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## “The Dark is Rising” Quiz

**Directions:** Read the play “The Dark is Rising” in the September 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then, fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

**1. Which of the following events happens first in the play?**

- a. A strange man stares at Will.
- b. Will buys a pendant for his sister.
- c. Merriman invites Will and his family to a Christmas Eve party.
- d. Will sees a man on a horse.

**2. When Will sees the pendant in the store, it starts to glow. This is an example of**

- a. metaphor
- b. foreshadowing
- c. allusion
- d. simile

**3. What does the Rider want from Will?**

- a. the Sign
- b. information about Miss Greythorne
- c. his shoes
- d. a secret

**4. Where do Merriman and Miss Greythorne travel with Will?**

- a. through time
- b. through the forest
- c. to a small English village
- d. to London

**5. What does the stone inside the pendant prove for Will?**

- a. The pendant is enchanted.
- b. The stone is made of glow-in-the-dark material.
- c. He is the Seeker.
- d. Merriman and Miss Greythorne are trying to trick him.

**6. What is another way of saying “The Dark is rising?”**

- a. Nighttime is approaching.
- b. Evil forces are coming to power.
- c. The tide is coming in.
- d. The Rider is leaping on his horse.

**7. Why does the Rider heal Will’s ankle and then make him writhe in pain?**

- a. to prove he’s a doctor
- b. to check what’s wrong with Will’s ankle
- c. to keep Will from running away
- d. to demonstrate his power

**8. You can assume that the Walker is**

- a. one of the Old Ones.
- b. a harmless old man.
- c. part of the Dark.
- d. in need of help.

**9. Why does the play end right when the snakes are slithering toward Will?**

- a. because the author never finished the story
- b. to encourage students to read the book
- c. because the rest might be too scary
- d. to make readers angry

**10. What genre is this play?**

- a. historical fiction
- b. realistic fiction
- c. fantasy
- d. nonfiction