

The Power and the Glory

by Grace MacGowan Cooke

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: allude, aspire, assent, clamor, deft, dismay, dubious, forbearance, inarticulate, inert, inquiry, monotonous, penitent, remonstrate, reprove, sinister, socialism, specimen, tremulous, vigor



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	A
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8	A
9	C
10	B
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17	B
18	B
19	C
20	B

Vocabulary Preview
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She didn't mention any names, but everyone knew she was **alluding** to the President.
 - A. being discouraging
 - B. indirectly referring
 - C. not talking
2. The young artist **aspires** to create masterpieces that will inspire generations to come.
 - A. hopes
 - B. delays
 - C. fears
3. The singer **assented** to the request for an encore.
 - A. declined or refused
 - B. dislike or resented
 - C. consented or agreed
4. Noisy **clamor** gave way to reasoned dialogue.
 - A. demands
 - B. insults
 - C. whining
5. She chopped the vegetables with **deft**, sure movements.
 - A. quick & skillful
 - B. small and firm
 - C. rotating
6. Hope was replaced by **dismay**.
 - A. satisfaction
 - B. faith
 - C. sorrow
7. She gave a **dubious** look when he claimed to have met the president.
 - A. doubtful
 - B. polite
 - C. joyful
8. I appreciate your **forbearance**.
 - A. patience or tolerance
 - B. financial loan
 - C. family concerns
9. She seemed uninformed and **inarticulate** compared to her opponent in the debate.
 - A. biased
 - B. without empathy
 - C. poorly spoken
10. She considers our political system **inert** and calls for violent revolution as the path to change.
 - A. corrupt
 - B. unmoving
 - C. energetic
11. The official **inquiry** has ended, but the press continues to ask questions.
 - A. story
 - B. statement
 - C. investigation
12. The study indicates that traffic accidents from falling asleep increase on long, straight, **monotonous** roads.
 - A. dark
 - B. narrow
 - C. boring

13. After breaking the window, the **penitent** boy apologized to his neighbor.
- A. proud of one's actions
 - B. confused about the rules
 - C. feeling regret for wrongdoing
14. The lawyers will **remonstrate** that we're starting without a written agreement, but we trust each other.
- A. promise
 - B. protest
 - C. explain
15. I don't want to spoil her, but I don't have the heart to **reprove** her.
- A. criticize
 - B. compliment
 - C. instruct
16. In the movie, there was a **sinister** plot to kill people and harvest their organs.
- A. complicated
 - B. evil
 - C. clever
17. Societies calling themselves **socialist** range from Western-style democracies to dictatorships.
- A. with an economic system that has a complete absence of political authority
 - B. with an economic system based on government control of all important companies
 - C. with an economic system based on private ownership of property and businesses
18. The collection includes **specimens** from all over the world.
- A. insects
 - B. examples
 - C. shells
19. She tried to sound confident, but her voice was **tremulous**.
- A. grating (rough)
 - B. frail (weak or soft)
 - C. quivering (shaky)
20. The scientist pursued her research with **vigor**, determined to make a breakthrough discovery.
- A. outside help
 - B. energy and strength
 - C. persistent patience

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 "That!" cried Laurella Passmore, taking it up with angrily **tremulous** fingers.
 - A. marvelous (wonderful)
 - B. vigorous (strong)
 - C. quivering (shaky)
- 2 First it was a hymn, all abrupt, odd, minor cadences and **monotonous** refrain.
 - A. increasingly more frightening and/or dangerous
 - B. interesting and/or stimulating
 - C. lacking in variety and/or boring
- 3 And, having made a bed in the cradle from some folded covers, he lifted the baby with strange **deftness** and placed it in.
 - A. quick and skillful
 - B. good or beneficial
 - C. not representative
- 4 Now her face dimpled as she remembered the shriek of **dismay** Laurella sent after her.
 - A. make someone want to do something
 - B. walk in an awkward, shuffling way
 - C. sadness, disappointment, or worry
- 5 "Uh-huh," **assented** Buckheath.
 - A. campaigned or worked for a cause that was passionately believed to be important
 - B. became less intense, less severe, or less active -- perhaps went away entirely
 - C. to express agreement -- especially with a statement or proposal to do something
- 6 They turned to find a squat, middle-aged man regarding them **dubiously**.
 - A. doubtfully or suspiciously
 - B. not capable of being found
 - C. not in a self-aware manner
- 7 Most of the men who are loud in the leadership of **socialism** have made a failure of their own lives.
 - A. history: breaking of the law by a Catholic for refusing to attend services of the Church of England between the 16th and 18th centuries
 - B. an economic system based on government ownership or control of all important companies -- with the ideal of equal benefits to all people
 - C. history: the act of a Catholic breaking the law by refusing to attend services of the Church of England between the 16th and 18th centuries
- 8 The Hardwick mill was a large one; to the mountain-bred girl it seemed endless, while its **clamour** and roar was a thing to daunt.
 - A. loud noise and/or persistent demands
 - B. the quality of exactness or accuracy
 - C. the gain of advantage from something
- 9 "Wait till some other time, I—I don't want to—" But her **remonstrance** came too late; Mandy had yanked her forward and was performing the introduction...
 - A. someone who expresses disapproval
 - B. argument in protest or opposition
 - C. the act of recognizing difference
- 10 She was glad they were such fine **specimens**—all perfect.
 - A. males, females, or various trans categories
 - B. examples regarded as typical of their class
 - C. jobs, reservations, bookings, or activities
- 11 He began some carefully worded **inquiries** as to her experience in the mill and her opinion of the work.
 - A. social events or ceremonies
 - B. reasons for doing something
 - C. questions or investigations

- 12 *The explanation of how the girl came to be riding in his car that Sunday morning was neither as full nor as penitent as Miss Lydia could have wished; yet it did recognize the impropriety of the act, and was, in so far, satisfactory.*
 A. having the characteristic of or relating to bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 B. suffering from too few red blood cells
- or (less commonly): lacking vitality
 C. feeling or expressing sorrow for having done wrong; or a person who does such
- 13 *"Oh, John!" she said reprovingly, 'Daily bread' is all we have anything to do with.*
 A. in a critical manner
 B. with great annoyance
 C. in a wasteful manner
- 14 *If you thought that my wishing and—aspiring—would ever bring me such as that, I'd sure try.*
 A. hoping to be successful
 B. attractive or desirable
 C. predicting or revealing
- 15 *A "concrete form" she imagined might allude to the fact that Miss Sessions had a better figure than she.*
 A. select (on a computer screen)
 B. to make an indirect reference
 C. consume or destroy completely
- 16 *Her own vigorous young frame resisted valiantly; yet the Saturday half-holiday, the Sunday of rest, could scarcely renew her for the exorbitant hours of mechanical toil.*
 A. uncultivated grasslands
 B. with strength or energy
 C. lowered moral standards
- 17 *She was not without a healthy young woman's relish for this sort of admiration; but Shade Buckheath's proposal came with so little grace, in such almost sinister form, that she scarcely recognized it.*
 A. not able to be disagreed with
 B. evil, harmful, or frightening
 C. not thoughtful about the past
- 18 *At the porch edge he strove to recover himself, failed, and with a short, coughing groan, pitched down the steps and lay, an inert mass, at their foot.*
 A. the quality or degree of being straightforward or clear (sometimes indicating that truth is not worded carefully to spare feelings or gain advantage)
 B. unmoving, inactive, or unable to move
- or:
 slow, lethargic, or without interest
- or (in chemistry/medicine):
 chemically inactive (not having an effect)
 C. the degree to which a performance of or to someone else's work lends itself to the expression of personal artistic ideas or feelings by the performer
- 19 *Pap Himes looked at her, at the beads, and gave the fierce, inarticulate, ludicrously futile growl of a thwarted, perplexed animal.*
 A. tendency to be direct in a disagreeable, insensitive manner
 B. the degree or quality of being exactly vertical or straight
 C. unable to express oneself clearly; or not expressed clearly
- 20 *He sat for some time silent, with introverted gaze, Johnnie with difficulty restraining her impatience, forbearing to break in upon his meditation.*
 A. refraining (holding back) from acting
 B. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 C. able to be restored to good condition

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	tremulous	Used 10 times in this book.
2	C	monotonous	Used 8 times in this book.
3	A	deft	Used 8 times in this book.
4	C	dismay	Used 8 times in this book.
5	C	assent	Used 10 times in this book.
6	A	dubious	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
7	B	socialism	Used 16 times in this book.
8	A	clamor	Used 9 times in this book.
9	B	remonstrate	Used 12 times in this book.
10	B	specimen	Used 12 times in this book.
11	C	inquiry	High-utility academic word; used 16 times in this book.
12	C	penitent	Used 3 times in this book.
13	A	reprove	Used 9 times in this book.
14	A	aspire	Used 8 times in this book.
15	B	allude	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
16	B	vigor	Used 9 times in this book.
17	B	sinister	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
18	B	inert	Used 6 times in this book.
19	C	inarticulate	Used 4 times in this book.
20	A	forbearance	Used 3 times in this book.