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“Invocation” Quiz

Directions: Read the poem “Mad” in the November/December 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

1. What does the narrator of this poem want to do?

- a. draw a picture
- b. write a meaningful poem
- c. write a letter to an author
- d. write a song about poetry

2. Where does the narrator look for inspiration for writing?

- a. inside her own mind
- b. at other poets’ work
- c. to the tools and materials of writing
- d. in a poetry book

3. An invocation is a prayer, usually at the beginning of a ceremony, that asks for help. The title “Invocation” fits this poem for all of the following reasons EXCEPT

- a. The narrator seems to be saying it before beginning to write.
- b. It shows that writing poetry is easy if you try hard.
- c. It asks for help writing a poem.
- d. It suggests that writing poetry is a spiritual activity.

4. What does the word “inklings” mean in the line, “O ink, give me inklings”?

- a. stains
- b. small pens
- c. clues
- d. words

5. Which word best describes the rhythm of this poem?

- a. choppy
- b. slow-moving
- c. somber
- d. songlike

6. Which explanation below shows that this poem uses personification?

- a. The poet addresses the pen, paper, ink, and parts of poetry as if they were human.
- b. The poem is about people.
- c. A person pronounces letters, words, and sounds.
- d. Only people have hearts and minds.