

Glory Road

by Robert A. Heinlein

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: anomaly, consort (2), democracy, erratic, herald, idiom, indulge, inhibited, literal, literally, manor, metaphysical, natural law, parry, pragmatic, refute, replenish, revise, tedious



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	A
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10	B
11	A
12	B
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16	A
17	C
18	C
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20	C

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. We consider the accident an **anomaly**--not a reason to change standard procedures.
 - A. normal occurrence
 - B. unusual occurrence
 - C. proof of concept
2. She **consorts** with gang members and criminals.
 - A. associates
 - B. fights
 - C. avoids company
3. As a king **consort**, his only constitutional duty was to help create an heir.
 - A. spouse of a reigning monarch
 - B. a formal agreement releasing someone from an obligation
 - C. poetry: two successive lines of verse; usually rhymed
4. Canada has a parliamentary **democracy**.
 - A. government by the people
 - B. government by one ruler
 - C. government by the wealthy
5. Her heart rate increased and became **erratic**.
 - A. stronger
 - B. more regular
 - C. irregular
6. The king's **herald** announced it this morning.
 - A. lawyer
 - B. announcer
 - C. advisor
7. She was not familiar with the **idiom**, "bite the bullet."
 - A. a type of figurative language that uses words in a non-literal way to create a vivid or imaginative description
 - B. an expression that is unique to a particular language or dialect and cannot be translated directly into another language
 - C. an expression whose meaning cannot be inferred from the meanings of the words that make it up
8. I **indulge** my taste for sweets more than is good for me.
 - A. give in to
 - B. hold back from
 - C. complain about
9. He was too **inhibited** to dance at parties, even when everyone else joined in.
 - A. wild and uncontrolled
 - B. shy and self-conscious
 - C. loud and confident
10. It's dirty money--**literally** and figuratively.
 - A. openly
 - B. actually
 - C. completely
11. That app did a **literal** translation, so idioms like "drop by" didn't make any sense when translated.
 - A. word for word
 - B. foolish
 - C. exact

12. She inherited the **manor**, but seldom visits it.
- A. castle
 - B. large house
 - C. palace
13. The story raises **metaphysical** questions about whether the soul can exist apart from the body.
- A. about daily expenses
 - B. about reality's nature
 - C. about legal procedure
14. **Natural law** is why war crimes are wrong even if national law allowed them.
- A. innate moral code
 - B. popular opinion
 - C. regional custom
15. The fencer managed to **parry** every thrust his opponent attempted.
- A. launch or throw
 - B. watch or admire
 - C. deflect or block
16. Successful politicians are **pragmatists**. Compromise is built into the system.
- A. practical
 - B. personable
 - C. busy
17. He **refuted** the argument.
- A. avoided
 - B. complained about
 - C. argued against
18. After a hard workout, it's good to **replenish** the water and nutrients your body used up.
- A. consider
 - B. measure
 - C. replace
19. Do you think the writer should **revise** the underlined sentence?
- A. remove
 - B. highlight
 - C. improve
20. I find it relaxing to wash the holiday dishes, but she finds it **tedious**.
- A. stressful
 - B. punishing
 - C. boring

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 My **(revised)** plan was obvious.
 - A. adapted
 - B. delayed
 - C. changed
- 2 But it will not be easy; you have not studied **metaphysical** geometry—nor many other things.
 - A. having the characteristics of a monk (often inclined toward self-denial)
 - B. about things beyond the physical world, such as existence, reality, or the soul
 - C. the quality of holding something back or holding others down through oppression
- 3 Star **replenished** her medic's pouch, then I helped Rufo fold up the luggage.
 - A. encouraged growth or excitement, or caused something to happen
 - B. ignored someone's wishes or caused inconvenience or discomfort
 - C. replaced what was used up; or restored to a previous condition
- 4 Just at sundown we could see outbuildings and the lights in the **manor** where Star said that we would spend the night.
 - A. lymph node -- one of many bean-sized organs that filter bacteria and other toxins from circulating white-blood-cell filled lymph fluid
 - B. a large house of a lord or wealthy person
 - C. when what happens is very different than what might be expected; or when things are together that seem like they don't belong together
- 5 Try translating certain French **idioms** literally into English and you'll see what I mean.
 - A. different ways of doing something; or routes that lead to a particular place
 - B. world's premier bicycle races – run annually for 3 weeks primarily in France
 - C. a way of putting things that is characteristic of a specific group of people
- 6 But it is certain that **natural laws** vary from universe to universe—and believe this you must, milord, else neither of us will live long!
 - A. rules of conduct said to be universally desired by all peoples
 - B. results or the processes of learning, discovering, or deciding
 - C. chemicals that trigger behaviors in others of the same species
- 7 your fame needs no **heralds** milord
 - A. things that hold other things together, or wrap or cover or tie something
 - B. a person who announces important news
 - C. international boundaries or wilderness areas at the edge of settled areas
- 8 A **literal** translation is reminiscent of Yellowstone Park: "Warning—the varmints in these woods are not tame."
 - A. word for word
 - B. not important
 - C. flavorfulness
- 9 I'm allergic to dragons—**literally**, not just scared silly.
 - A. meticulously (with great care for small details)
 - B. actually (not just figuratively)
 - C. in a manner that accepts as true (without proof)
- 10 The gravity varies, sometimes **erratically**.
 - A. in a manner where a clear decision is not made
 - B. with a feeling of regret for having done wrong
 - C. in a manner that is irregular or unpredictable
- 11 There was a dropped-elevator sensation at transition, and suddenly reduced gravitation could have been bothersome had we time to **indulge** it.
 - A. enjoy to excess
 - B. work or operate
 - C. think carefully

- 12 *Worse yet, another time when we were climbing "up" stairs—at a piece level by the sketch—a gravitational anomaly caught us with a lull turn and we were suddenly sliding down the ceiling.*
A. in a manner that moves back and forth, or is unsure or weak
B. something outside of the range of what is normally expected
C. with energetic effort (in a difficult and demanding manner)
- 13 *There is a go-for-broke tactic, "the target," taught by the best swordmasters, which consists in headlong advance with arm, wrist, and blade in full extension--all attack and no attempt to parry.*
A. disagree
B. subtract
C. use one's blade to turn aside the blade of an opponent
- 14 *"Shall we argue, rebut and refute "In enthymeme clear as your eye?"*
A. find, search, or research
B. being a boundary or limit
C. disprove or argue against
- 15 *We left almost at once, going out the "front" way and had no trouble, no illusions, no traps, nothing but the fact that the "true path" was long and tedious.*
A. sensible and careful
B. not demonstrative of
C. boring or monotonous
- 16 *She didn't have to guess what would please a man; she knew more about it than I did, from "experience"—and was explosively uninhibited about sharing her unique knowledge.*
A. the process of excessive encouragement or excitement
B. acting naturally without being overly self-conscious
C. the ability to take or adopt power or responsibility
- 17 *A prince consort is not a prostitute.*
A. royal spouse
B. an overwhelming amount; or to overwhelm -- especially said of water
C. to show something -- such as to demonstrate, express, or represent
- 18 *It isn't easy for the Empress's consort to have friends.*
A. a husband, wife, or companion -- especially of a reigning monarch
B. a ceiling designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
C. a person (often a writer or artist) living an unconventional life
- 19 *Mathematicians, peasants, and animals, that's all there is—so democracy, a theory based on the assumption that mathematicians and peasants are equal, can never work.*
A. a system of government in which citizens have power with equal votes
B. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
C. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
- 20 *She can find ways, not lie to you in words--and hurt Her conscience not at all because She hasn't any. Just Wisdom, utterly pragmatic.*
A. concerned with practical matters
B. another battle with the same foe
C. describing someone as antisocial

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	revise	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
2	B	metaphysical	Used 5 times in this book.
3	C	replenish	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
4	B	manor	Used 6 times in this book.
5	C	idiom	Used 5 times in this book.
6	A	natural law	Used 7 times in this book.
7	B	herald (<i>as in: announced by herald & trumpet</i>)	Used 11 times in this book.
8	A	literal (<i>as in: a literal translation</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
9	B	literally (<i>as in: literally--not figuratively</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	C	erratic	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
11	A	indulge	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
12	B	anomaly	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
13	C	parry	Used 8 times in this book.
14	C	refute	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
15	C	tedious	Used 3 times in this book.
16	B	inhibited (<i>as in: she is shy and inhibited</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
17	A	consort (<i>as in: consort together</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
18	A	consort (<i>as in: consort to the queen</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
19	A	democracy	Used 6 times in this book.
20	A	pragmatic	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.