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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: annihilate, convention, culprit, establish (2), estimate, focus (2), interrogate, liberate, Pearl Harbor, propaganda, ration, replenish, torment, trace (2), vengeance, virtual, with a vengeance



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
3	A
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7	A
8	B
9	A
10	B
11	B
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16	A
17	B
18	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. Black holes **annihilate** all traces of what falls into them.
 - A. carefully preserve
 - B. slowly examine
 - C. completely destroy
2. The country has signed the United Nations **Convention** against Torture.
 - A. a large conference or meeting
 - B. written international agreement
 - C. written study with findings
3. Did they catch the **culprit**?
 - A. criminal
 - B. dog
 - C. problem
4. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
 - A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase
5. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with **establishing** the contrast between men and masculine traits.
 - A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
6. Can you **estimate** the cost of the renovation?
 - A. officially approve
 - B. roughly calculate
 - C. publicly announce
7. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
8. The **focus** of this class is classic American Literature.
 - A. hardest part
 - B. area where attention is concentrated
 - C. prerequisite (understanding required to enroll)
9. Officers will **interrogate** the witnesses separately to compare their accounts.
 - A. question closely
 - B. politely greet
 - C. quietly observe
10. She writes to **liberate** her readers from social conformity.
 - A. teach
 - B. free
 - C. instruct

11. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt began his speech, "Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy..."
- A. Hawaiian harbor where U.S. naval base was surprise attacked--leading to the United States entering World War I
 - B. Hawaiian harbor where U.S. naval base was surprise attacked--leading to the United States entering World War II
 - C. California harbor where U.S. naval base was surprise attacked--leading to the United States entering World War II
12. It is another example of typical Russian **propaganda** that blames foreigners for every evil.
- A. social media
 - B. television
 - C. slanted news
13. During the Second World War, products such as food and gasoline were **rationed** in the United States, so more resources could be devoted to the war effort.
- A. restricted in the amount each person could have
 - B. set at a high price only the military could afford
 - C. imported in small amounts from many countries
14. After a hard workout, it's good to **replenish** the water and nutrients your body used up.
- A. consider
 - B. measure
 - C. replace
15. Bullies made his school days a constant **torment** he could not escape.
- A. severe suffering
 - B. great enjoyment
 - C. simple confusion
16. The study found **traces** of cocaine on most \$20 bills used in large cities of the United States and Canada.
- A. tiny quantities
 - B. various types of
 - C. large amounts
17. She used her finger to **trace** a route on the map.
- A. find an indication of
 - B. follow
 - C. hide
18. Her evolutionary benefit theory of **vengeance** is supported by studies showing that a person's desire for revenge increases when others see their mistreatment.
- A. fairness
 - B. status
 - C. revenge
19. She threw herself into work **with a vengeance**.
- A. with reluctance
 - B. with intensity
 - C. with careful thought
20. I qualified for the tournament but have **virtually** no chance of winning.
- A. absolutely
 - B. almost
 - C. sadly

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 *In less than two hours over **Pearl Harbor**, Japan mauled America's navy and killed more than 2,400 people.*
 - A. harbor in Guam where U.S. naval base was surprise attacked by the Japanese on 7 Dec 1941
 - B. Hawaiian harbor where U.S. naval base was surprise attacked--leading to the United States entering World War II
 - C. Puerto Rican harbor where U.S. naval base was surprise attacked by the Japanese on 7 Dec 1941
- 2 *Crews called it "**the Flying Brick**" and "**the Constipated Lumberer**," a play on **Consolidated Liberator**.*
 - A. someone who lies or misleads
 - B. someone who sets others free
 - C. one who eliminates something
- 3 *Louie kept his **focus** below, trying to aim for the parked planes.*
 - A. concentration
 - B. camera lens pointing
 - C. center
- 4 *This was the **focus** of her nightmares: Louie being shot in his plane.*
 - A. where a lens brings a picture into view clearly
 - B. where attention is concentrated
 - C. outcome or result
- 5 *Louie **established** rules.*
 - A. proved a need for
 - B. created
 - C. broke
- 6 *This is one of the many examples of the men missing in action erroneously reported and later being **established** as a lie....*
 - A. created
 - B. argued
 - C. shown
- 7 *Storms came now and then, **replenishing** the water.*
 - A. ignoring someone's wishes or causing inconvenience or discomfort
 - B. legally ordering to provide documents, or to appear as a witness
 - C. replacing what was used up; or restoring to a previous condition
- 8 *He told them the **culprits** were a submarine crew, stopping over on the island, who had learned Americans were being held there.*
 - A. people responsible for a wrongdoing -- especially criminals
 - B. computer code modules each of which perform a specific task
 - C. classical music plays in which most of the dialogue is sung
- 9 *Garrett lied in **interrogation**, and the Japanese knew it.*
 - A. questioning
 - B. a written story
 - C. a speech
- 10 *Camp officials stole the **rations**, and the captives wasted away.*
 - A. a fixed portion of food for each person
 - B. high quality food
 - C. fence posts
- 11 *When the first officer said this violated the **Geneva Convention**, the Bird swung his kendo stick into the man's head.*
 - A. someone who expresses disapproval
 - B. a written international agreement
 - C. purpose, job, or natural activity

- 12 *A famous Olympian, criticizing America, would be a priceless **propaganda** tool.*
A. argument against the United States
B. things said to start a race war
C. things said to influence opinion in particular way
- 13 *He radioed to Palawan: "**Annihilate** the 150 prisoners."*
A. stop (something from happening)
B. fulfill one's highest potential
C. to completely destroy or defeat
- 14 *Watanabe, whom the Aussies called "Whatabastard," had handpicked him, almost certainly to **torment** him.*
A. to cause or to experience great mental or physical suffering
B. provide investment funds for something -- such as a business
C. point to differences between; or compare to show differences
- 15 *By the time they were allowed to stop, they were utterly spent: by Wade's **estimate**, each basket bearer had carried well over four tons of coal.*
A. add fuel or stir a fire to make it burn hotter; or make feelings stronger
B. a rough calculation or guess of a value, quantity, or extent of something
C. propose a seemingly reasonable, but unproven, idea based upon known facts
- 16 *Even if Japan surrendered, many POWs believed the guards would murder them anyway, out of **vengeance** or to prevent them from testifying in war crimes trials.*
A. something that stands out
B. something made from parts
C. the act of taking revenge
- 17 *It was not so much due to the pain and suffering as it was the tension of stress and humiliation that caused me to hate **with a vengeance**.*
A. available cash
B. with intensity
C. very important
- 18 *Virtually every POW believed its destruction had saved them from execution.*
A. with absolute certainty
B. almost
C. in a sad manner
- 19 *But Shizuka had felt a **trace** of doubt.*
A. tiny amount
B. outline
C. drawing
- 20 *Softly, he spoke of their lives, **tracing** the paths they'd taken since coming to California in 1919.*
A. researching
B. verbally following
C. drawing

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	Pearl Harbor	Used 6 times in this book.
2	B	liberate	Used 7 times in this book.
3	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	B	focus (<i>as in: The focus of our study is...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	C	replenish	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
8	A	culprit	Used 5 times in this book.
9	A	interrogate	Used 16 times in this book.
10	A	ration	Used 23 times in this book.
11	B	convention (<i>as in: The Geneva Convention</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
12	C	propaganda	Used 8 times in this book.
13	C	annihilate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
14	A	torment	Used 7 times in this book.
15	B	estimate	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
16	C	vengeance (<i>as in: vengeance is mine</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
17	B	with a vengeance (<i>as in: with a vengeance</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	B	virtual (<i>as in: virtual organization</i>)	Used 8 times in this book.
19	A	trace (<i>as in: found a trace of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	B	trace (<i>as in: traced a path</i>)	2 meanings in this book.