Pillars of Culture:
50 People who Made America Great



Chapter 2
Activities

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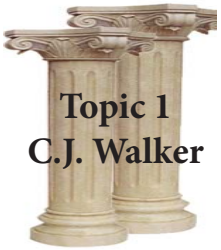


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Women of Courage

Fill in the blanks, choose multiple choice, or answer true or false as indicated.

1. C. J. Walker was born in the state of _____, two years after conclusion of the _____.

2. After loss of both parents, C. J. Walker was homeless and destitute. _____

   (a) True (b) False

3. C. J. ran away at age _____, and married a man who got her pregnant, then abandoned her and her child when C. J. was age _____.

4. While living with two brothers, C.J. began to experiment with _____ formulas to ***eradicate*** bald spots and itching on her scalp.

5. **Fact** or **Opinion**? C. J. Walker applied her entrepreneurial and marketing skills to rise from poverty. _____

6. Does information in the vignette about C. J. Walker allow you to **Conclude** that people born in poverty can never become successful entrepreneurs? _____

   (a) True (b) False

7. Even though a second marriage failed, C.J. Walker opened a _____ to train other Black women to manufacture and sell _____ products to Black women.

8. Eventually C.J. employed more than 3,000 people in her cosmetic industry. _____

   (a) True (b) False

9. C. J. Walker became the first _____ in the United States.

   (a) Black millionaire (b) female millionaire (c) Black female millionaire

10. To what factors did she ***attribute*** her success? _____

    (a) hard work (b) faith in God (c) other people

    (d) all of these (e) only a and c (f) only a and b

11. C. J. Walker learned to listen, be appreciative, give generously to other people, and to focus on priorities. _____ (a) True (b) False

12. Success in the business world and interest in helping people enabled C. J. Walker to enter society circles and meet influential people. _____ (a) **Fact** (b) **Inference**

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13. Which did C. J. Walker Not ***tolerate***? _____

(a) laziness (b) ingenuity (c) irresponsibility

(d) all of these (e) only a and b (f) only a and c

14. The **Main** idea of the vignette about C.J. Walker is that people can rise out of poverty and dependency by applying initiative, meeting needs of other people, and working hard._____

(a) True (b) False

15. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____

_____."

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1. As a child, Clara Barton was afraid of boys. _____ (a) True (b) False

2. Before age twenty, Clara Barton had finished school and become a _____.

   (a) teacher (b) nurse (c) clerk (d) writer

Review. Match the following vocabulary words with their definitions:

_____ 3. ***trudged***	(a) express clearly
_____ 4. ***petitioned***	(b) improved
_____ 5. ***intimidate***	(c) frighten, threaten
_____ 6. ***honed***	(d) walked, with effort
_____ 7. ***articulate***	(e) requested, asked

8. During the Civil War, _____were not considered capable of providing medical assistance on battlefields.

9. Clara Barton's ***persistence*** and courage gained permission for her and other nurses to take care of _____during the Civil War and afterwards.

10. Nurses who assisted Clara Barton on battlefields were called _____

    (a) "battlefield angels" (b) "angels of mercy" (c) "wounded warrior angels"

11. You can **Conclude** from the vignette of Clara Barton that she was timid, fearful, and nervous. _____ (a) True (b) False

12. The _____ was founded by Clara Barton in 1882.

    (a) Red Cross International (b) Intercontinental Red Cross (c) American Red Cross

13. You could **Infer** that marriage was not a top priority for Clara Barton, as she turned down at least three proposals. _____ (a) True (b) False

14. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____ _____."

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1. Poverty, sorrow over the death of her young husband, and lack of a formal education so damaged Dolley Madison that she gave up ever being happy and fulfilled. _____

   (a) True (b) False

2. Congressman James Madison and widow Dolley Madison were _____, even though she was 17 years younger than James and had a young son.

   (a) married (b) separated (c) divorced

3. President Thomas Jefferson asked James Madison to be _____,

   during which time Dolley served as the acting _____ for

   President Jefferson, who was a ***widower***.

4. What qualities equipped Dolley to perform the actual role of First Lady? _____

   (a) ***eloquence*** (b) ***radiant*** personality (c) experience (d) all of these (e) only a and b

5. Dolley Madison hosted the first _____ held at the White House.

   (a) political rally (b) wedding (c) ***inaugural*** ball (d) ***royalty*** ball

6. As a gracious ***conversationalist***, Dolley ***cunningly*** helped maintain political support for her husband after he became the fourth president of the United States. _____

   (a) **Fact** (b) **Opinion**

7. "Her parties, balls, and dinners set the tone for future presidential gatherings." In this **Context**, *tone* has to do with _____.

   (a) music (b) sound (c) precedent (d) none of these

8. **Cause**: Dolley's son ***squandered*** money and acted so irresponsibly that **(Effect)**: Dolley and James lost their _____ and _____.

9. During the War of 1812, as the British marched on Washington, D. C., Dolley bravely rescued what three critical items before evacuating the White house? _____

   _____

   _____

10. You could **Conclude** from the text that the War of 1812 lasted about two years. _____

    (a) True (b) False

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11. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____
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Fill in the blanks, choose multiple choice, or answer true or false as indicated.

1. People with physical handicaps often have strengths that defy _____.

2. Fanny Crosby was: _____.

   (a) mentally challenged (b) blind (c) confined to a wheel chair (d) deaf

3. Fanny Crosby wrote more than 8,000 _____ songs.

   (a) popular (b) Jazz (c) Rap (d) Gospel (e) none of these

4. Fanny was called the "_____."

5. Teachers at a school for the blind recognized that Fanny had a gift for writing _____.

6. Fanny Crosby lived most of her life in an expensive New York City apartment. _____

   (a) True (b) False

7. After the age of 40, Fanny began her ***prolific*** writing of _____.

   (a) poetry (b) novels (c) literature (d) only a and b (e) none of these

8. At the most, Fanny was paid about _____ dollars per song she wrote.

   (a) two (b) twenty (c) two hundred

9. Fanny gave away much of her _____ in-order-to help people and still maintain her ***meager*** existence.

   (a) earnings (b) jewelry (c) food

10. Even though Fanny was blind and lived in poverty, she was admired by dignitaries, evangelists, congressmen, and presidents. _____ (a) True (b) False

11. Fanny wrote so many songs that _____ assigned "***pen names***" to prevent the appearance that one person dominated the selection of songs.

12. "Blessed Assurance" was one Fanny's least popular songs. _____

    (a) True (b) False

13. Fanny did not let her blindness become an excuse for ***malcontent*** or self-pity. Instead, she became a person of high _____ and _____ influence during her lifetime.

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14. Many people were encouraged to survive and thrive after listening to Fanny's songs. _____

    (a) **Fact** (b) **Opinion**

15. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____

    _____."

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Fill in the blanks, choose multiple choice, or answer true or false as indicated.

1. Sacagawea was kidnapped by _____ raiders when the young maiden was a girl.

   (a) Shoshone (b) Hidatsa (c) Comanche (d) Sioux

2. Lewis and Clark hired Sacagawea and her husband to serve as _____ during the exploration trip ***commissioned*** by President _____ in 1804.

3. A son was born to Sacagawea just prior to her journey of 8,000 miles with Lewis and Clark.

   _____ (a) True (b) False

4. During the long journey, you could **Conclude** that Sacagawea _____.

   (a) was a burden to the ***expedition*** (b) carried and cared for her baby

   (c) helped classify plants and animals (d) only b and c

5. A Shoshone warrior in the Rocky Mountains turned out to be Sacagawea's long-lost _____ who supplied the expedition with fresh _____.

   (a) brother/horses (b) father/food (c) cousin/water

6. Sacagawea, with her son and husband, accompanied Lewis and Clark all the way to the _____ Ocean and back to _____.

7. Lewis and Clark used ***celestial navigation*** techniques to locate _____ along the way.

   (a) stars (b) weather changes (c) places (d) all of these

8. The long trip required walking, _____, ***poling*** rafts, paddling canoes, and keeping detailed records of places, animals, plants, rivers, and Native American _____.

9. The historic journey required a year of difficult travel and living conditions. _____

   (a) **Fact** (b) **Inference**

10. You can **Conclude** from the vignette that Sacagawea's life represents a _____ to/with the usual teenage mother.

    (a) **Contrast** (different from) (b) **Comparison** (similar to)

11. Historians are confident that Sacagawea died in Missouri after giving birth to a daughter. _____

    (a) True (b) False

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12. **Cause:** Sacagawea was instrumental in the success of the _____ and _____ Expedition. **Effect:** Sacagawea is _____on stamps, monuments, plaques, and books.

13. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____ _____."

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Overcomers

Fill in the blanks, choose multiple choice, or answer true or false as indicated.

1. Which of the following was true of Alvin York as a boy? _____

   (a) He was intellectual. (b) He plowed with a mule. (c) He hunted with a knife.

2. Alvin was taught to be courteous and obedient, and he always pleased his mother. _____

   (a) True (b) False

3. Hunting and shooting a rifle were skills learned while living in the backwoods of _____.

4. Which was Not true of Alvin York during his early manhood? _____

   (a) He was a ***prank***ster. (b) He was serious-minded.

   (c) He was a ***brawl***er. (d) He abstained from liquor.

5. Alvin had a religious ***conversion*** experience that caused him to change his attitude and behavior. _____ (a) **Fact** (b) **Inference**

6. Alvin was drafted to serve in WWI. In this **Context**, *drafted* means to _____.

   (a) have volunteered for service (b) serve in a drafty place (c) be forced to enlist

7. Alvin registered as a ***conscientious objector***, meaning that he did not condone killing anyone for any reason. _____ (a) True (b) False

8. Skill as a rifle ***marksman*** drew the attention of Alvin's officers, who asked him to consider _____ duty in-order-to save the lives of his fellow soldiers.

9. That request put Alvin in _____ ***turmoil***.

10. Alvin's mother advised her son to go hunting and party with his old friends "to sort things out". _____ (a) True (b) False

11. American soldiers were sent to fight Germans in France, where Alvin embarrassed his country by deserting his post while being attacked by enemy forces. _____

    (a) True (b) False

12. "Alvin was ordered to take out a German machine-gun unit…." In this **Context**, *take out* would mean to _____.

    (a) destroy (b) carefully remove (c) neither of these

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13. Alvin York captured _____German soldiers.

    (a) 13 (b) 33 (c) 132 (d) 332

14. You can **Conclude** from the vignette that Alvin York was: _____.

    (a) cowardly (b) confused (c) courageous (d) scared (e) arrogant

15. The _____ was presented to Alvin in recognition of his courage and bravery under combat conditions.

16. Alvin York was considered to be the most _____American soldier in World War I.

    (a) courageous (b) cowardly (c) disabled (d) decorated (e) none of these

17. **Sequencing. Number in chronological order (1-6) the events of Alvin York's life:**

    _____ (a) drafted into army

    _____ (b) captured German soldiers

    _____ (c) registered as a conscientious objector

    _____ (d) hunted in woods

    _____ (e) honored as a war hero

    _____ (f) had a religious conversion

18. What was Alvin's response to the ***adulation*** and honor bestowed upon him?_____

    (a) He loved the publicity.

    (b) He was rather shy and didn't like the publicity.

    (c) He wanted someone to make a movie of his life.

    (d) both a and c

19. Friends and civic groups presented a farm to Alvin and Grace in recognition of Alvin's heroism.

    _____ (a) **Fact** (b) **Inference**

20. The Hollywood film, _____ , was produced in honor of Alvin York.

21. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____

    _____."

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Overcomers

Fill in the blanks, choose multiple choice, or answer true or false as indicated.

1. Audie Murphy was born in 1925 in the state of _____, and often worked at _____ jobs to supplement the income of his ***sharecropper*** family.

2. **Cause:** Audie's irresponsible father _____his wife and ten children.
   (Effect): Audie had to drop out of school in the _____ grade to help support his family.

3. Attending high school was a pleasant experience for Audie, who graduated with honors.
   _____ (a) True (b) False

4. The Japanese bombed _____ in Hawaii on December _____, _____.

5. After Audie's mother died, Audie, as a sixteen-year-old farmer, could not support his _____.

6. When Audie was age 16, and only five feet seven inches tall, he joined the army. _____
   (a) True (b) False

7. While in the army, Audie demonstrated great _____, perseverance, and marksmanship.

8. Valor, courage, and bravery earned Audie a promotion to ***corporal*** where he was put in charge of a _____ , then promoted to _____and ***platoon*** leader.

9. **Review. Sequencing: Number, in chronological order, the places where Audie was stationed during WWII.**
   _____ (a) Italy _____ (b) Africa _____ (c) Sicily _____ (d) France

10. Even though Audie was a small 19-year-old soldier, his heroic actions led to his becoming Commander of _____ , then _____ leader, and was considered to be the best in that area of service.

11. Audie earned medals from what three countries? _____
    _____

12. Based on the vignette and photo of Audie Murphy, you could **Conclude** that he earned the rank of an officer. _____ (a) True (b) False

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13. After being discharged from military service as a hero, Audie appeared in many Hollywood films, including "_____", in which he played himself as an infantryman.

14. Haunted by war memories, Audie experienced severe bouts of _____.

15. The **Main idea** of the vignette of Audie Murphy is that he _____.

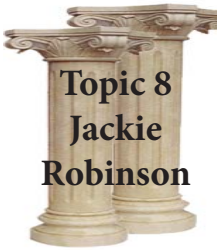
(a) was patriotic (b) overcame physical issues (c) overcame family issues

(d) all of these (e) none of these (f) only b and c

16. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____ _____."

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Overcomers

Fill in the blanks, choose multiple choice, or answer true or false as indicated.

1. Because of poverty, fatherlessness, and being African-American, Jackie Robinson wasn't a likely candidate for becoming a successful professional baseball player at a time in history when African-Americans were excluded from representing professional sports.

   _____ (a) **Fact** (b) **Opinion**

2. Jackie's mother and five children moved from Georgia to _____ in order to start over.

3. While in high school, Jackie demonstrated humility, intelligence, and amazing athletic ability in which sports? _____

   (a) football (b) baseball (c) track

   (d) all of these (e) only a and b (f) only b and c

4. Jackie enrolled in college at ***UCLA***, where he earned _____ letters in four major sports.

5. WWII interrupted Jackie's desire to play professional sports. _____

   (a) **Fact** (b) **Inference**

6. While in the army, Jackie rose to the rank of _____, but faced incidents of racial _____.

7. Jackie's unpleasant _____ experience left _____ scars, even though he was ***acquitted***.

8. At the end of his ***enlistment***, Jackie was discharged with _____.

   (a) honor (b) dishonor (c) a warning

9. Jackie began to play professional baseball for the ***Negro League***, where his achievements drew the attention of the manager of the _____.

10. Branch Rickey was looking for an African-American player who could break the "_____" in professional baseball.

11. Which character qualities in Jackie's life caused Rickey to select Jackie Robinson to play on an all-white team? _____

    (a) moral character (b) integrity (c) courage (d) athletic ability

    (e) all of these (f) only a and b (g) only b and c (h) a, b, and c

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12. Jackie learned to be "bigger" than the prejudiced white players, coaches, and others who ***belittled*** him. In this **Context**, *bigger* has to do with _____.

    (a) growing taller (b) putting on weight (c) being a better man

13. Jackie's ***astounding*** athletic achievements earned him the distinction of being named _____ during his first year on the team.

14. Robinson helped the Brooklyn Dodgers play in six _____, and win the _____ in 1955.

15. Jackie was an _____ six times, and was voted into the Baseball _____.

16. As a remembrance, Jackie's number 42 was ***permanently*** reissued. _____

    (a) True (b) False

17. You can **Conclude** that Jackie Robinson set a standard for African-American athletes by his:

    (a) athletic achievements (b) humility (c) character (d) moral courage

    (e) all of these (f) only a and b (g) only a, c, and d

18. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____ _____."

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Overcomers

Fill in the blanks, choose multiple choice, or answer true or false as indicated.

1. Jesse Owens was an African-American, born in 1913 in the state of Alabama, where he grew up in _____ conditions. (a) average (b) poverty (c) wealthy

2. Jesse's mother did jobs such as laundry and house-cleaning to earn money. _____
   (a) True (b) False

3. Humble ***circumstances*** continued in Cleveland, Ohio, as the result of frequent _____ of Jesse's father. (a) unemployment (b) depression (c) alcohol problems

4. Even though Jesse was a fast runner, he did not ***participate*** in sports because he often did ***menial*** tasks to provide money to support his _____.
   (a) girlfriend (b) drug habit (c) car payments (d) family

5. **Cause:** Jesse was the fastest _____ the coach had ever seen; **(Effect):** Jesse was encouraged to show up before school, to learn _____ ***techniques***.

6. **Cause:** The coaching each morning began to provide results, **(Effect):** so that by the time Jesse was in high school, he had begun to set school _____ and _____ records.

7. Jesse accepted an offer to run track for _____University.

8. While in college, he struggled with _____ and ***prejudice***.
   (a) academics (b) girlfriend issues (c) sports issues
   (d) all of these (e) only a and b (f) only a and c

9. Jesse endured the struggles and performed astounding track feats that set _____ world records and drew _____attention.

10. Jesse was admired and praised by German dictator Adolph Hitler at the Olympic games, where Jesse won four gold medals, but was ridiculed by spectators and other Olympians.
    _____ (a) True (b) False

11. Jesse allegedly honored his mentor-coach by purchasing for him (a) new _____.
    (a) TV (b) car (c) house (d) sports equipment

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12. After the great accomplishments at the Olympic games, public praise, and hero status, Jesse rarely experienced financial struggles. _____ (a) True (b) False

13. Later financial struggles caused Jesse to neglect his family. _____ (a) True (b) False

14. In spite of some prejudiced, bigoted people and his financial struggles, Jesse Owens still supported the American _____ economic system.

15. Jesse remained "bigger" than the "little" people who were rude to him. In this **Context**, "little" would mean_____.

    (a) small-statured (b) small-minded (c) both of these (d) neither of these

16. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____

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Overcomers

Fill in the blanks, choose multiple choice, or answer true or false as indicated.

1. Nathan Hale graduated from Yale College at age 18 and became a: _____.

   (a) surveyor (b) scientist (c) teacher (d) store keeper (e) politician

2. Nathan Hale was described as a ***Puritan***-raised young man who was handsome, athletic, ***studious***, and noble. _____ (a) **Fact** (b) **Inference**

3. After teaching for a while, Nathan volunteered to serve in the Connecticut _____.

4. That decision was reached after _____asserted that young men should defend freedom and honor God and country.

   (a) the ***Militia*** (b) George Washington (c) Benjamin Talmadge

5. Soon after joining the 7th Connecticut ***Regiment***, Nathan demonstrated leadership skills and was promoted to major in charge of a battalion, where he refused to perform ***mundane*** duties.

   _____ (a) True (b) False

6. _____ anticipated British military action, and asked for volunteers to go behind enemy lines to gather information about enemy forces.

   (a) the Colonial Militia (b) George Washington (c) Benjamin Talmadge

7. Nathan volunteered, even thought he had no knowledge or experience regarding ***espionage***.

   _____ (a) True (b) False

8. **Inference:** The term "spy" was taken from what three letters in the word espionage? _____

9. A crafty British officer at a local tavern suspected that Nathan was a teacher. _____

   (a) True (b) False

10. Nathan was captured and charged with _____.

    (a) espionage (b) ***divulging*** Colonial troop information

    (c) attempted assassination (d) all of these

11. Nathan Hale exhibited extreme _____ as he faced the hangman's noose.

    (a) cringing (b) cursing (c) calmness (d) courage

    (e) complaining (f) only b and e (g) only c and d (h) only a and c

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12. You can **Conclude** from the vignette that good intentions cannot take the place of training and preparedness. _____ (a) True (b) False

13. **Cause:** Nathan Hale's untimely death **(Effect):** prompted General Washington to establish a more effective _____.

14. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____ _____."

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