

The Power and the Glory

by Graham Greene

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: alloy, appalling, baptism, clergy, complacent, contempt, contrite, cunning, inordinate, malice, martyr, parish, peasant, penitent, persecution, pious, repent, seminary, sentry, sullen



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
3	A
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10	C
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15	C
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20	B

Vocabulary Preview
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The mechanic explained that this wheel was made from a lightweight **alloy**, perfect for racing.
 - A. type of plastic
 - B. pure aluminum
 - C. mixture of metals
2. She has scheduled a news conference to respond to the **appalling** accusations.
 - A. false
 - B. horrible
 - C. foolish
3. The baby's **baptism** took place at the local church on Sunday.
 - A. religious ceremony
 - B. first birthday party
 - C. doctor's appointment
4. The **clergy** met with community leaders after the storm.
 - A. elected officials
 - B. wealthy donors
 - C. religious leaders
5. This team could win State if they stay hungry instead of getting too **complacent**.
 - A. worried
 - B. distracted
 - C. satisfied
6. He was impolite. She pretended not to notice except that she treated him with **contempt**.
 - A. great annoyance
 - B. lack of respect
 - C. impatience
7. Even after the jury found her guilty, she showed no sign of **contrition**.
 - A. regret
 - B. understanding
 - C. emotion
8. The worst mix -- greedy, **cunning**, and without morals.
 - A. stupid and impatient
 - B. clever and deceitful
 - C. strong and cruel
9. She spent an **inordinate** amount of time choosing a font.
 - A. careful
 - B. ordinary
 - C. excessive
10. Words can be like baseball bats when used **maliciously** against someone who is sensitive.
 - A. carelessly
 - B. mockingly
 - C. evilly
11. Although ruthless, they did not want to create a martyr, so rather than execute her, they imprisoned her.
 - A. news story
 - B. deceased hero
 - C. bad example
12. Our **parish** raised funds to repair the old chapel's leaking roof and bell tower.
 - A. large city government
 - B. private school district
 - C. local church community

13. In 1932 a **peasant** revolt in Su County, China stopped collection of the poppy tax.
- A. city dweller
 - B. young person
 - C. poor farmer
14. 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
15. In that country people who are gay are **persecuted** by law.
- A. forced to leave
 - B. ignored
 - C. treated badly
16. Benjamin Franklin's parents were **pious** Puritans.
- A. non-traditional
 - B. traditional
 - C. highly religious
17. She said the U.S. should **repent** for the sins of fossil fuels.
- A. reimburse
 - B. apologize
 - C. suffer
18. 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
19. The **sentry** challenged anyone who tried to enter the camp after dark.
- A. kitchen helper
 - B. watchful guard
 - C. village healer
20. A **sullen** crowd watched the execution.
- A. excited
 - B. unhappy
 - C. celebrating

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 He looked down the carpet of shadow: a **sentry** sat on an empty crate asleep beside his rifle.
 - A. social event or ceremony
 - B. someone who stands guard
 - C. a positively charged ion
- 2 He put it inside the little oven for gold **alloy**.
 - A. a slight amount; or to contain a slight amount
 - B. something that is necessary for something else
 - C. a metal that consists of more than one element
- 3 He had a sharp crooked nose jutting out of a lean dancer's face; his neatness gave an effect of **inordinate** ambition in the shabby city.
 - A. mental activity of which one is not self-aware
 - B. with the involvement of other people or things
 - C. excessive or more than is reasonable or normal
- 4 A few **peasants** waited on a bench, hands between their knees.
 - A. organisms in the early stages of growth prior to birth, hatching, or sprouting; in humans organisms during the first eight weeks of development (prior to the fetal stage)
 - B. members of an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
 - C. used historically or possibly in relation to a very poor country: people of low income, education, and social standing -- especially those who raise crops or livestock
- 5 He spent six years at some American **seminary**.
 - 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
- 6 He had a sort of contempt for the lower **clergy**, and right up to the last he was explaining his rank.
 - A. the position of being in charge of a group of monks
 - B. with disapproval or distrust; or directed to one side
 - C. formal religious leaders (typically in Christianity)
- 7 "Young Juan," the mother read, "from his earliest years was noted for his humility and **piety**."
 - A. a substance that stimulates the production of antibodies to protect against a disease
 - B. a shop that offers loans to individuals who use their personal property as collateral
 - C. highly religious and moral behavior
- 8 About a poor woman who took to him her son to be **baptized**.
 - A. "spiritually renewed" in a Christian ceremony OR initiated or purified by a challenging experience
 - B. expressed personal artistic ideas or feelings while performing (or performing to) someone else's work
 - C. directed energy from a negative (unacceptable) impulse or urge into a positive or acceptable action
- 9 The mother, compressing her lips, continued: "...the **persecution** of the early Christians."
 - A. aka analyst -- psychiatrist
 - B. something taken on or adopted
 - C. very bad and unfair treatment
- 10 The heavy brown eyes stared **sullenly** back at him.
 - A. in a manner that involves betrayal
 - B. in a gloomy manner; or showing a bad mood
 - C. in a manner that calls or attracts
- 11 I shall feel **contrition** and be forgiven:
 - A. sorrow or regret for a fault or offense
 - B. something that causes ongoing suffering
 - C. able to generate electricity from light

- 12 *We are a big **parish** and the priest has a position to keep up.*
A. someone who abandoned their religion or separated from others with whom they used to share firmly held beliefs
B. an artists performance of another artist's work that expresses the performer's feelings or ideas about the work
C. a local church community
- 13 *Three of four faces looked at him with **malicious** amusement:*
A. exceedingly important, serious, or dangerous
B. designed to be useful; or capable of working
C. wanting to see others suffer
- 14 *penitence was the fruit of long training and discipline:*
A. a psychologist concerned with the treatment of abnormal thinking and behavior
B. a government, country, or ruling family of a country ruled by a king of queen
C. feeling or expressing sorrow for having done wrong
- 15 *The voice said with **contempt**, "You believers are all the same."*
A. frustration at being treated unfairly
B. lack of respect
C. prejudice or unfair treatment
- 16 *He needed a confessor to draw his mind slowly down the drab passages which led to grief and repentance.*
A. opinion of what is good and bad about something
B. to feel regret for having done wrong and to desire to be a better person in the future
C. the majority denomination of Islam (almost 90%)
- 17 *He had done nothing to shake her **complacency**.*
A. dreamlike state of altered consciousness
B. a range of things between two boundaries
C. contentedness (satisfied and unworried)
- 18 *It was **appallingly** complicated.*
A. in a manner that is effective in producing an intended effect
B. terribly
C. in a manner that is not clearly seen, expressed or understood
- 19 *You needed to be shrewd in this country if you were going to retain any ideals at all and he was **cunning** in the defence of the good life.*
A. related to the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
B. good at achieving goals through cleverness and deception
C. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
- 20 *He was one of the **martyrs** of the Church.*
A. pauses to change how something is done -- often while reducing the use of resources
B. people who suffer for the sake of principle
C. speaks in an ambiguous manner that does not clearly express an opinion or decision

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	sentry	Used 7 times in this book.
2	C	alloy	Used 3 times in this book.
3	C	inordinate	Used 3 times in this book.
4	C	peasant	Used 8 times in this book.
5	B	seminary	Used 7 times in this book.
6	C	clergy	Used 3 times in this book.
7	C	pious (<i>as in: a good, pious woman</i>)	Used 28 times in this book.
8	A	baptism	Used 12 times in this book.
9	C	persecution	Used 5 times in this book.
10	B	sullen (<i>as in: a sullen mood</i>)	Used 9 times in this book.
11	A	contrite	Used 12 times in this book.
12	C	parish	Used 14 times in this book.
13	C	malice	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
14	C	penitent	Used 4 times in this book.
15	B	contempt (<i>as in: feels contempt towards her</i>)	Used 12 times in this book.
16	B	repent	Used 11 times in this book.
17	C	complacent	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
18	B	appalling	Used 11 times in this book.
19	B	cunning (<i>as in: a cunning thief</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
20	B	martyr	Used 24 times in this book.