

Bonne Année

Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

Comprehension

Read each of the following questions. Then choose the letter of the best answer.

- _____ 1. The author's family lives in New York instead of in Haiti because they
- A want their children to be able to speak English.
 - B love the opportunities in the United States.
 - C had to flee to avoid persecution by Haiti's ruler.
 - D do not feel connected to any particular country.
- _____ 2. The author does not remember living in Haiti because
- A it was unpleasant and he tried to forget.
 - B he was very young when his family left.
 - C he has always lived in New York.
 - D no one in his family ever speaks of Haiti.
- _____ 3. Haitians do not return to Haiti after "Papa Doc" Duvalier dies because
- A Duvalier's son, *Bébé* Doc Duvalier, takes over and is also a dictator.
 - B there is an important soccer match that they can watch in New York.
 - C there is a blizzard in New York that prevents their leaving.
 - D they have decided that they prefer living in the United States.
- _____ 4. Why is the World Cup soccer match shown at Madison Square Garden important to the author?
- A It is the first time that he has attended a soccer game.
 - B Americans begin to like soccer after the match is shown.
 - C Haiti is able to beat Italy for the first time.
 - D For the first time, he feels proud to be from Haiti.
- _____ 5. January first is an important day for Haitians because it is
- A the celebration of Haitian independence.
 - B fun to celebrate New Year's Day.
 - C the end of "Papa Doc" Duvalier's rule in the country.
 - D the day when prisoners are freed in Haiti.

Vocabulary

Choose the answer that best explains the meaning of the underlined word.

- _____ 6. Something that predominates
- A is the most common.
 - B changes things around it.
 - C is usually boring.
 - D requires translation.

Name: _____

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- _____ 7. What is a coup?
- A an agreement between friends
 - B a soccer strategy
 - C an overthrow of a government
 - D a yearly celebration
- _____ 8. Persecution is
- A a type of immigration.
 - B a form of revolution or war.
 - C a longstanding disagreement.
 - D harsh treatment due to race or religion.
- _____ 9. What does dispossess mean?
- A to create a contract
 - B to settle an argument
 - C to deny ownership
 - D to fail to win a race
- _____ 10. Something that is natal is related to a person's
- A environment.
 - B birth.
 - C beliefs.
 - D education.

Short Answer

Written Response

Answer the following questions based on your knowledge of the essay.

11. Irony is a contrast between what someone expects and what actually happens. Why is it ironic that Papa Doc Duvalier died of natural causes?
12. What evidence suggests that the author feels more of a connection to Haiti as he grows older?

Bonne Année Answer Section

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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| 1. ANS: C | PTS: 8 |
| 2. ANS: B | PTS: 8 |
| 3. ANS: A | PTS: 8 |
| 4. ANS: D | PTS: 8 |
| 5. ANS: A | PTS: 8 |
| 6. ANS: A | PTS: 8 |
| 7. ANS: C | PTS: 8 |
| 8. ANS: D | PTS: 8 |
| 9. ANS: C | PTS: 8 |
| 10. ANS: B | PTS: 8 |

SHORT ANSWER

11. ANS:
Haitians consider Papa Doc to be evil. For years, Haitians expected that a revolution or an assassination would end Papa Doc's rule, but instead he died from a natural illness (lines 72–76).
- PTS: 10
12. ANS:
When the author is young, he thinks of New York as his home (lines 18–23): "My friends are in New York. My teachers are in New York. The Mets are in New York." When he is older, he proudly cheers for Haiti in the World Cup soccer match against Italy (lines 85–128) and he "fulfills his destiny" with a visit to Haiti soon after *Bébé* Doc Duvalier flees the country (lines 129–141).
- PTS: 10