

Amistad

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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: abolition, cite (2), contempt (2), deposition, dialect, discrepancy, divine (2), establish (2), interpret, mutiny, prejudice, prudent, refute, resolve (2), testimony



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
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17	C
18	A
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20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The long fight for **abolition** finally achieved its goal in the 19th century.
 - A. outlawing alcohol
 - B. ending slavery
 - C. regulating child labor
2. She **cited** the EPA report to make her point.
 - A. refuted (proved false)
 - B. quoted
 - C. asked about
3. Should you fail to appear at a probation meeting, you may be **cited** to appear before a Judge to explain your absence.
 - A. charged with breaking the law
 - B. asked (to voluntarily)
 - C. arrested
4. He was **impolite**. She pretended not to notice except that she treated him with **contempt**.
 - A. great annoyance
 - B. lack of respect
 - C. impatience
5. The reporter refused to identify her source and the judge had her imprisoned for **contempt** of court.
 - A. lying
 - B. disrespect
 - C. an unpaid fine
6. She lied during her **deposition**.
 - A. trial
 - B. parole hearing
 - C. pre-trial questioning
7. India has twenty-two officially recognized languages and thousands of **dialects**.
 - A. different ethnic groups
 - B. words shared by different languages
 - C. regional varieties of languages
8. There was a clear **discrepancy** in the two witnesses' stories.
 - A. a strong match
 - B. an inconsistency
 - C. a happy ending
9. The King claimed a **divine** right.
 - A. perfect or wonderful
 - B. from birth
 - C. coming from God
10. She wouldn't talk about it, but I was able to **divine** that the project isn't going well.
 - A. figure out
 - B. state
 - C. share
11. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
 - A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase

12. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with establishing the contrast between men and masculine traits.
- A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
13. She will stand to his left and interpret his speech into sign language.
- A. refute (prove false)
 - B. elaborate upon
 - C. translate
14. The largest mutiny in modern military history occurred during the first world war when an estimated 40,000 French soldiers, probably wisely, ignored the command to advance on German troops entrenched in hilltop positions.
- A. open rebellion against authority
 - B. turnaround in a battle
 - C. defeat in battle
15. Seeing the defendant wear prison clothes may prejudice the jury against the defendant.
- A. create a sympathetic belief in
 - B. create a serious attitude in
 - C. create an unfair belief in
16. Courage is dangerous without prudence.
- A. good sense
 - B. good purpose
 - C. good support
17. He refuted the argument.
- A. avoided
 - B. complained about
 - C. argued against
18. She is testing my resolve to keep a good attitude.
- A. determination
 - B. ability
 - C. optimism
19. This feud will never be resolved with violence.
- A. properly considered
 - B. settled or solved
 - C. reduced or understood
20. Before your testimony, they will have you solemnly swear to tell *the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth*.
- A. job interview
 - B. statements at a trial
 - C. confession

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 *The slave boy had been condescending and **contemptuous** of them all during the journey, but he hated seeing any man a slave.*
 - A. not tending to find fault
 - B. showing a lack of respect
 - C. able to be disagreed with
- 2 *Once more, sir, and you will be cited for **contempt**.*
 - A. growth hormone -- a hormone produced by the anterior pituitary gland that promotes growth in humans
 - B. the crime of willful disobedience to or disrespect for the authority of a court
 - C. gland located near the base of the neck that, amongst other things, regulates growth and metabolism
- 3 *That could take weeks to **resolve**.*
 - A. work or operate
 - B. settle
 - C. strongly desire
- 4 *This is a man steeped in hope, determination, and **resolve**.*
 - A. firmness of purpose
 - B. wrongly translating
 - C. difficult situation
- 5 *If anything has come to us that will finally draw the questions of slavery and **abolition** into public debate, it is this event.*
 - A. obsessive-compulsive disorder -- an anxiety disorder characterized by recurrent and persistent thoughts and feelings and repetitive, ritualized behaviors
 - B. the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution -- most often used to refer to the movement to end slavery when no specific system is named
 - C. groupings of Egyptian rulers sharing a common origin some time between 3150 BC when Upper and Lower Egypt were united, and 31 BC when Rome conquered Egypt
- 6 *They also saw a gradual end to slavery as the most **prudent** way to solve the problem.*
 - A. sensible and careful
 - B. not demonstrative of
 - C. sincerity (realness)
- 7 *I tried to speak Mandingo with him, but he only knew a little, and only the northern **dialect**.*
 - A. a type of small portable radio
 - B. a change; or a changed version
 - C. regional variety of a language
- 8 *It was the black miscreants who perpetrated **mutiny**, murder, and the repeated torture of my clients during a harrowing voyage of more than eight weeks.*
 - A. open rebellion against authority -- especially by seamen or soldiers against their officers
 - B. a legal order requiring witnesses to appear, or documents related to an appeal be provided
 - C. utter obscenities or profanities; or to speak disrespectfully of something considered sacred
- 9 *Won't his **testimony** validate that they are, in fact, Africans?*
 - A. an atom that has acquired an electrical charge by the loss or gain of an electron
 - B. statements that serve as evidence
 - C. an organ attached to the wall of the uterus to nourish the fetus during pregnancy
- 10 *The defense had **divined** what they could from the notes but...*
 - A. discovered
 - B. translated
 - C. subtracted
- 11 *...made it probable that it was nothing less than **divine** intervention by the Almighty on behalf of the cause.*
 - A. the quality of being sensible and careful
 - B. unable or difficult to meet and talk with
 - C. wonderful; or coming from God

- 12 *In particular he **cited** the Treaty's provision permitting America's armed vessels to cruise in search of suspected slavers.*
- A. mirrored back (an image)
 - B. mentioned (to make a point)
 - C. took up the attention of
- 13 *Or be **cited** for contempt of this court.*
- A. charged (with breaking the law)
 - B. learned, discovered, or decided
 - C. selected (on a computer screen)
- 14 *While the prosecutor has said that the case of the Amistad is nearly identical, I believe we have heard Lieutenant Gedney's testimony to reveal a major **discrepancy**.*
- A. the act of taking something on as one's own
 - B. an unexpected difference between two things
 - C. something that helps clarify or demonstrate
- 15 *Ellsworth went into extensive questioning of both Green and Fordham, trying to **establish** that they had come across the Amistad first.*
- A. take (power or responsibility)
 - B. accept as true (without proof)
 - C. show
- 16 *The Mende Mission was **established** in 1842 by William Raymond after James Steele and Henry Wilson decided to return to America.*
- A. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - B. founded (started)
 - C. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 17 *Andrew Judson sat at the large oak desk in his study reading **depositions** for an upcoming trial.*
- A. judgments, rough calculations or guesses of qualities or values
 - B. groups formed to discuss or offer insight on a particular topic
 - C. transcripts of pretrial questioning of witnesses
- 18 *"Just after dark," Antonio said through a Spanish **interpreter**.*
- A. people who criticize or condemn
 - B. someone who extensively damages
 - C. someone who translates language
- 19 *Each excuse was **refuted**.*
- A. was attractive or desirable
 - B. not wanting to do something
 - C. argued against or disproven
- 20 *"...his impressions were highly **prejudiced** in favor of the blacks and against the Spanish slave owners."*
- A. injured the ligaments of a joint by stretching them too far (ligaments are the tough, fibrous bands that connect bones across joints)
 - B. corrupted or seduced from virtue, duty, or allegiance OR excessively drunk, engaged in casual sex, and/or drug abuse while partying
 - C. with beliefs or feelings that prevent objective consideration

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	contempt (<i>as in: feels contempt towards her</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
2	B	contempt (<i>as in: held in contempt of court</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	B	resolve (<i>as in: How was the problem resolved?</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	A	resolve (<i>as in: Her resolve weakened.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	B	abolition	Used 56 times in this book.
6	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 19 times in this book.
7	C	dialect	Used 15 times in this book.
8	A	mutiny	Used 12 times in this book.
9	B	testimony	Used 30 times in this book.
10	A	divine (<i>as in: divined through intuition</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	C	divine (<i>as in: to forgive is divine</i>)	Used 17 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	B	cite (<i>as in: cited from the President's speech</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	A	cite (<i>as in: cited for speeding</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
14	B	discrepancy	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
15	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	C	deposition (<i>as in: gave her deposition</i>)	Used 13 times in this book.
18	C	interpret (<i>as in: interpret Spanish to English</i>)	Used 10 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	C	refute	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
20	C	prejudice	Used 10 times in this book.