

Profiles in Courage

by John F. Kennedy

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: abolition, antagonist, assail, conscientious, controversy, conviction, democracy, denounce, effigy, embargo, enable, inconsistent, legislature, moreover, prejudice, republic, repudiate, resolution (2), veto



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. In the book, *Harry Potter*, Voldemort is Harry's **antagonist**.
 - A. partner
 - B. friend
 - C. enemy
3. She took every opportunity to **assail** the policy.
 - A. study
 - B. attack
 - C. understand
4. He was **burned in effigy** by the mob.
 - A. burned with tar and feathered
 - B. burned in a bath of hot water
 - C. a likeness that represented him was burned
5. I try to hire employees who are **conscientious**.
 - A. smart
 - B. attractive
 - C. careful
6. She withdrew from nomination due to the **controversy** surrounding her taxes.
 - A. quiet meeting
 - B. minor question
 - C. public dispute
7. 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
8. Canada has a **parliamentary democracy**.
 - A. government by the people
 - B. government by one ruler
 - C. government by the wealthy
9. She bravely stepped forward to **denounce** the corruption within her company.
 - A. openly condemn
 - B. warmly praise
 - C. quietly ignore
10. The country placed an **embargo** on oil shipments during the conflict.
 - A. ban on trade
 - B. tax on trade
 - C. increase in trade
11. Modern smartphones **enable** people to work from almost anywhere.
 - A. require
 - B. allow
 - C. remind

12. His grades were inconsistent, ranging from A's to F's each term.
- A. perfect
 - B. private
 - C. uneven
13. She is running for the state legislature.
- A. highest court
 - B. police department
 - C. lawmaking body
14. Many graduates have high college debt. Moreover, too many of them haven't found good-paying jobs.
- A. in contrast to that
 - B. in addition to that
 - C. as a result of that
15. Seeing the defendant wear prison clothes may prejudice the jury against the defendant.
- A. create a sympathetic belief in
 - B. create a serious attitude in
 - C. create an unfair belief in
16. A republic is a particular type of democracy.
- A. weak monarchy
 - B. representative government
 - C. oligarchy
17. The election results were a clear repudiation of the incumbent's policies.
- A. approval
 - B. rejection
 - C. explanation
18. Are you making any New Year's resolutions this year?
- A. decorations
 - B. event plans
 - C. decisions
19. Congress passed a resolution supporting the country's right to defend itself.
- A. statement of opinion
 - B. budget allocation
 - C. law
20. The president decided to veto the bill passed by Congress.
- A. openly support
 - B. publicly debate
 - C. officially reject

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 is thinking of that next campaign—the desire to be reelected—that provides the second pressure on the **conscientious** Senator.*
 - A. not attractive or desirable
 - B. orbiting Earth once per day
 - C. careful to do what is right
- 2 *All of us in the Senate meet endless examples of such conflicting pressures, which only reflect the **inconsistencies** inevitable in our complex economy.*
 - A. small paper forms made to lists the amount of money and each check being deposited into a bank account
 - B. sculptures or other things made of the brownish metal with the same name -- such as third place medals
 - C. not the same in different parts or at different times

or:

not in agreement [with something else]
- 3 *This may not always be easy, but it nevertheless is the essence of **democracy**, faith in the wisdom of the people and their views.*
 - 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
- 4 *Moreover, I question whether any Senator, before we vote on a measure, can state with certainty exactly how the majority of his constituents feel on the issue as it is presented to the Senate.*
 - A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in addition to what has just been said
 - C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 5 *It would be more comfortable to continue to move and vote in platoons, joining whomever of our colleagues are equally enslaved by some current fashion, raging **prejudice** or popular movement.*
 - A. fear, or anticipate with worry (commonly only seen in the forms "apprehensive" and "apprehension," but seen in this form in classic literature)
 - B. to expression feelings or thoughts enthusiastically OR to squirt or give off (typically under pressure such as blood or leaking gas)
 - C. bias that prevents objective consideration -- especially an unreasonable belief that is unfair to members of a race, religion, or other group
- 6 *Some Senators were also required to return regularly to their state **legislatures**, to report like Venetian envoys on their stewardship at the Capital.*
 - A. organizations, each of which is comprised of firms in a single industry
 - B. thousands of very small unit of electrical energy (thousands of joules)
 - C. groups of government representatives that have the power to create laws
- 7 *If I can but keep my **resolution**, I may again at the end of the week give a better account of myself.*
 - A. measure of general intelligence
 - B. solid shapes made of flat faces
 - C. firm decision to do something
- 8 *A mass meeting at Lawrence had vilified the Senator and speedily reported **resolutions** sharply condemning his position.*
 - A. formal expressions of opinion arrived at by group vote
 - B. periods of time when someone exhibits unusual behavior
 - C. speaks with someone about something for the first time
- 9 *For upon the heels of his election, the jealous and **antagonistic** Timothy Pickering (who had been dismissed as Secretary of State by his father) was selected as Adams' Senatorial colleague to fill a short-term vacancy.*
 - A. without boundaries or limits
 - B. not good at making decisions
 - C. with opposition or hostility

- 10 But it was not until 1807 that the split between party and Senator became irreparable, and Adams was **denounced** by the great majority of his constituents, as well as the party chiefs.
- A. strongly criticized or accused publicly OR (more rarely) informed against someone
 - B. thought of something as true or likely, even though it was not known with certainty
 - C. paused to change how something is done -- often while reducing the use of resources
- 11 As the **Embargo** Bill, with his help, became law, a storm of protest arose in Massachusetts reminiscent of the days of the Boston Tea Party.
- A. an official ban or restriction -- especially a government-imposed trade barrier
 - B. portray or create in a particular way OR interpret, translate, or extract from
 - C. to release from slavery or servitude; or (metaphorically) from social restraints
- 12 But the seams of compromise were bursting by 1850, as vast new territories acquired by the Mexican War accelerated the pace of the slavery **controversy**.
- A. psychiatrist
 - B. satisfaction
 - C. disagreement
- 13 In New England, Garrison was publicly proclaiming, "I am an **Abolitionist** and, therefore, for the dissolution of the Union."
- A. someone who grants a favor to someone
 - B. a reformer who favored ending slavery
 - C. someone who believes in multiple gods
- 14 Even from the military point of view of the North, postponement of the battle for ten years **enabled** the Northern states to increase tremendously their lead in population, voting power, production and railroads.
- A. got closer to
 - B. made possible
 - C. not satisfied
- 15 It will require manly efforts, sir, and they must expect to meet with prejudices that will **assail** them from every quarter.
- A. hire again or occupy again
 - B. to attack or cause trouble
 - C. learn, discover, or decide
- 16 And for the first time in our nation's history, important public measures were passed over a President's **veto** and became law without his support.
- A. find, search, or research
 - B. being a boundary or limit
 - C. block (prevent) an action
- 17 **Denounced, threatened and burned in effigy** in Missouri, he did not even bother to seek re-election to the Senate.
- A. a chronic autoimmune disease with inflammation of the joints
 - B. searched for and discovered through persistent investigation
 - C. burned a crude straw man or dummy made to represent a person
- 18 Then it will be for them to determine if adherence to my honest **convictions** has disqualified me from representing them;
- A. not working or not operating
 - B. a strong, firmly held belief
 - C. calculates or judges too low
- 19 There was no **Republican** or Democratic position on a matter enthusiastically applauded by the entire nation.
- A. relating to a Christian ceremony signifying spiritual cleansing and rebirth OR relating to a challenging experience that initiates or purifies
 - B. of a system of government in which a majority of citizens elect representatives to make laws; or someone in favor of such a form of government
 - C. of an organism in the early stages of development prior to birth, hatching, or sprouting OR of anything in an early stage of development
- 20 The Louisiana delegation and other Southerners publicly **repudiated** him, and from that moment on his chances for the Presidency were nil.
- A. thought carefully
 - B. strongly rejected
 - C. guided or managed

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	conscientious	Used 13 times in this book.
2	C	inconsistent	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
3	A	democracy	Used 18 times in this book.
4	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
5	C	prejudice	Used 13 times in this book.
6	C	legislature	Used 75 times in this book.
7	C	resolution (<i>as in: a New Year's resolution</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	A	resolution (<i>as in: a United Nations resolution</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	C	antagonist (<i>as in: the antagonist in the film</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
10	A	denounce	Used 35 times in this book.
11	A	embargo	Used 9 times in this book.
12	C	controversy	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
13	B	abolition	Used 16 times in this book.
14	B	enable	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
15	B	assail	Used 11 times in this book.
16	C	veto	Used 12 times in this book.
17	C	effigy (<i>as in: burned in effigy</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
18	B	conviction (<i>as in: spoke with conviction</i>)	Used 42 times in this book.
19	B	republic (<i>as in: the country is a republic</i>)	Used 83 times in this book.
20	B	repudiate	Used 10 times in this book.