Farewell to Manzanar

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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: accumulate, allegiance, baptism, comprehend, dilemma, disdain, immigrate, imply, lethargic, migrant, militant, obelisk, omit, partition, postpone, recollect, revere, sinister, sustenance, undermine

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ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
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7	A
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9	A
10	B
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12	B
13	C
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17	B
18	B
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20	B

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. DNA damage **accumulates** with age.
   A. rapidly disappears
   B. stays unchanged
   C. gradually increases

2. We owe no **allegiance** to the outdated ideas of our political party.
   A. hatred
   B. money
   C. loyalty

3. The baby's **baptism** took place at the local church on Sunday.
   A. religious ceremony
   B. first birthday party
   C. doctor's appointment

4. Washington fails to **comprehend** the change in China's strategy.
   A. fully understand
   B. regard respectfully
   C. respond adequately to

5. Maya faced a **dilemma**: tell the truth and hurt her friend, or stay silent.
   A. hard choice
   B. simple task
   C. lucky break

6. She has nothing but **disdain** for the notion that common people can regulate their own lives better than she can.
   A. lack of respect
   B. humility
   C. intense anger

7. At that time, most of the people who **immigrated** to the United States came from Latin America and Asia.
   A. relocated
   B. exported goods
   C. visited

8. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
   A. hinted
   B. insisted
   C. denied

9. Large lunches make me feel **lethargic** in the afternoon.
   A. sluggish
   B. upset
   C. energetic

10. The crops won't be picked without **migrant** workers.
    A. hard-working
    B. from elsewhere
    C. low-wage

11. The country is cracking down on **militant** farmers who are blocking city traffic until government funded crop insurance is instituted.
    A. using publicity
    B. using machinery
    C. using force

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12. The ancient Egyptians erected **obelisks** as symbols of the sun god Ra, and many of these impressive structures still stand today.
   A. circular stone structures used for astronomical observations
   B. stone pillars with a pyramidal tops
   C. life-like statutes made of stone

13. She **omitted** a few details to place herself in a more favorable light.
   A. made up
   B. exaggerated
   C. left out

14. A thin **partition** separated the office into two smaller workspaces.
   A. dividing wall
   B. open doorway
   C. wide window

15. The school decided to **postpone** the exam until next week.
   A. cancel completely
   B. delay or reschedule
   C. rush forward

16. I don't **recollect** her name, but I'd recognize her.
   A. pronounce properly
   B. spell properly
   C. remember

17. She **reveres** nature and all that is natural.
   A. dislikes and avoids
   B. deeply respects
   C. thoroughly enjoys

18. In the movie, there was a **sinister** plot to kill people and harvest their organs.
   A. complicated
   B. evil
   C. clever

19. The charity provided essential **sustenance** to the families affected by the disaster.
   A. medical supplies
   B. moral support
   C. food and resources

20. The purpose of the UN Human Rights Commission is **undermined** by dictators who have maneuvered to control it.
   A. strengthened
   B. weakened
   C. celebrated

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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 *To complete this book we have had to rely on a good deal besides my own* recollections.
A. restores
B. thoughts
C. memories

2 *1870 U.S. Congress grants naturalization rights to free whites and people of African descent,* omitting *mention of Oriental races.*
A. telling someone about something
B. commending or praising publicly
C. to exclude or neglect something

3 *Most of them* immigrated *to the United States between 1890 and 1915.*
A. came to live in a new country
B. with rises and falls in pitch
C. embarrassed or self-conscious

4 *The house we lived in was nothing more than a shack, a barracks with single plank walls and rough wooden floors, like the cheapest kind of* migrant *workers' housing.*
A. somone who makes or manufactures things
B. one who moves from one place to another
C. someone who blocks (prevents) an action

5 Partitioning *off a room likethat wasn't easy.*
A. dividing
B. fighting
C. changing

6 *In later years he would tour the country with Mr. Moto, the Japanese tag-team wrestler, as his* sinister *assistant Suki—karate chops through the ropes from outside the ring, a chunky leg reaching from under his kimono to trip up Mr. Moto's foe.*
A. not able to be disagreed with
B. evil, harmful, or frightening
C. not thoughtful about the past

7 *Papa stepped in just before my* baptism *day.*
A. a Christian ceremony signifying spiritual cleansing and rebirth

or:

a challenging experience that initiates or purifies
B. one of two defensive players who line up closest to the sideline to defend against passes -- especially to the wide receivers
C. something created -- typically a work of music or writing; or the act of creating such a work; or the structure of such a work

8 *Two of my sisters were pregnant at the time, and they were there at the gate in hot-weather smocks, along with Woody, who had left the hospital long enough to welcome Papa back, and Granny and Mama and the rest of the family, a dozen of us standing in the glare, excited, yet very* reverent *as the bus pulled in.*
A. without purpose, job, or natural activity
B. feeling or showing respect and admiration
C. the quality of being sensible and careful

9 *His* disdain *for them was met with laughter.*
A. a lack of respect
B. differ; or change
C. influence opinion

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10 *In later years he would brag to us that he "went to law school" and* **imply** *that he held some kind of degree from a northern university.*

A. suggest (say indirectly)
B. struggle or disagreement
C. include consideration of

11 *During that first summer and fall of sandy con-gestion and wind-blown boredom, the bitterness* **accumulated**, *the rage festered in hundreds of tarpapered cubicles like ours.*

A. caused something to move forward
B. not found, sought, or researched
C. collected or gradually increased

12 *No self-respecting espionage agent would willingly admit he was disloyal. Yet the very idea of the oath itself —appearing at the end of that first chaotic year—became the final goad that prodded many once-loyal citizens to turn* **militantly** *anti-American.*

A. with acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable or the lesser of evils
B. the state of being worthy of entry -- especially evidence allowable in court
C. in a manner that uses extreme or violent methods to achieve a political goal

13 *This was always mysterious and* **incomprehensible**.

A. not understandable
B. quickly spoken
C. very detailed

14 *They still sing it there, the way American kids pledge* **allegiance** *to the flag.*

A. thought
B. payment
C. loyalty

15 *Whitney reminded Papa of Fujiyama, that is, it gave him the same kind of spiritual* **sustenance**.

A. having good judgment or good taste and/or perceiving things not easily perceived by most people
B. the ability or act of saying or handling things in such a way that others feel good about them
C. food or something else that supports or strengthens the body or spirit; or the support provided

16 *Years later I silently thanked him for forcing me to* **postpone** *such decisions until I was old enough to think for myself.*

A. struggle or disagreement
B. delay until a later time
C. include consideration of

17 *I remember hearing them discussed in our barracks, quietly, as if Ku Klux Klansmen lurked outside the window, the same way my brothers discussed our* **dilemma** *during the brief stay in Boyle Heights, before the evacuation.*

A. a situation in which a difficult choice must be made between imperfect alternatives
B. connected by blood or marriage; or a plant or animal related by origin or grouping
C. relating to the south Asian Muslim republic that is the fifth most populous country

18 *He broke free of the* **lethargy** *that had nailed him to our steps for months.*

A. lack of energy; or (often in historic literature) a state of sleep
B. not appropriate or not properly related in size, amount, or degree
C. the quality or degree of the involvement of other people or things

19 *The black Japanese script cut into the white face of the* **obelisk** *read simply,* "A *Memorial to the Dead.*"

A. a type of vocal music that originated in African-American churches in the United States
B. a stone pillar with a pyramidal top erected as a monument to remember a person or event
C. related to the smallest part of any material that cannot be broken up by chemical means

20 *We poked through the remains of hospital foundations,* **undermined** *by erosion channels.*

A. wrongly understood
B. weakened gradually
C. influenced opinion

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
2	C	omit	High-utility academic word
3	A	immigrate	Used 7 times in this book.
4	B	migrant	Used 3 times in this book.
5	A	partition	Used 7 times in this book.
6	B	sinister	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
7	A	baptism	Used 6 times in this book.
8	B	revere	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
9	A	disdain	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
10	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
11	C	accumulate	Used 3 times in this book.
12	C	militant	Used 2 times in this book.
13	A	comprehend	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
14	C	allegiance	Used 4 times in this book.
15	C	sustenance	Used 2 times in this book.
16	B	postpone	Used 5 times in this book.
17	A	dilemma	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
18	A	lethargic	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	B	obelisk	Used 3 times in this book.
20	B	undermine	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.

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