

Earth's Holocaust

by Nathaniel Hawthorne

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: adverse, attain, benevolent, bequeath, combustion, detrimental, discern, edifice, emit, endeavor, forlorn, illustrious, imply, infinite, nevertheless, philanthropy, replenish, revere, visage, zeal



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	C
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16	B
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18	B
19	C
20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The FDA discovered the problem while reviewing **adverse** events reported in the database.
 - A. harmful
 - B. routine
 - C. minor
2. They hope to **attain** effective law and order in the region before withdrawing troops.
 - A. openly oppose
 - B. carefully describe
 - C. successfully gain
3. She thinks of herself as a **benevolent** dictator.
 - A. ruthless
 - B. kind
 - C. calm
4. My aunt **bequeathed** me her pearl necklace.
 - A. loaned
 - B. gave
 - C. took
5. Unlike electric cars, gasoline-powered cars have an internal combustion engine that burns gasoline.
 - A. fuel burning
 - B. low-tech
 - C. high-tech
6. Smoking is **detrimental** to your health and increases the risk of cancer.
 - A. unrelated
 - B. preferable
 - C. harmful
7. In the novel, she sees through his friendly facade and **discerns** his evil intent.
 - A. understands
 - B. overcomes
 - C. avoids
8. Their offices are housed in an imposing **edifice**.
 - A. building
 - B. neighborhood
 - C. color
9. The plant **emits** a noxious odor.
 - A. produces (sends out)
 - B. questions
 - C. hates or detests
10. I will **endeavor** to finish by Friday.
 - A. not be able
 - B. promise
 - C. try
11. She stood behind the counter with a **forlorn** look in her eyes.
 - A. confused
 - B. hopeless
 - C. distracted
12. The **illustrious** scientist received another prestigious award for her research.
 - A. famous and admired
 - B. unknown and ordinary
 - C. controversial but rich

13. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
A. hinted
B. insisted
C. denied
14. The night sky seemed infinite as we gazed at countless stars.
A. blurry
B. silent
C. endless
15. She loves him. Nevertheless, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
A. also
B. despite that
C. in addition
16. The billionaire's **philanthropy** supported hospitals around the world.
A. selfish hoarding
B. charitable giving
C. loud boasting
17. After a hard workout, it's good to **replenish** the water and nutrients your body used up.
A. consider
B. measure
C. replace
18. She **reveres** nature and all that is natural.
A. dislikes and avoids
B. deeply respects
C. thoroughly enjoys
19. She gazed at her reflection in the mirror, studying her own **visage** with a critical eye.
A. body
B. clothing
C. face
20. We need someone with both zeal and ability.
A. enthusiasm
B. patience
C. honesty

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 It was a strange sight to **discern** the crown jewels of England glowing and flashing in the midst of the fire.
A. notice or understand something
B. made by taking on as one's own
C. a sensible view of a situation
- 2 This harangue excited great mirth among the bystanders; but, preposterous as was the sentiment, I could not help commiserating the **forlorn** condition of the last toper, whose boon companions had dwindled away from his side, leaving the poor fellow without a soul to countenance him in sipping his liquor, nor indeed any liquor to sip.
A. the state or degree of being very large
B. sad, hopeless, pitiful and/or abandoned
C. the quality of relating to intelligence
- 3 The spirituous and fermented liquors being thus disposed of, the **zeal** of the reformers next induced them to replenish the fire with all the boxes of tea and bags of coffee in the world.
A. active interest and enthusiasm
B. made by taking on as one's own
C. relating to the chest (thorax)
- 4 The spirituous and fermented liquors being thus disposed of, the zeal of the reformers next induced them to **replenish** the fire with all the boxes of tea and bags of coffee in the world.
A. provide investment funds for something -- such as a business
B. point to differences between; or compare to show differences
C. replace what was used up; or restore to a previous condition
- 5 Be that as it might, numberless great guns, whose thunder had long been the voice of battle,—the artillery of the Armada, the battering trains of Marlborough, and the **adverse** cannon of Napoleon and Wellington,—were trundled into the midst of the fire.
A. working against one's interests
B. non-traditional or non-standard
C. poor ability to make a decision
- 6 The blessed tidings were accordingly promulgated, and caused **infinite** rejoicings among those who had stood aghast at the horror and absurdity of war.
A. power or responsibility that can be taken on or adopted
B. the characteristic of bouncing back light/heat/sound...
C. unlimited; without boundaries; or too numerous to count
- 7 "There will be no need," observed, with a sneer, one who neither felt **benevolence** nor had faith in it.
A. long eventful journey
B. kindness and goodwill
C. a nerve or brain cell
- 8 You are misled by a false **philanthropy**; you know not what you do.
A. opinion of what is good and bad about something
B. helping others; or an organization that does so
C. the majority denomination of Islam (almost 90%)
- 9 Bear it back, then, **reverently**, and set it up in its old place, else the world will fall to speedy ruin and desolation!
A. in a manner that is not appropriate or different than would be expected in size, amount, or degree
B. with feelings of deep respect and admiration -- sometimes with a mixture of wonder and awe or fear
C. with nervousness or discomfort felt by someone due to concern about what others will think of them
- 10 A thousand hands, that **nevertheless** loathed the touch, now lent their assistance, and thrust the ominous burden far, far into the centre of the raging furnace.
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)

- 11 *And as for ripeness, and as for progress, let mankind always do the highest, kindest, noblest thing that, at any given period, it has **attained** the perception of; and surely that thing cannot be wrong nor wrongly timed.*
- examined in detail to better understand
 - tension from opposing ideas or feelings
 - gained or reached something with effort
- 12 *Another party demanded that all written constitutions, set forms of government, legislative acts, statute-books, and everything else on which human invention had **endeavored** to stamp its arbitrary laws, should at once be destroyed, leaving the consummated world as free as the man first created.*
- decided in advance
 - not disagreed with
 - tried or attempted
- 13 *Accordingly a thorough and searching investigation had swept the booksellers' shops, hawkers' stands, public and private libraries, and even the little book-shelf by the country fireside, and had brought the world's entire mass of printed paper, bound or in sheets, to swell the already mountain bulk of our **illustrious** bonfire.*
- famous and admired; or worthy of admiration
 - the state or degree of being bad or harmful
 - able to be taken up or received into heaven
- 14 *A collection of German stories **emitted** a scent of brimstone.*
- sent out
 - restored
 - not said
- 15 *It amazed me much to observe how indefinite was the proportion between the physical mass of any given author and the property of brilliant and long-continued **combustion**.*
- the act of burning
 - wrongly translates
 - restarted (a fire)
- 16 *Those simple **edifices** might have been permitted to retain all of sacred embellishment that their Puritan founders had bestowed, even though the mighty structure of St. Peter's had sent its spoils to the fire of this terrible sacrifice.*
- a building or structure -- especially a large one
- or:
- a conceptual or organizational framework
 - Christianity: the original 12 disciples (followers) chosen by Jesus Christ to preach his gospel
 - people who believe that God created the universe, but that he doesn't interfere with how it runs
- 17 *The doubt **implied** in his question was well founded.*
- suggested (said indirectly)
 - not wanting to do something
 - was attractive or desirable
- 18 *There, likewise, fell the family Bible, which the long-buried patriarch had read to his children,--in prosperity or sorrow, by the fireside and in the summer shade of trees,--and had **bequeathed** downward as the heirloom of generations.*
- guided or managed
 - passed down
 - helped make clear
- 19 *"This is terrible!" said I, feeling that my cheek grew pale, and seeing a like change in the **visages** about me.*
- circular movements around something
 - short parts of longer written works
 - someone's face or facial expression
- 20 *Certain marginal notes and commentaries, it is true, yielded to the intensity of the fiery test, but without **detriment** to the smallest syllable that had flamed from the pen of inspiration.*
- a fat compound
 - a hoofed mamma
 - harm or damage

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	discern	Used 2 times in this story.
2	B	forlorn	Used 2 times in this story.
3	A	zeal	Used 2 times in this story.
4	C	replenish	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this story.
5	A	adverse	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
6	C	infinite	Used 2 times in this story.
7	B	benevolent	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this story.
8	B	philanthropy	Used 3 times in this story.
9	B	revere	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this story.
10	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this story.
11	C	attain	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this story.
12	C	endeavor	Used 2 times in this story.
13	A	illustrious	Used 2 times in this story.
14	A	emit	Used 2 times in this story.
15	A	combustion	Used 6 times in this story.
16	A	edifice	Used 2 times in this story.
17	A	imply	High-utility academic word
18	B	bequeath	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
19	C	visage	Used 4 times in this story.
20	C	detrimental	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library