

# Atlas Shrugged

by Ayn Rand

## 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:** alloy, anteroom, approach (2), concerto, despair (2), establish (2), focus, materialistic, mystic, omnipotent, perish, perspective (2), rational, remnant, resignation (2)



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
3	A
4	C
5	C
6	C
7	A
8	B
9	C
10	A
11	A
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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.*

- The mechanic explained that this wheel was made from a **lightweight alloy**, perfect for racing.
  - type of plastic
  - pure aluminum
  - mixture of metals
- She kept me waiting an hour in the **anteroom** for my long-scheduled ten-minute appointment.
  - the residence of a religious community
  - a room leading to a larger or more important room
  - a house or shelter in which someone lives
- I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
  - gets nearer
  - is remembered
  - continues
- I **approached** three bankers about a loan.
  - avoided
  - complained to
  - asked
- She performed a famous piano **concerto** by Mozart at the recital.
  - well-known opera singer
  - stringed wooden instrument
  - piece for solo and orchestra
- She rescued me from **despair**.
  - fear
  - poverty
  - hopelessness
- Don't **despair**--help is on the way!
  - lose hope
  - be impatient
  - cry
- Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
  - avoid
  - create
  - increase
- The sixth paragraph (lines 67-68) is primarily concerned with **establishing** the contrast between men and masculine traits.
  - minimizing
  - exaggerating
  - showing
- This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
  - concentrating
  - depending
  - getting help
- I wouldn't describe myself as **materialistic**, but I would like some financial security.
  - too concerned with wealth and possessions
  - too afraid of risk and uncertainty
  - unwilling to spend any money

12. The mystic spent years in a remote cave seeking spiritual insight.
- A. wealthy merchant
  - B. spiritual seeker
  - C. trained warrior
13. His book was called *Omnipotent Government*.
- A. knowing everything
  - B. all powerful
  - C. present everywhere
14. We can work together or perish separately.
- A. work
  - B. die
  - C. fail
15. Also, try to see it from her perspective before you make up your mind.
- A. timeframe
  - B. education level
  - C. way of looking at things
16. The clouds and turns in the trail continually change the magnificent perspectives while hiking in the mountains.
- A. colors seen
  - B. patterns of light
  - C. views
17. Let's try to ignore how upset we are for a moment and think about this rationally.
- A. in a hurried manner
  - B. in a creative manner
  - C. in a reasonable manner
18. The Yuan dynasty conquered the last remnant of the Song dynasty in 1279.
- A. of those appearing after others
  - B. of the little that remained
  - C. group at maximum strength
19. She said that if I don't resign, I will be fired.
- A. do better
  - B. quit
  - C. renew an agreement
20. She was resigned to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
  - B. resistant
  - C. with acceptance

## 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 In the **anteroom**, the clerks of James Taggart's personal staff were switching off the lights, getting ready to leave for the day.
  - A. island (that is made of a coral reef)
  - B. a room leading to a larger or more important room
  - C. dense, rainy forest with many species
- 2 She let a moment pass, before she said slowly and very carefully, "Richard Halley wrote only four **concertos**."
  - A. results or the processes of learning, discovering, or deciding
  - B. chemicals that trigger behaviors in others of the same species
  - C. music written for orchestra and one (or more) solo instruments
- 3 Rearden Metal was a new **alloy**, produced by Rearden after ten years of experiments.
  - A. a slight amount; or to contain a slight amount
  - B. something that is necessary for something else
  - C. a metal that consists of more than one element
- 4 There was still a **remnant** of sunset light in the sky,
  - A. the act of interacting or getting interested again
  - B. last bit
  - C. an image (seen on a mirror or other shiny surface)
- 5 Our culture has sunk into a bog of **materialism**.
  - A. overly concerned with wealth and possessions at the expense of other interests
  - B. the passage food and drink follow between the back of the mouth and the stomach
  - C. blood poisoning or poisoning of other tissues by microorganisms or their toxins
- 6 They cannot be reached by a **rational** argument.
  - A. very large
  - B. related to
  - C. reasonable
- 7 He saw for the first time that he had never known fear because, against any disaster, he had held the **omnipotent** cure of being able to act.
  - A. not pleasing
  - B. all powerful
  - C. sticking out
- 8 She pressed the back of her hand to her eyes, trying to dam the outbreak of a **despair** she had not permitted herself to acknowledge; she had not known the extent of it, nor how little of her endurance the quest had left her.
  - A. adjusts a lens to make an image clear
  - B. not creating disagreement or struggle
  - C. hopelessness
- 9 He would not give up the search for her plane, when all others had long since **despaired**, as he would not give up his mills, as he would not give up any goal he had chosen if a single chance was left.
  - A. lost hope
  - B. disagreed
  - C. stuck out
- 10 Personally, I believe that it was an accident and that Ellis Wyatt **perished** in the fire.
  - A. examined in detail to better understand
  - B. died, was destroyed, or ceased to exist
  - C. moved into position to work; or started
- 11 The boy had **established** an office at the Rearden mills, where four girls took applications for shares of Rearden Metal.
  - A. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
  - B. created
  - C. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another

- 12 *It appears, as far as can be established at present, that the Comet was stalled just beyond the point where the tunnel makes a sharp curve.*
- accepted someone's membership though a special procedure such as a ceremony and/or period of instruction and/or test
  - examined an issue, got opinions by asking specific questions; and/or asked people for political support individually
  - determined (figured out)
- 13 *Then, as if a single, sudden blow to his brain blasted a moment's shift of perspective, he felt an immense astonishment at what he was doing here and why.*
- collection of star systems held together by gravity
  - resulting from God's intervention or plan; or lucky
  - way of seeing and thinking about things
- 14 *Reardeen stood at the window of his office, his hand pressed to the pane; in the perspective of distance, his hand covered half a mile of structures, as if he were trying to hold them.*
- someone who believes in doing things the way they have generally been done in the past
  - related to the branch of medicine concerned with the treatment of infants and children
  - view (appearance from where looking)
- 15 *His mind was still focused on the crowd in the ballroom downstairs and on two figures in that crowd.*
- concentrating
  - thought carefully and made a judgment about
  - began speaking with someone about something
- 16 *the general manager had resigned and vanished three days ago*
- drew
  - quit (the job)
  - paid
- 17 *...he sensed the answer to his question by the look of resignation on the man's face.*
- the act of finding fault and telling others; or a description of faults
  - the process of thinking carefully and making a judgment about something
  - having accepted something undesired as unavoidable
- 18 *We don't know how to approach you. We can't speak your language.*
- did not find a condition or substance to be present
  - to support by providing money or other economic aid
  - begin communication with
- 19 *He snapped on her desk lamp which, in forced concentration on her work, she had neglected to turn on at the approach of dusk.*
- coming
  - create dramatic change
  - mirror back (an image)
- 20 *Once he surrendered reason, he was left at the mercy of ... a body moved by unaccountable instincts and of a soul moved by mystic revelations...*
- 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
  - relating to realities that are outside of scientific understanding and normal experience
  - 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)

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	anteroom	Used 24 times in this book.
2	C	concerto	Used 33 times in this book.
3	C	alloy	Used 14 times in this book.
4	B	remnant	Used 81 times in this book.
5	A	materialistic	High-utility academic word; used 14 times in this book.
6	C	rational ( <i>as in: rational behavior</i> )	Used 95 times in this book.
7	B	omnipotent	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
8	C	despair ( <i>as in: she felt despair</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	A	despair ( <i>as in: do not despair</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 57 times in this book.
11	B	establish ( <i>as in: establish a positive tone</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	establish ( <i>as in: establish that there is a need</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	C	perspective ( <i>as in: Look at it from her perspective</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	C	perspective ( <i>as in: a perspective of the entire block</i> )	2 meanings in this book.
15	A	focus ( <i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i> )	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
16	B	resignation ( <i>as in: submitted her resignation</i> )	2 meanings in this book.
17	C	resignation ( <i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i> )	Used 35 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
18	C	approach ( <i>as in: approached her with the proposal</i> )	2 meanings in this book.
19	A	approach ( <i>as in: approached the city</i> )	Used 120 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
20	B	mystic	Used 101 times in this book.