions do not feed people.*
- A. a member of the Religious Society of Friends (the Friends have never called themselves Quakers)
 - B. a large, elongated gland located behind the stomach that secretes digestive enzymes and insulin
 - C. something that lessens something that is bad; or an instance of lessening something that is bad
- 14 *But we are now learning that a strain of rice that grows in one place will not grow in another; that factories that produce at 100 percent in one nation produce less than half as much in a society where **temperaments** and work habits are somewhat different.*
- A. things taken on or adopted
 - B. usual moods and tendencies
 - C. reason for doing something
- 15 *We must learn more about people, about the development of communities, architecture, engineering, education, **motivation**, productivity, public health and medicine, arts and sciences, political, legal, and social organization.*
- A. a drug that calms or puts to sleep; or describing something as calming
 - B. the reason for doing something; or the level of desire to do something
 - C. a serious mental disorder in which people interpret reality abnormally
- 16 *I challenge the engineers in this audience to **devise** new techniques for developing cheap, clean, and plentiful energy, and as a byproduct, to control floods.*
- A. stop (something from happening)
 - B. come up with (invent or create)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 17 *I challenge the engineers in this audience to devise new **techniques** for developing cheap, clean, and plentiful energy, and as a byproduct, to control floods.*
- A. ways of doing things
 - B. wrong understandings
 - C. acts of hiring again
- 18 *America's opportunities are **unprecedented**.*
- A. relating to understanding or explaining something in a particular way
 - B. not having happened before; or nothing similar having happened before
 - C. [of food] able to be prepared in a manner that keeps it from spoiling
- 19 *The new agenda, that which is developed by you and by us, must place a high priority on the need to stop the spread of **nuclear** weapons and to work for the mutual reduction in strategic arms and control of other weapons.*
- A. the quality of inappropriateness in size, amount, or degree
 - B. the condition of being exclusive to (someone or some group)
 - C. relating to the central or most important part of something
- 20 *It will **enhance** our own perception of ourselves and our pride in being an American.*
- A. gain advantage from
 - B. influence or effect
 - C. increase or improve

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	innovate	High-utility academic word
2	A	illustrious	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
3	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word
4	A	optimistic	High-utility academic word
5	C	attain	High-utility academic word
6	A	transcend	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
7	B	deterrent	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
8	B	Abraham Lincoln	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
9	C	indulgent	Used about 6 times per 10 books in our high school library.
10	A	stimulate	Used about 4 times per 10 books in our high school library.
11	B	facilitate	High-utility academic word
12	A	motivate	Used about 6 times per 10 books in our high school library.
13	C	alleviate	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
14	B	temperament (<i>as in: it is her temperament</i>)	Used about 4 times per 10 books in our high school library.
15	B	motivation	High-utility academic word
16	B	devise (<i>as in: devise a plan</i>)	High-utility academic word
17	A	technique	Used about 11 times per 10 books in our high school library.
18	B	unprecedented	High-utility academic word
19	C	nucleus	Used about 9 times per 10 books in our high school library.
20	C	enhance	High-utility academic word