

Grade 8

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A. Comprehension: *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin- Answer the questions covering chapter 10.

1. Grace Wexler usually arrives to parties "fashionably late." For what reasons is she on time to J. J. Ford's party?

2. Why is Angela upset that people always ask about her fiancée Dr. Denton?

3. Why is Chris Theodorakis watching people's legs at the party?

4. This chapter is the first time we get a look at Angela and Grace's relationship from Angela's perspective. How does she feel about her mom?

5. Who is the only person Turtle likes to talk to? _____

6-7. Turtle thinks the quote "May God thy gold refine" comes from a certain source, but her partner Flora thinks it comes from somewhere else. What sources do they each think this quote comes from?

Turtle: _____ Flora: _____

8. For what does Sydelle become suspicious of Turtle and Flora when they are polling the party-goers about this quote?

9. What does Turtle realize because of this suspicion?

10. At this point it seems none of the characters are making any progress toward solving the mystery. If you were part of this story, would you continue playing the game? Why?

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B. Vocabulary: Match each new word from chapters 10-12 with the correct definition. Then fill in the sentences with the correct words.

abstention
adjourned
chide
coiffure
contempt

grimaced
implication
larcenist
paraphernalia
paternal

prattle
scoffed
self-congratulatory
sprawling
transcribe

1. _____ : to talk in a silly or idle manner
2. _____ : related through father rather than mother
3. _____ : to scold someone gently
4. _____ : the way someone wears his/her hair
5. _____ : refusal to vote on something
6. _____ : the display of satisfaction with oneself
7. _____ : thief
8. _____ : an expression on one's face expressing disgust or pain
9. _____ : spread out in different directions
10. _____ : ended, to stop an activity such as a meeting
11. _____ : a suggestion that someone is involved in something
12. _____ : (noun) an attitude of disgust, dislike toward something inferior
13. _____ : objects required for a specific activity
14. _____ : (verb) expression of dislike about something or someone
15. _____ : copy something out in full form from notes
16. Her _____ was very old-fashioned. No one wears their hair that way anymore.
17. Her _____ made everyone angry because her vote was needed to break the tie.
18. We had all the right beach _____ : sun block, sunglasses, bathing suits, a beach ball, towels, and snacks.
19. Once I _____ my class notes, I will make a copy for you since we were sick that day.
20. I wish my mother would not _____ me for being late. There was a traffic jam on the way here.
21. She _____ when she stubbed her toe- it really hurt!
22. Darin was no _____ ; he knew nothing about the missing jewelry.