

9. Hard, Hungry Work

10. Restless Weeks

1. The people of Ember suffered from _____.

- a) the dryness
- b) the rain and dampness
- c) the heat
- d) the cold

2. Doon learned the answers to his questions by _____. Select **3** answers.

- a) asking Chugger who gave out work assignments to the Emberites
- b) asking Ordney whose answers were like lectures
- c) reading books in the library
- d) attending classes with the youngsters in Sparks
- e) asking Martha who liked to boast about the accomplishments of the people from Sparks

3. Read this excerpt from *The People of Sparks*.

Doon set down the book about thermodynamics. He brushed his smudged fingers against his pants. He felt like a hungry person who had been led to an immense banquet, far more food than he could eat in his whole life.

What is most likely the meaning of this simile?

- a) Doon was looking forward to the evening meal. He knew that a large feast was planned.
- b) Doon was very happy because the library was a source where he could finally learn answers to the many questions he had.
- c) Doon liked studying thermodynamics. He discovered that this was the study of heat in relation to energy and work. All this studying made Doon hungry, and he was ready for a large meal.
- d) Doon found that the library was the best place to go to eat. It was in the back of the storage area, so food was always present.

4. The books in Sparks were _____.

- a) bigger and sturdier compared to the ones in Ember
- b) smaller than the ones from Ember and they were spiral bound
- c) neatly organized on shelves

5. What happened to the meals Martha prepared for the guests from Ember?

- a) Martha experimented daily making each meal more and more special day after day.
- b) The meals became plainer and smaller.

6. Why did Lina, Poppy, and Mrs. Murdo NOT move into the Pioneer Hotel?

- a) Poppy was still sick.
- b) There was no room for them in the hotel.
- c) Mrs. Murdo liked helping the doctor.

7. In her spare time, Lina _____.

- a) played games
- b) cooked
- c) drew
- d) sewed

8. Read this passage from Chapter 10.

It was as if her drawings of the city were a half-open window, a glimpse of something she couldn't quite see clearly.

What is most likely the meaning of this metaphor?

- a) Lina loved to draw pictures of the city. She often included windows in her drawings with people looking out.
- b) Lina felt like she was a fortune reader. She felt that her drawings were of a place that would exist in the future.
- c) Lina felt her drawings of the city represented a real place. She felt the place really existed out in the world somewhere, but she couldn't quite understand it exactly only seeing half what she wanted to see.
- d) Lina drew pictures purely for enjoyment. She wished she could draw a little better and thought her pictures appeared unclear or fuzzy.

9. Read the passage from Chapter 10.

He reached into the bag and took out one thing at a time, placing it carefully on the window ledge. There were six things, all different. Lina could not identify a single one of them. "Caspar brought me these," Torren said. He lined them up, making tiny adjustments to their positions until he got them just right. "They're all extinct."

Select the **six** objects Torren took out of the bag.

- a) remote
- b) a computer
- c) an elephant
- d) a camera
- e) flashlight
- f) motorcycle
- g) airplane
- h) a telephone
- i) tank
- j) toaster oven

10. A couple of the work leaders traded some extra wooden crates for a box of _____ and gave them out for free.

- a) pencils
- b) peanuts
- c) apples
- d) sunglasses

11. One of the shopkeepers was angry at Lina for _____.

- a) singing too loudly
- b) throwing away the cow and goat plops
- c) riding the bike too close to his vegetables and knocking them over
- d) dropping the eggs

12. The people of Sparks felt the people of Ember _____.

- a) were learning quickly
- b) were a nuisance
- c) were extremely intelligent

13. Tension is beginning to build between the people from Sparks and the people from Ember. The people from Sparks thought the Emberites were unbelievably dumb because they were frightened by chickens, didn't know ordinary words, had never seen a cloud, and knew nothing about history. On the other hand, the villagers thought they acted _____.

- a) boastful and superior
- b) intelligent and caring
- c) knowledgeable about technology
- d) like leeches sticking around and wanting everything

BONUS QUESTION

14. Read these clues.

Then the street opened out into a big empty space that, he could see, had once been covered with pavement. . . . To the left of this span of pavement stood a huge building – a rectangular structure so tremendous it could have held both the Ember school and the Gathering Hall. At the end facing them were two massive wooden doors, which Kenny walked toward. "In the ancient days," Kenny said, "you didn't have to open these. They were made of glass, and they had eyes and opened as soon as they saw you."

. . . Above the doors was a sign missing most of its letters. It was a long sign, so you could tell whatever it used to say was a long word, but now all it said was UPE ARK. . .

What did the sign most likely say before some of the letters fell off?
