

The Julian Chapter: A Wonder Story

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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: cleave, dwell, empathy, expel, goad, initiate, instantaneous, interject, liberate, mischievous, narrator, opera, polio, precept, premonition, ramifications, reflect, remorse, resolve, synagogue



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	B
3	B
4	C
5	B
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7	A
8	B
9	B
10	A
11	B
12	A
13	A
14	B
15	B
16	C
17	C
18	C
19	B
20	B

Vocabulary Preview
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. It has the ability to **cleave** carbon-carbon bonds.
 - A. split
 - B. identify
 - C. find
2. Her students were ready to move on, but she **dwelled** on and on about Chapter 7.
 - A. kept avoiding
 - B. kept talking about
 - C. tested
3. The teacher's **empathy** helped her connect with students facing difficulties at home.
 - A. ability to control emotional outbursts
 - B. understanding and sharing others' feelings
 - C. common sense and wise advice
4. If her behavior does not improve, she could face **expulsion** from school.
 - A. having to repeat a grade
 - B. serious punishment
 - C. being forcing to leave
5. She tried to **goad** the candidate into saying something extreme.
 - A. poke with a stick
 - B. provoke
 - C. prevent
6. We are encouraging local authorities to initiate long-term emergency planning.
 - A. increase
 - B. extend
 - C. start
7. She was in a car crash and died **instantaneously**.
 - A. immediately
 - B. painfully
 - C. unfortunately
8. "Leave me out of it," she **interjected**.
 - A. shouted
 - B. inserted
 - C. complained
9. She writes to **liberate** her readers from social conformity.
 - A. teach
 - B. free
 - C. instruct
10. The **mischievous** children spilled chocolate syrup all over the kitchen.
 - A. misbehaving
 - B. careless
 - C. young
11. One of the more popular narrators in movie history is Morgan Freeman. I especially liked him in *The Shawshank Redemption* where in addition to playing a major role, he narrated the film.
 - A. producer who works closest with the actors
 - B. actor who talks directly to the audience
 - C. script writer

12. We're going to the opera this evening.
- A. musical theater performance
 - B. outdoor sporting event
 - C. casual dinner gathering
13. Even though it's rare now, the threat of polio resurgence remains in areas with low vaccination rates.
- A. viral disease that causes muscle paralysis
 - B. genetic disorder leading to weakened bones
 - C. bacteria that infects the respiratory system
14. It became a precept of U.S. foreign policy.
- A. sign
 - B. rule
 - C. problem
15. Like most soldiers, I was scared before battle, but it's not like I had a premonition that something bad was going to happen to me.
- A. expectation
 - B. feeling
 - C. certainty
16. Does anyone see negative ramifications if we implement this suggestion?
- A. advantages
 - B. objections
 - C. consequences
17. As I reflect on my life, I realize that it's relationships that matter most.
- A. write a story
 - B. live
 - C. think carefully
18. I expressed my remorse at having let them down.
- A. frustration
 - B. worry
 - C. regret
19. This feud will never be resolved with violence.
- A. properly considered
 - B. settled or solved
 - C. reduced or understood
20. In his speech at the synagogue, the President repeated that the United States will support Israel.
- A. Jewish school
 - B. Jewish house of worship
 - C. universal religious building

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 *I wish he had kept his creepy little face hidden away like in **The Phantom of the Opera** or something.*
 - A. a musical play with orchestra in which most of the dialogue is sung (or the art form that consists of such musicals; or describing something as related to that art form)
 - B. a person with or something related to an eating disorder in which overeating is followed by guilt and unhealthy attempts at correction -- especially self-induced vomiting
 - C. the act of forcing into an undesired activity or situation -- such as legally sentencing someone to punishment OR the act of finding guilty -- especially in court
- 2 *"I could swear he said the boy had a **cleft palate**," she answered, "but this is so much worse than that."*
 - A. an opening or split in the roof of the mouth
 - B. a complete loss of the sensation of taste
 - C. a medical condition in which the shoulders are very narrow
- 3 *"I was surprised they didn't **expel** him," said Henry's mom.*
 - A. collision
 - B. translate
 - C. kick out of a school
- 4 *"The reason we asked you here today is because, unfortunately," Dr. Jansen continued, "we have a serious matter on our hands, and we'd like to figure out the best way to **resolve** it."*
 - A. work or operate
 - B. settle
 - C. strongly desire
- 5 *"Excuse me," Mom **interjected** angrily.*
 - A. (verb) created, started, settled, or set in a place OR (adjective) existing, or familiar
 - B. quickly inserted (interrupting what another is saying)
 - C. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
- 6 *"And you know for a fact that it's Julian who **initiated** all this?" asked Dad.*
 - A. changed
 - B. forgave
 - C. started
- 7 *We want him to feel some **empathy**—*
 - A. a place where conditions are kept as they were to protect wildlife
 - B. understanding of other's feelings
 - C. someone who believes that all knowledge is derived from experience
- 8 *"He was **goaded** into writing them!" answered Mom.*
 - A. excessively excited
 - B. provoked or encouraged to do something
 - C. nervous or confused
- 9 *Don't you feel any **remorse** for what you've done?*
 - A. two successive lines of poetry; usually rhymed
 - B. the main building (or buildings) of government
 - C. regret for doing something that was wrong
- 10 *I should have taken that as a **premonition**.*
 - A. of Athens during the Golden Age of Greece (5th century BC)
 - B. a feeling, not based on reason, that something will happen
 - C. of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and sometimes Finland & Iceland
- 11 *I just sent you my **precept** in the mail: "Sometimes it's good to start over."*
 - A. wrong understanding
 - B. rule for behavior
 - C. act of hiring again

- 12 A fresh start gives us the chance to **reflect** on the past, weigh the things we've done, and apply what we've learned from those things to the future.
- A. work or operate
 - B. help make clear
 - C. think carefully
- 13 We *didn't even go to synagogue*.
- A. a particular way of seeing or thinking about things
 - B. a place of worship for a people of the Jewish faith
 - C. collection of star systems held together by gravity
- 14 *Alors, well, Tourteau's legs were deformed from the polio.*
- A. viral disease that causes muscle paralysis
 - B. genetic disorder leading to weakened bones
 - C. bacteria that infects the respiratory system
- 15 *But Tourteau was an excellent narrator, and he made me laugh a lot.*
- A. translation
 - B. someone who tells a story
 - C. quiet voice
- 16 *I had no idea you were so mischievous!*
- A. playfully causing minor trouble; or describing the smile of someone doing so
 - B. the state or degree of having the ability to change for different situations
 - C. the quality of behaving in an instinctive, uninhibited, and unplanned manner
- 17 *Almost instantaneously, tears rolled down Grandmere's cheeks.*
- A. immediately (happening with no delay)
 - B. with sympathy for another's suffering
 - C. in a manner that requires much effort
- 18 *We didn't find out he was dead until after the liberation.*
- A. aroused or inspired again
 - B. being set free
 - C. expressing intense hatred
- 19 *I just don't think you understand all the legal ramifications.*
- A. soccer: unopposed kicks awarded to a team due an infraction by the opposing team
 - B. compounds best known for causing an allergic reaction after exposure to allergens
 - C. complications that result from an initial action
- 20 *I do not like to dwell on the past.*
- A. (noun) a strip of hair made lighter in color OR (verb) making strips of hair lighter in color
 - B. think or discuss for a long time
 - C. a tool for cutting grass that has a curved blade and a long handle that is held with both hands

ANSWER KEY
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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	opera	Used about 7 times per 10 books in our high school library.
2	A	cleave (<i>as in: cleave through</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
3	C	expel	Used 3 times in this book.
4	B	resolve (<i>as in: How was the problem resolved?</i>)	High-utility academic word
5	B	interject	Used 2 times in this book.
6	C	initiate (<i>as in: initiate discussions</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
7	B	empathy	High-utility academic word
8	B	goad	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
9	C	remorse	Used 9 times in this book.
10	B	premonition	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
11	B	precept	Used 9 times in this book.
12	C	reflect (<i>as in: I want to reflect on it.</i>)	High-utility academic word
13	B	synagogue	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
14	A	polio	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
15	B	narrator	High-utility academic word
16	A	mischievous	Used about 5 times per 10 books in our high school library.
17	A	instantaneous	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
18	B	liberate	Used 2 times in this book.
19	C	ramifications	Used 2 times in this book.
20	B	dwell (<i>as in: Don't dwell on it.</i>)	High-utility academic word