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“Bat” Quiz

Directions: Read the poem “Bat” in the October 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then, fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

1. What two things are mainly contrasted in this poem?

- a. fortune and misfortune
- b. bats and birds
- c. light and dark
- d. dust and clay

2. What does “holding aloof” mean in the phrase “holding aloof from the gaudy sun”?

- a. avoiding
- b. flying toward
- c. looking at
- d. laughing at

3. Where does the bat live?

- a. in a pile of dust
- b. in a cave
- c. in a volcano
- d. near the sun

4. “Like a grim flake of flint,” and “Like a surly stone thrown after the sun” are examples of

- a. metaphors.
- b. similes.
- c. hyperboles.
- d. details.

5. What is the tone of this poem?

- a. humorous
- b. sad
- c. exciting
- d. serious

6. Why do you think the author wrote this poem?

- a. to make fun of bats’ blindness
- b. to persuade readers to keep a bat as a pet
- c. to describe bats’ habits
- d. to prove bats are scary

“Everything Turned to Dust” Quiz

Directions: Read the article “Everything Turned to Dust” in the October 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then, fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

1. In what part of the country did the Dust Bowl mainly take place?

- a. the East Coast
- b. California
- c. the Northwest
- d. the Great Plains

2. What does the word “parched” mean in the sentence “Record-breaking heat and relentless drought had parched the crops and baked the fields into powder”?

- a. nurtured
- b. dried
- c. buried
- d. grown

3. Which word best describes how many people felt during the Dust Bowl?

- a. hopeful
- b. careless
- c. desparate
- d. determined

4. According to the article, nomadic Indians got all of the following from buffalo EXCEPT

- a. food
- b. leather
- c. jewelry
- d. tools

5. What did the ranchers do when they FIRST settled on the prairie?

- a. forced Indians to move to reservations
- b. hunted buffalo
- c. put up fences
- d. all of the above

6. What happened at first when farmers settled and planted crops?

- a. They started to make more and more money.
- b. They failed right away.
- c. They got frustrated and went back East.
- d. Their crops took years to grow.

7. How did the 1930s differ from the 1920s?

- a. People became richer.
- b. The Great Depression occurred.
- c. The price of crops rose.
- d. Farmers ripped up more land.

8. What was the effect of ripping up the grass to plant crops?

- a. The land became too soft.
- b. The animals ate the crops instead of grass.
- c. When the drought came, the soil turned to dust.
- d. The crops needed grass to grow.

9. The author uses vivid details to describe the dust storm that Lisa and her father experienced. Which of the following is an example?

- a. Lisa’s father hadn’t bothered to plant corn.
- b. Flying sand and pebbles bit into Lisa’s skin and burned her eyes.
- c. Their kitchen garden and their cow provided them with most of their day-to-day needs.
- d. Month after month, the sun blazed down

10. Why does the author compare the Dust Bowl to global warming?

- a. They are both a result of humans changing nature.
- b. They both involve wind.
- c. They both happened in the same region.
- d. They were both caused by the sun.

“Bronx Treasure” Quiz

Directions: Read the story “Bronx Treasure” in the October 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then, fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

1. Which word BEST describes the way Joey’s father was?

- a. sad
- b. unrealistic
- c. optimistic
- d. suspicious

2. You can infer from the story that Joey _____ his father.

- a. ignored
- b. feared
- c. ridiculed
- d. admired

3. How did Joey feel about having Yankee Stadium in his neighborhood?

- a. proud
- b. disappointed
- c. annoyed
- d. indifferent

4. What treasure did Joey collect since he couldn’t afford baseball games?

- a. old tickets
- b. baseballs
- c. chewing gum
- d. baseball cards

5. What main problem arises in the story?

- a. Joey loses all his baseball cards.
- b. Anna needs an operation but they don’t have enough money.
- c. Mrs. Crane loses her job.
- d. Anna refuses to go to the doctor.

6. How did Joey respond to Anna’s problem?

- a. He tries to find a treasure.
- b. He collects money from people in the neighborhood.
- c. He reads a book to try to help her.
- d. He sells his baseball cards.

7. What did Joey first think when he found the box of old papers?

- a. It was a treasure.
- b. It was interesting, but not useful.
- c. It was not worth anything.
- d. It was a box full of money.

8. Whose signature was on the back of one of the checks?

- a. Mickey Mantle
- b. Babe Ruth
- c. Joe DiMaggio
- d. Lou Gehrig

9. How did the shop owner help Joey’s family?

- a. He took Anna to the doctor.
- b. He offered an extra fifty dollars.
- c. He told Joey where he could find more checks.
- d. He sold baseball cards for a good price.

10. What message do you think the author wants you to learn from this story?

- a. It’s good to collect baseball cards.
- b. Everyone should visit the Bronx.
- c. Money is a treasure.
- d. Treasures can be found in unusual ways.

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“Yesterday & Today” Quiz

Directions: Read the “Yesterday & Today” article in the October 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then, fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

1. Where did Loretta Lynn first start singing?

- a. a roadside bar
- b. a large stadium
- c. the Grand Ole Opry
- d. her church choir

2. What role did music play in Loretta Lynn’s life while she was growing up?

- a. It gave her a chance to perform.
- b. She sang her siblings to sleep.
- c. It was an escape from her difficult life.
- d. She sang to earn money.

3. People loved Loretta Lynn’s music because it was _____.

- a. light
- b. honest
- c. melodic
- d. loud

4. You can tell from her life that Loretta Lynn was

- a. motivated and hard working.
- b. relaxed and easy-going.
- c. someone who gave up easily.
- d. born to be a star.

5. What role did singing play in Carrie Underwood’s life when she was growing up?

- a. a lifelong dream
- b. a fun hobby
- c. something her parents made her do
- d. a practical goal for the future

6. Why did Carrie audition for *American Idol*?

- a. She always wanted to be a star.
- b. She was confident she would be chosen.
- c. Her friends and family begged her.
- d. She was curious what it would be like.

7. What was it like for Carrie Underwood to be in Hollywood?

- a. exhausting
- b. glamorous
- c. luxurious
- d. dull

8. What is one thing Loretta Lynn and Carrie Underwood have in common?

- a. They came from poor homes.
- b. They rose to fame unexpectedly.
- c. They didn’t have to work hard to succeed.
- d. They taught themselves to play guitar.

“The Emperor’s New Clothes” Quiz

Directions: Read the play “The Emperor’s New Clothes” in the October 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then, fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

1. Which words BEST describe the emperor in the beginning of the story?

- a. kind and generous
- b. powerful and selfish
- c. thoughtful but silly
- d. wise but weak

2. In what way do the king’s advisers speak to him?

- a. honestly
- b. cruelly
- c. tauntingly
- d. flatteringly

3. The king wants his subjects to _____ him.

- a. adore
- b. debate
- c. help
- d. question

4. What does “morals” mean in Narrator I’s statement, “fairy tales always have morals”?

- a. exciting endings
- b. important lessons
- c. unexpected events
- d. sequels

5. You can tell that Princess Clarissa is MOST concerned with

- a. pleasing the citizens.
- b. impressing her father.
- c. having lots of friends.
- d. outward appearances.

6. Which line shows that the Emperor knows in his heart what he should be doing?

- a. “All my subjects ever do is complain.”
- b. “I have to look as splendid as I am.”
- c. “A wise ruler should know his subjects’ hopes and dreams.”
- d. “Am I the hero of this tale?”

7. What do Kristoff Brand and Lolita Lennox really want from the Emperor?

- a. his respect
- b. the opportunity to show their designer clothes
- c. his money
- d. a permanent position in his court

8. Why does the Emperor eventually agree that the cloth and outfit are magnificent, even though he can’t see them?

- a. He wants to trick the designers.
- b. He is afraid he will appear foolish.
- c. It’s easier to agree than to disagree.
- d. He doesn’t want to hurt the designers’ feelings.

9. What makes the Wise Child wise?

- a. He did well in school.
- b. He flattered the Emperor.
- c. He demanded a better life for the citizens.
- d. He was the first person willing to tell the truth.

10. What did the Emperor learn from his mistake?

- a. Do what you think is right.
- b. Listen to your advisers.
- c. Don’t let your subjects laugh at you.
- d. Get a better mirror.

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“Skywatch” Quiz

Directions: Read the poem “Skywatch” in the October 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then, fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

1. Which of the five senses is emphasized in this poem?

- a. hearing
- b. taste
- c. smell
- d. sight

2. What is the main idea of the poem?

- a. to teach astronomy
- b. to sell binoculars
- c. to encourage readers to look at the night sky
- d. to suggest different ways to have fun

3. You can tell that Sirius, Canopus, Alpha Centauri, and Arcturus are

- a. planets.
- b. stars.
- c. meteors.
- d. constellations.

4. What is the rhyme pattern of this poem?

- a. AABBCCDD
- b. ABAB
- c. ABAC
- d. none of the lines rhyme

5. In the fourth line, what is another word for “observe”?

- a. find
- b. draw
- c. watch
- d. block out

6. You can tell that the poet believes looking at the sky is

- a. a chore.
- b. educational but boring.
- c. a good form of recreation.
- d. a way to predict the future.