

Warriors Don't Cry

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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: aspiration, beckon, belligerent, expel, genuine, harass, initiate, meticulous, monopoly, motive, negative, nevertheless, ponder, positive (2), principal, respite, segregation, taunt, testify



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
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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. Her **aspiration** to travel the world was finally realized when she received a job offer from an international company.
 - A. reason
 - B. payment
 - C. desire
2. The police officer **beckoned** me to come over.
 - A. considered asking
 - B. called
 - C. prohibited
3. She likes to make people lose their cool by starting **belligerent** political arguments.
 - A. hostile or combative
 - B. clever or intelligent
 - C. ridiculous or absurd
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 has a **genuine** interest in each of her students.
 - A. sincere (real)
 - B. fake
 - C. generous (giving)
6. She was **harassed** by the police.
 - A. imprisoned rapidly
 - B. interviewed formally
 - C. bothered repeatedly
7. We are encouraging local authorities to **initiate** long-term emergency planning.
 - A. increase
 - B. extend
 - C. start
8. She is **meticulous** in her bookkeeping and at the end of the year she can tell the IRS where every dollar was spent.
 - A. quick
 - B. careful
 - C. impressive
9. Critics warned that the tech giant's **monopoly** over online search could limit innovation and competition.
 - A. minor stake
 - B. shared market
 - C. complete control
10. A desire for religious freedom was their **motive** for leaving England.
 - A. excuse
 - B. technique
 - C. reason
11. Higher gasoline prices **negatively** affected fast food sales.
 - A. in a helpful manner
 - B. surprisingly
 - C. in a harmful manner

12. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
- A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
13. We **pondered** our fate.
- A. thought about
 - B. feared for
 - C. actively changed
14. I'm **positive** our team will win on Friday.
- A. happy
 - B. pretty sure
 - C. certain
15. I **appreciate** your **positive** attitude.
- A. patient
 - B. open-minded
 - C. optimistic
16. The **principal** reason for the delay was bad weather.
- A. final
 - B. main
 - C. stated
17. The weekend provided a much-needed **respite** from her busy school schedule.
- A. break
 - B. continuation
 - C. resumption
18. The court ruling helped end **segregation** in public schools.
- A. equal treatment
 - B. shared leadership
 - C. forced separation
19. They **taunted** her until she responded physically, and then they beat her up.
- A. followed
 - B. insulted
 - C. surrounded
20. She **testified** that he struck her.
- A. said
 - B. hid
 - C. lied

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 *Three years later, when Grandma discovered I would be one of the first blacks to attend Central High School, she said the nightmare that had surrounded my birth was proof **positive** that destiny had assigned me a special task.*
 - A. outside
 - B. various
 - C. certain
- 2 *Even when he was punched with punishing blows or was kicked to the floor, he kept a **positive** attitude.*
 - A. unable to get closer to
 - B. not sensible or careful
 - C. optimistic or agreeable
- 3 *If I got into trouble and really needed protection, it would probably be the network of phone calls **initiated** by Reverend Young that would set off a rescue and construct a web of safety.*
 - A. changed
 - B. forgave
 - C. begun
- 4 *The President had agreed to give the governor a ten-day **respite** to sort out his response to the court order.*
 - A. a temporary relief from harm or discomfort
 - B. continuation
 - C. resumption
- 5 *They also behaved as though they were **genuine** friends with the people of color among their ranks, sharing work and laughter.*
 - A. real
 - B. city
 - C. lazy
- 6 *But surely no real friend would keep us sitting on those hard seats long enough for a hundred people to **testify**.*
 - A. provide evidence of something -- especially oral evidence in court
 - B. to encourage growth or excitement, or to cause something to happen
 - C. to show something -- such as to demonstrate, express, or represent
- 7 *One of the soldiers stepped forward and **beckoned** the driver of a station wagon to move it closer to the driveway.*
 - A. showed something -- such as demonstrated, expressed, or represented
 - B. called -- typically to come nearer by using a hand gesture or a nod
 - C. provided evidence of something -- especially oral evidence in court
- 8 ***Principal** Jess Matthews greeted us with a forced smile on his face and directed us to our classrooms.*
 - A. serving to help explain or demonstrate something
 - B. most important; or person that is most important
 - C. the state or degree of criticism or disagreement
- 9 *I sat quietly and **pondered** the question as I glanced out the front window at the few soldiers standing at attention.*
 - A. thought deeply or carefully about
 - B. was overly unhappy and unsociable
 - C. not limited or without boundaries
- 10 *Nevertheless, I couldn't relax because I was crammed into that dimly lit room among my enemies, and I knew I had to keep watch every moment.*
 - A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. therefore (for that reason)

- 11 *I could almost see her mind working to try to set things right so she could keep going in her meticulous way.*
A. able to be taken on as one's own
B. treating details with great care
C. not clear or easily identifiable
- 12 *We were discussing my day, sitting in our robes at the dining room table, after dinner and baths, playing Monopoly.*
A. in a manner that tries to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gently persuading
B. in the manner of someone who consumes more than they should -- especially eating and drinking too much
C. complete control over a product, service, or resource -- usually by a single person, company, or group
- 13 *The articles gave specific information on what our homes were like, our backgrounds, our hobbies, our aspirations—all there was to know about us.*
A. battles
B. results
C. desires
- 14 *The segregationists were becoming even more vocal, urging the students to harass us at every opportunity.*
A. show, determine, or understand
B. hire, reserve, book, or occupy
C. to repeatedly bother or attack
- 15 *THREE CHS PUPILS SUSPENDED; MINNIJEAN BROWN EXPELLED —Arkansas Gazette, Tuesday, February 18, 1958*
A. translated
B. subtracted
C. forced out
- 16 *We have to wonder about Link's motives.*
A. social events or ceremonies
B. things that cause suffering
C. reasons for doing something
- 17 *The Little Rock School Board now demanded belligerent students be brought under control.*
A. hostile (the attitude of one eager to fight); or one already engaged in a fight or war
B. related to intelligence -- such as requiring, appealing to, or possessing intelligence
C. (adjective) designed to stop something OR (noun) something that stops something else
- 18 *But as the days passed, I was less concerned about Link's warning and more worried about the boy who now came into study hall each day threatening to toss me out of the window, and the girls who encircled me at least once a day, saying every negative thing they could about the parts of my body.*
A. tell (a story)
B. begin fighting
C. bad or harmful
- 19 *But as they became preoccupied with exchanging autographs, a few of them let up on chasing and taunting us.*
A. giving an opinion of what is wrong with something
B. intentionally angering, challenging, or upsetting
C. keeping people and goods from reaching a location
- 20 *So, of course, I made application and donned my warrior garb because it reminded me of the forbidden fences of segregation in Little Rock.*
A. an eating disorder in which overeating is followed by guilt and unhealthy attempts at correction -- especially self-induced vomiting
B. removing something that was caught by something else; or separating or smoothing things that were twisted together in a confusing mass
C. the act of keeping people or things separate -- especially people due to discrimination based on race, gender, ethnicity, or religion

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	positive (<i>as in: I'm absolutely positive!</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
2	C	positive (<i>as in: a positive attitude</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
3	C	initiate (<i>as in: initiate discussions</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
4	A	respite	Used 3 times in this book.
5	A	genuine	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
6	A	testify	Used 8 times in this book.
7	B	beckon	Used 7 times in this book.
8	B	principal	Used 16 times in this book.
9	A	ponder	Used 4 times in this book.
10	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
11	B	meticulous	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
12	C	monopoly	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
13	C	aspiration	Used 2 times in this book.
14	C	harass	Used 7 times in this book.
15	C	expel	Used 12 times in this book.
16	C	motive (<i>as in: What is her motive?</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
17	A	belligerent	Used 2 times in this book.
18	C	negative (<i>as in: had a negative effect</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
19	B	taunt	Used 13 times in this book.
20	C	segregation	Used 7 times in this book.