

**Example of Short-Answer Homework,**  
**Quizzes and Tests that are traditional assessments.**

**Short –Answer Homework**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*There Are No Children Here, Ch.9*

**Role Models**

**Who is your role model? \_\_\_\_\_**

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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What would your role model have to do to change your impression/feelings towards him or her?

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# There Are No Children Here

## What do we know so far?

\*List at least 10 of the characteristics or descriptions that Kotlowitz uses for each person or place below that help the reader visualize the situation in the novel.

Lafayette

Pharoah

LaJoe

(Past and Present)

Henry Horner Homes

During the 1950's and 1960's

Henry Horner Homes

Present condition in the novel



4. Urica Winder (HINT: sad story!)

5. Damen Courts (HINT: Pharoah)

## EXAMPLE OF QUIZ #2

For each of the following quotations explain why the quote is important and explain how it applies to the content of the text. Be sure to develop your ideas completely and be thorough to receive full points. You need to complete 6 of the eight quotations.

1. "Ordinarily, Lafayette didn't like coming here with other kids from Horner. 'It make me feel embarrassed 'cause I'm walking with a whole lot of dirty kids,' he would say. 'They know we come from the projects and they think we wanna start something'" (Kotlowitz 151).

2. "...Pharoah decided he no longer had any friends. Like his brother, he just had associates. 'You don't have no friends in the projects,' he said. 'They'll turn you down for anything'" (Kotlowitz 154).



Lee, according to the police, had to shut down his drug operations during ball games. Why can't we get more protection for ourselves? the residents asked. Why does it take all these white people, all these outsiders, to flood the area with police? Why is it that only on stadium nights the area is well lit? The questions, rarely posed directly at the stadium or the city, come up in conversations at Horner" (159).

6. "Lafayette later recalled that one of the policeman had warned him he could get hurt out there at night. 'I've been living around here all my life and I ain't got hurt so far,' he told the officer. 'Only the police have hurt me'" (161).



7. “For the first time, Pharoah, now ten, began to wonder aloud about being black. ‘Do all black people live in projects?’ he asked his mother. ‘Do all black people be poor?’ He was upset that Michael Dukakis hadn’t chosen Jesse Jackson as his running mate. ‘He might of won then,’ he thought out loud. ‘Why don’t people elect black people?’ The incident at the stadium had unnerved him. He felt that ‘the police probably don’t like black children or something. The white polices don’t like the black children. That’s what I believe.’ It was the first time Pharoah had acknowledged any bitterness toward anybody” (161).

8. “Lafayette deeply resented his father. He didn’t feel he had lived up to his promises to the family” (167).

## Test

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### There Are No Children Here Final Test

Identification. Pick the answer that best fits each question. You may not use all of the answers, and you can use each answer more than once.

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|--------------|------------------------|----------------|
| a. Lafayette | ab. Henry Horner Homes | bd. Jimmie Lee |
| b. LaJoe     | ac. Rickey             | be. John Soto  |
| c. Pharoah   | ad. Michael Soto       | cd. Paul       |
| d. Porkchop  | ae. Audrey Natcome     | ce. Terence    |
| e. Leila Mae | bc. Damon Courts       | de. Rochelle   |

1. This person moved into LaJoe's apartment after a stroke.
2. This person was killed while standing on a concrete landing between the first and second floors of the Horner highrise.
3. This person cannot get his/her job back with the transit authority.
4. The leader of major drug trafficking through Henry Horner Homes.
5. This is where Pharoah goes to unwind.
6. This person convinced Lafayette to steal a video tape.
7. Who has an encounter with the police that leaves this person wet, upset, and hurt?
8. This person is upset they were not invited to see the Christmas windows.
9. Who is the District Attorney assigned to Terrence's court case?
10. Who is the person who loves wrestling shows and wrestling movies?

11. This person is the best friend of LaJoe.

12. This person committed a crime at the Mazury Tavern on September 5.

**Multiple choice. Please select the best possible answer for the following questions.**

13. "It was, he thought, like the lull before a storm."

- a. personification
- b. metaphor
- c. simile
- d. characterization

14. "Winter seemed intent on unleashing some of its final fury."

- a. personification
- b. metaphor
- c. simile
- d. irony

15. The crumbling neighborhood is LaJoe's spirit.

- a. characterization
- b. personification
- c. simile
- d. metaphor

16. Why don't the residents call the police when there are gang problems?

- a. the police don't protect them
- b. the gangs are there 24/7
- c. they don't want to get caught for turning them in
- d. all of the above

17. When the boys go to "work" the game, what are they doing?

- a. selling tickets
- b. mugging the fans
- c. trying to sell newspapers
- d. watching cars

18. Pharoah does not own a starter jacket because

- a. he doesn't like sports
- b. he's scared someone will hurt him for it
- c. he does own one
- d. he thinks they are ugly

19. What event happened in 1969 to change the way the Horner residents viewed the police?
- a. four young men were killed by the authorities
  - b. several cops were found to be involved in a drug ring
  - c. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had a rally against the white people in government.
  - d. The police did not answer 911 calls for the neighborhood.
20. In order to make a stand against the city, the residents of Horner took the following action:
- a. They rioted against the city
  - b. They created a human chain that went the length of the street
  - c. They formed a picket line that crossed the street
  - d. They publicly shot at police officers
21. What happened to John Soto
- a. He was killed by a white police officer without provocation
  - b. He was shot by a white police officer after he shoved him fiercely
  - c. He was put in jail for berating two white police officers
  - d. He was arrested for drug use in front of the police station
22. What happened when the police raided the home of several Black Panthers?
- a. The Black Panthers finally fought back against them
  - b. The police killed Michael Soto
  - c. The community fought to protect the police from the Black Panthers
  - d. The police killed Fred Hampton

### **TRUE/FALSE**

**Please mark A for true or B for false.**

23. LaShawn wanted to have a healthy baby, so she stopped doing drugs during her seventh month of pregnancy.
24. The family was worried that another baby would stretch their resources too thin.
25. Craig Davis was in bed by 11:00pm every night.
26. The two other boys that spoke to Officer Higgins claimed that they gave him Craig's name.
27. Pharoah dresses up for the spelling bee by wearing his blue pinstripe suit.
28. Pharoah and Clarisse are very competitive with one another.

29. Pharoah had a very difficult time dealing with Craig's death.
30. Dutt blames herself for Craig's death.
31. Craig had secretly been a Black Gangster Disciple.
32. Lafayette didn't attend Scooter's funeral.
33. Lafayette became violent after Craig's death.
34. LaJoe worried about Lafayette's friendship with Rickey.
35. Ricky began to drink wine and smoke marijuana.
36. Ricky knew what he wanted to be when he grew up.
37. Lafayette knew what he wanted to be when he grew up.
38. Lafayette chased the man accused of fondling a young boy.
39. LaJoe is away from her family more and more as the novel continued.
40. Dawn still lived at Henry Horner Homes.