

Harriet Tubman

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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: abolition, abundant, contrast, conviction, eloquent, eminent, evoke, fugitive, hoard, indomitable, infinite, infirm, ingenuity, integral, liable, liberate, mortgage, rouse, seminary, suffrage



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	C
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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.

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. The region has **abundant** natural resources, from oil to fresh water.
 - A. extremely scarce
 - B. highly disputed
 - C. widely available
3. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
 - A. notable similarity
 - B. covering of all styles
 - C. notable difference
4. She stood up in class with total **conviction** and said, "I believe animals deserve to be treated kindly, no matter what."
 - A. raised voice
 - B. firm belief
 - C. shaky voice
5. She is the most **eloquent** speaker at the school.
 - A. well-spoken
 - B. experienced
 - C. popular
6. Despite her **eminent** status in the art world, she remained humble and approachable.
 - A. respected and well-known
 - B. newly acquired
 - C. barely noticed
7. This remark **evoked** sadness.
 - A. eased
 - B. caused
 - C. relieved
8. The **fugitive** fled to Venezuela.
 - A. person on vacation
 - B. rebel
 - C. person running from the law
9. She has **hoarded** so many things, you can barely step into her apartment.
 - A. gathered & stored
 - B. stacked in piles
 - C. made a mess of
10. She is remembered for her **indomitable** spirit.
 - A. uncertain hope and nervous energy
 - B. cheerful optimism and flexibility
 - C. unyielding resolve and spirit
11. The night sky seemed **infinite** as we gazed at countless stars.
 - A. blurry
 - B. silent
 - C. endless

12. The city was conquered, the infirm slaughtered, and the rest enslaved.
- A. weak
 - B. fighters
 - C. children
13. It's going to take a lot of ingenuity, but I think we can save the company.
- A. creativity
 - B. money
 - C. time
14. The National Guard is an integral part of U.S. armed services.
- A. essential
 - B. unimportant
 - C. additional
15. She's not liable to forget something that important.
- A. the state or degree of being less than zero
 - B. the state or degree of being bad or harmful
 - C. likely
16. She writes to liberate her readers from social conformity.
- A. teach
 - B. free
 - C. instruct
17. The site has a mortgage payment calculator that calculates the loan payment based on the interest rate and length of the loan.
- A. unsecured loan
 - B. real estate loan
 - C. credit card loan
18. The smell of freshly brewed coffee roused her from her sleep.
- A. interrupted
 - B. deepened
 - C. awakened
19. She plans to attend Fuller Theological Seminary.
- A. a school for training musicians, painters, and other artists
 - B. a school for training ministers, priests, or rabbis
 - C. a school for training teachers and school administrators
20. Susan B. Anthony fought for women's political rights, especially suffrage.
- A. the right to vote
 - B. the right to own property
 - C. freedom of expression

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 Fishing and hunting were an **integral** part of it, just as it had been part of the life of the Indians, who had practically disappeared from the Eastern Shore by 1750.
 - A. an essential part or characteristic
 - B. extra
 - C. unimportant
- 2 The mumbling old voice **evoked** the clank of chains, the horror of thirst, the black smell of death, below deck in the hold of a slave ship.
 - A. consistent or the same
 - B. called forth or caused
 - C. not roughly calculated
- 3 Things were **infinitely** worse because of Denmark and all his plots and plans for freedom.
 - A. in a manner that is open to arguments, ideas, or change
 - B. inadequately (in a manner that does not provide enough)
 - C. unlimited; without boundaries; or too numerous to count
- 4 Then came harvest, one of the best times of the year, when the big full moon lit the fields and the slaves worked late, singing songs that had a lilt in them, songs that were like a thanksgiving for the **abundance** of the crop.
 - A. sharpness or intenseness
 - B. conflict or disagreement
 - C. large amount or quantity
- 5 He asked for some kind of agreement in regard to the return of the hundreds of **fugitive** slaves living in Canada.
 - A. the state or degree of agreeing or approving
 - B. the state of doing something unintentionally
 - C. someone hiding from law enforcement officers
- 6 The subject of slavery was introduced because some of the counties, alarmed by the Nat Turner insurrection, had petitioned for the gradual emancipation of the slaves or for **abolition** of slavery.
 - A. obsessive-compulsive disorder -- an anxiety disorder characterized by recurrent and persistent thoughts and feelings and repetitive, ritualized behaviors
 - B. ending a system or practice
 - 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
- 7 His swiftly moving figure was in strange **contrast** to the languorous slow motion of his hands just a few minutes before.
 - A. come to terms with
 - B. block or interfere
 - C. notable difference
- 8 In Boston, on January 1, 1831, William Lloyd Garrison published the first issue of his antislavery newspaper, *The Liberator*.
 - A. someone who lies or misleads
 - B. someone who sets others free
 - C. one who eliminates something
- 9 In Boston, on October 21, 1835, William Lloyd Garrison, publisher of *The Liberator*, was rescued from a mob of some two thousand well-dressed, **eminently** respectable men who were intent on hanging him.
 - A. with high standing
 - B. with strong desire
 - C. in a sloped manner
- 10 It had taken her years to save five dollars, she had **hoarded** pennies to accumulate such a sum.
 - A. gathered something valuable and stored it
 - B. caused great mental or physical suffering
 - C. extremely embarrassed (decreased dignity)

- 11 *It was in this office, upstairs in Lebanon Seminary, that she learned the extent of the network of stops on the Underground Railroad.*
- A. the reason for doing something; or the level of desire to do something
 - B. a school for training clerics -- usually ministers, priests, or rabbis
 - C. a drug that calms or puts to sleep; or describing something as calming
- 12 *He would, however, rely on the ingenuity of the Vigilance Committee to take care of the matter after the merchandise reached Baltimore.*
- A. ability to solve problems in smart creative ways
 - B. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
 - C. a general feeling of not being as good as others
- 13 *Because of the Fugitive Slave Law she was liable to be arrested at any moment even though she was living in a free state.*
- A. devices that convert light into electricity
 - B. temperature scale used in most of the world
 - C. likely to; or maybe going to; or subject to
- 14 *She told them about Frederick Douglass, the most famous of the escaped slaves, of his eloquence, of his magnificent appearance.*
- A. powerful use of language
 - B. lowering moral standards
 - C. changing or not reliable
- 15 *She gave the impression of being a short, muscular, indomitable woman who could never be defeated.*
- A. relating to the threadlike structures in the cell nucleus that carry genes in a linear order
 - B. of something temporarily treated as true to advance a discussion or to further investigation
 - C. impossible to defeat or discourage; or showing unshakable strength, determination, or spirit
- 16 *He sat with his head on his hand, and nobody could rouse him, or make him take any interest in anything.*
- A. beyond the permitted boundary or limit
 - B. explains something in a particular way
 - C. to awaken, make more active, or excite
- 17 *She had very little money to make a down payment, so there was a rather large mortgage.*
- A. to concentrate, look at; or the act of concentration
 - B. a real estate loan; or pledging something for a loan
 - C. enter another's property without right or permission
- 18 *It seemed to her amazing that a white man, free, independent, should have held such strong convictions on the subject of slavery that he was willing to risk his life in order that slaves should be free.*
- A. not working or not operating
 - B. a strong, firmly held belief
 - C. calculates or judges too low
- 19 *Like many other former Abolitionists, she became interested in the movement for women's suffrage.*
- A. right to vote
 - B. use of reason
 - C. determination
- 20 *Harriet was, however, neither old nor infirm.*
- A. weak from old age or disease
 - B. without boundaries or limits
 - C. not good at making decisions

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	integral (<i>as in: integral part</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
2	B	evoke	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
3	C	infinite	Used 4 times in this book.
4	C	abundant	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
5	C	fugitive (<i>as in: she is a fugitive</i>)	Used 53 times in this book.
6	B	abolition	Used 13 times in this book.
7	C	contrast (<i>as in: there is a contrast</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
8	B	liberate	Used 3 times in this book.
9	A	eminent	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
10	A	hoard	Used 4 times in this book.
11	B	seminary	Used 3 times in this book.
12	A	ingenuity	Used 2 times in this book.
13	C	liable (<i>as in: she is liable to</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
14	A	eloquent	Used 2 times in this book.
15	C	indomitable	Used 2 times in this book.
16	C	rouse	Used 3 times in this book.
17	B	mortgage	Used 3 times in this book.
18	B	conviction (<i>as in: spoke with conviction</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
19	A	suffrage	Used 2 times in this book.
20	A	infirm	Used 3 times in this book.