

All the Light We Cannot See

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Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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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: accord (2), assess (2), bastion, citadel, confiscate, foregone, forgo, frayed (2), induction (2), queue, rampart, ration, siege, somber (2), teem



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
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19	B
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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. She dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
 - A. opposition
 - B. keeping
 - C. ignorance
2. We support the Geneva **Accord**.
 - A. saying
 - B. agreement
 - C. people
3. She is tasked with **assessing** the promise of new locations for stores.
 - A. explaining
 - B. evaluating
 - C. recording
4. We're challenging the property tax **assessment**, but there's no challenging the property tax rate.
 - A. tax rate that is charged
 - B. timing of when it was done
 - C. value the property is said to have
5. These rules are a **bastion** against corruption.
 - A. defensive fortification
 - B. weak spot
 - C. prime example
6. The **citadel** stood on a high hill, overlooking the town like a watchful guardian.
 - A. fortified stronghold
 - B. wooden farmhouse
 - C. outdoor marketplace
7. Security **confiscated** the pocketknife at the airport checkpoint.
 - A. gave back
 - B. took away
 - C. borrowed
8. She decided to **forgo** dessert in order to stick to her diet.
 - A. do without
 - B. ask for more
 - C. share with all
9. With the lead so large, the team's victory was a **foregone** conclusion.
 - A. left up to chance
 - B. based on a vote
 - C. decided in advance
10. I'm not trusting my life to that **frayed** rope!
 - A. hand woven
 - B. showing wear
 - C. thin
11. After waiting 90 minutes, my temper began to **fray**.
 - A. get sleepy
 - B. become emotionally strained
 - C. heal
12. His **induction** into the Hall of Fame took place at last night's ceremony.
 - A. formal admission
 - B. early dismissal
 - C. annual reunion

13. Faraday discovered electromagnetic induction in the 1830s.
- A. device for storing power
 - B. method of measuring force
 - C. process producing an effect
14. People have already begun to queue up at the box office.
- A. raise complaints
 - B. demand refunds
 - C. line
15. Guards patrolled the ramparts, keeping watch for approaching enemies.
- A. open fields
 - B. royal gardens
 - C. defensive walls
16. During the Second World War, products such as food and gasoline were rationed in the United States, so more resources could be devoted to the war effort.
- A. restricted in the amount each person could have
 - B. set at a high price only the military could afford
 - C. imported in small amounts from many countries
17. The castle was under siege for months, with the enemy forces relentlessly attacking its walls.
- A. fortified defense
 - B. prolonged attack
 - C. passionate negotiation
18. She exhibited a somber mood.
- A. happy
 - B. curious
 - C. cheerless
19. This was the period when she painted with somber colors.
- A. especially bright
 - B. lacking brightness
 - C. varied shades of orange
20. The plaza is teeming with undercover policemen.
- A. empty (has none)
 - B. slowly losing
 - C. filled (has many)

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 They blow across the **ramparts**, turn cartwheels over rooftops, flutter into the ravines between houses.
 - A. cheerful and lively musical pieces, or to play such music
 - B. heats beyond the temperature where state normally changes
 - C. a defensive wall or barrier -- built for military defense
- 2 Not this last **citadel** at the edge of the continent, this final German strongpoint on the Breton coast.
 - A. a stronghold or fortress
 - B. island (that is made of a coral reef)
 - C. dense, rainy forest with many species
- 3 For three thousand years, this little promontory has known **sieges**.
 - A. melodies that, after a short interval, are exactly repeated by a different instrument or voice to create competing melodic lines (instances of strict counterpoint)
 - B. a military tactic in which a fortified place is surrounded and isolated while it is attacked over time

or:

any prolonged attack, effort, or period of trouble

 - C. members of an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
- 4 Behind him, **confiscated** treasures are crammed to the ceiling: rolled tapestries, grandfather clocks, armoires, and giant landscape paintings crazed with cracks.
 - A. spoke in an ambiguous manner that did not clearly express an opinion or decision
 - B. to take something regardless of consent -- often as a punishment or by authority
 - C. proposed that someone be offered a position, be a candidate, or receive an honor
- 5 Three **frayed** electrical leads sprout from the top.
 - A. wanting to do something; or made someone want to do something
 - B. showing wear with threads beginning to separate or hang loose
 - C. provided investment funds for something -- such as a business
- 6 Every morning it's the same: the Americans ever closer, the Germans **fraying** at the seams.
 - A. drawing pictures to accompany
 - B. becoming emotionally strained
 - C. overly unhappy and unsociable
- 7 Fields and circuits, conduction and **induction**.
 - A. a connection where measuring one particle instantly affects another, regardless of distance
 - B. a potentially life-threatening eating disorder that prevents people from eating enough food
 - C. generation of electric current by a changing magnetic field
- 8 This is Werner's **induction** into the Wehrmacht.
 - A. formal admission
 - B. the state or character of not finding a condition or substance to be present
 - C. the state or degree of having the ability to change for different situations
- 9 In the alleys, fifteen-year-old boys are making their way toward mine elevators, **queuing** up with their helmets and lamps outside the gates.
 - A. restoring
 - B. differing
 - C. lining up
- 10 To **assess** his hair color, the man snips a lock of hair from Werner's head and compares it to thirty or so other locks clipped to a board, arrayed darkest to lightest.
 - A. feel angry or unhappy about having to accept something not liked
 - B. determine
 - C. accept something undesired as unavoidable or the lesser of evils

- 11 *In three months, Sergeant Major von Rumpel has traveled to Berlin and Stuttgart; he has **assessed** the value of a hundred confiscated rings, a dozen diamond bracelets, a Latvian cigarette case in which a lozenge of blue topaz twinkled; now, back in Paris, he has slept at the Grand Hotel for a week and sent forth his queries like birds.*
- A. the degree of not being easily set on fire
 - B. a device that turns light into electricity
 - C. determined
- 12 *Each hour the dance hall seems to grow progressively warmer, so by the eighth day, the air, walls, and floor are saturated with the hot, **teeming** odor of boys.*
- A. empty (has none)
 - B. slowly losing
 - C. filled (has many)
- 13 *You will **forgo** comforts; you will live by duty alone.*
- A. do without
 - B. difference
 - C. thigh bone
- 14 *The castle with its towers and battlements looms below them like some misty vision of **foregone** glory.*
- A. restart (a fire)
 - B. started (a fire)
 - C. former (in the past)
- 15 *At von Rumpel's request, Dupont is furnished with forged food-**ration** tickets.*
- A. a fixed share of something, especially scarce goods like food or fuel; or to limit and distribute something in fixed shares
 - B. to corrupt or seduce from virtue, duty, or allegiance OR excessive drinking, casual sex, and/or drug abuse while partying
 - C. remove or suppress anything considered obscene, immoral, or politically unacceptable OR a person who does such suppression
- 16 *To hear so many of them in a room together confuses and excites Marie-Laure: they are giddy when they should be serious, **somber** after jokes;*
- A. the state of being unaware of one's mental activity
 - B. increasing reason or general desire to do something
 - C. without humour or fun
- 17 *The Hotel-Dieu dining room is big and **somber** and full of people talking about U-boats off Gibraltar and the inequities of currency exchange and four-stroke marine diesel engines.*
- A. capable of thought, self-reflection, and will
 - B. gloomy (in color, and/or mood)
 - C. the quality of not being sensible and careful
- 18 *Some level of **accord** is reached, and soon enough she and Madame Manec are back in the kitchen at Number 4 rue Vauborel.*
- A. main road
 - B. agreement
 - C. complaint
- 19 *For not organizing her things **according** to protocol.*
- A. idiom meaning "won the day"
 - B. as stated by; or in agreement with
 - C. U.S. history: pre-Civil War period
- 20 *The Austrians at the Hotel of Bees use a crane to lower an 88-millimeter cannon onto a **bastion** in the ramparts.*
- A. defensive fortification
 - B. someone who specializes in a branch of psychology concerned with the links between biology and behavior
 - C. a living organism such as a bacterium, or virus that is so small, it can be seen only with a microscope

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	rampart	Used 44 times in this book.
2	A	citadel	Used 7 times in this book.
3	B	siege	Used 8 times in this book.
4	B	confiscate	Used 7 times in this book.
5	B	frayed (<i>as in: frayed cloth</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
6	B	frayed (<i>as in: frayed nerves</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
7	C	induction (<i>as in: electromagnetic induction</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
8	A	induction (<i>as in: induction into the club</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
9	C	queue (<i>as in: in the queue</i>)	Used 12 times in this book.
10	B	assess (<i>as in: assess the situation</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	assess (<i>as in: assess the monetary value</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	teem	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
13	A	forgo (<i>as in: forgo the benefit</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
14	C	foregone (<i>as in: a foregone conclusion</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
15	A	ration	Used 11 times in this book.
16	C	somber (<i>as in: a somber mood</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
17	B	somber (<i>as in: somber colors</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	B	accord (<i>as in: reached an accord</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
19	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
20	A	bastion	Used 6 times in this book.