Pillars of Culture:
50 People who Made America Great



Chapter 5
Activities

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

1. John Hancock was a young boy when he lost his ***clergyman*** father and was plunged into _____.

2. John was adopted by an uncle, a wealthy _____ merchant, who provided a good education for John, both at _____and at _____ college.

3. By age 27, John Hancock's inheritance made him one of the wealthiest merchants in the thirteen colonies. _____ (a) True (b) False

4. The ship named *Liberty* was seized by British officials, who claimed that Hancock _____.
   (a) was dealing in stolen goods (b) owed taxes (c) had violated international treaties

5. **Effect:** ***Confrontation*** erupted when a patriot group, called The _____, rallied to defend Hancock's claim that (**Cause:**) the ***Intolerable Acts*** and Tea Tax were unjust.

6. British ***tyranny*** forced the Sons of Liberty to ***divulge*** the secrets of their meetings. _____
   (a) True (b) False

7. The Sons of Liberty believed that colonists should be represented in the British government before being taxed for tea and other merchandise. _____ (a) True (b) False

8. Colonists formed The _____, a group of patriots who were armed to defend liberty and freedom if the British initiated military action against the colonists.
   (a) The Minutemen (b) The Militia (c) The Vigilantes (d) none of these

9. The first armed conflict between British troops and the Minutemen was at _____ and _____ in 1775.

10. You can **Conclude** from the vignette that John Hancock was in agreement with the Minutemen.
    _____ (a) True (b) False

11. British laws were designed and passed in ***Parliament*** with equitable participation by colonists.
    _____ (a) True (b) False

12. John Hancock was elected as President of the Second Continental Congress that drew up the _____, which bore his bold signature.
    (a) Constitution (b) Articles of Confederation (c) Declaration of Independence

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13. **Inference:** The "in your face" boldness of Hancock's signature indicated his passion for liberty, and his abhorrence of tyranny. _____ (a) True (b) False

14. The size of the signature was allegedly so that the British king could "read the signature without his ***spectacles***". In this **Context**, "spectacles" has to do with_____.

    (a) things that are unusual, eye-catching (b) spectacled animal markings

    (c) eye glasses (d) speculation

15. That John Hancock devoted his resources to establish freedom in America is _____.

    (a) **Speculation** (b) **Opinion** (c) **Fact** (d) **Hearsay**

16. John Hancock served as _____ of Massachusetts for nine terms.

    (a) Mayor (b) Governor (c) President

17. When someone says, "Sign your John Hancock", the statement means _____.

    (a) sign your name (b) write a letter to Congress (c) text a message to your senator

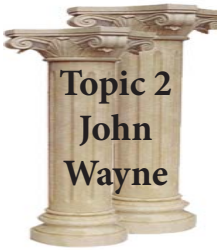
18. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____

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

1. John Wayne was the Hollywood name for _____.
2. In high school, Marion played football, acted in _____ programs, and was involved in _____ government.
3. While in college, Marion was injured playing football, but acted part-time in movies as a ***double*** for main actors. _____ (a) True (b) False
4. In 1939, Marion starred as actor under the name of _____, in a movie called *Stagecoach*.
5. **Cause:** John Wayne's ability to ***portray*** action heroes (**Effect:**) ***captivated*** audiences, who liked his depiction of ranchers, _____ , soldiers, fighter pilots, and _____.
6. During WWII and afterward, John Wayne was recruited to make military films designed to support the war effort and patriotism. He starred in films about _____ and the Flying _____.
7. A ***swashbuckler*** is a person who is gallant, dashing, and heroic. _____ (a) True (b) False
8. Many of John Wayne's films were directed by popular western author Zane Grey. _____ (a) True (b) False
9. **Cause:** Most Hollywood productions during the 1930s and 1940s were _____ by the tobacco and liquor industries, (**Effect:**) John Wayne often depicted "tough guys" who _____, drank _____, and cursed.
10. John Wayne complied with most movie scripts; however, he refused to engage in _____ scenes.
11. Most of his films were about preserving _____, fulfilling ***Manifest Destiny***, and fighting foreign enemies.
12. John Wayne had very poor ***equestrian skills***, and had to have a double whenever scenes required him to ride horses. _____ (a) True (b) False
13. During the 1940s and '50s, communist ***agitators*** recruited John Wayne for a short time to join their efforts to control Hollywood. _____ (a) True (b) False

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14. He ***vigorously*** defended the Second Amendment right of _____.

    (a) free speech (b) gun ownership (c) religious freedom (d) only a and c

15. **Cause:** John Wayne consistently defended American _____. **Effect:** Hollywood Award ***critics*** were irritated and refused to award his _____.

16. What film finally earned an Academy Award for John Wayne? _____

    (a) *Hacksaw Ridge* (b) *Rio Bravo* (c) *True Grit* (d) *The Alamo*

17. Congress awarded John Wayne the Congressional _____ Medal.

18. After his death, John Wayne was inducted into the California _____; and _____ Airport was renamed as John Wayne Airport in his honor.

19. John Wayne believed in and promoted _____.

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

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1. Kit Carson was impatient to grow up; he ***fantasized*** about brave _____.

2. **Cause:** Kit's _____ died, and Kit's mother _____a man who didn't relate well to Kit; therefore, (**Effect:**) Kit decided to learn a _____ so he could leave home and support himself.

3. Between the ages of 15 and 17, Kit Carson learned a ***trade*** working with _____.

   (a) copper (b) wood (c) leather (d) weapons (e) horses (f) wagons

4. You could **Conclude** that, at age 17, Kit saw his chance to find a life of adventure as he watched a wagon train ***lumber*** along on its way through Missouri to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

   _____ (a) True (b) False

5. In this **Context**, "lumber" has to do with _____.

   (a) cutting fresh timber (b) slow movement due to weightiness

   (c) lumber for building (d) none of these

6. Kit trudged hundreds of miles from Missouri to _____, New Mexico.

   (a) Tacos (b) Santa Fe (c) Taos

7. Most "Mountain Men" were gallant, noble, honorable men of integrity and honesty. _____

   (a) True (b) False

8. You can **Conclude** from the vignette that New Mexico was a wild and remote place that gradually became populated with adventurous trappers, ranchers, merchants, soldiers, traders, and eventually families. _____ (a) True (b) False

9. Even though Kit was a relatively small man, he ***defied*** danger by exhibiting _____, _____, and perseverance in _____ environments and situations.

10. The one big fault of Kit was that he never kept promises. _____ (a) True (b) False

11. One of the most frightening things Kit endured was being treed by two _____.

    (a) cougars (b) black bears (c) grizzlies

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12. While living in New Mexico, Kit learned to _____.

    (a) speak Spanish (b) be an army scout (c) relate to Indians

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

13. **Cause:** Famous explorer, _____hired Kit to lead an expedition from Missouri to the _____ coast. **Effect:** The adventure made national headlines, and eventually resulted in US _____ from New York to California.

14. At about age 33, Kit Carson married Josefa, a beautiful _____teenage girl, who birthed six children.

15. In between his scouting adventures, Kit was a devoted family man. _____

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

16. Kit's exploits as a frontiersman became legendary throughout the _____, and eventually were recorded in _____ and _____across America.

17. **Review:** Which of the following did NOT pertain to Kit Carson? _____

    _____ (a) He had a good reputation.

    _____ (b) He was a skilled guide for the army.

    _____ (c) He was a savvy Indian guide

    _____ (d) He was a Colorado militia General.

    _____ (e) He liked his assignments of rounding up Indians

    _____ (f) He was Superintendent of Indian Affairs in Colorado.

18. Thousands of boys pretend to be Kit Carson because of his fame recorded in books, articles, movies, museums, parks, and _____ bases.

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

    _____."

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1. Richard DeVos and Jay Van Andel had a _____ to start their own _____ in Michigan after being discharged from _____ service following WWII.
2. Van Andel and DeVos used _____ to mix their first product of household cleaning liquids. (a) tubs (b) large pots (c) bathtubs
3. Even though most experiments failed to produce useful products, the two men persisted in developing effective items to sell. _____ (a) True (b) False
4. **Cause:** Hard work, long hours, and efficient _____ eventually paid off (**Effect:**) in establishing the _____ in 1959.
5. Over time, Amway became a _____ business, selling items such as lipstick, fire extinguishers, detergent, vitamins, and nylon hose, for homes and businesses.
6. The two entrepreneurs decided to use direct _____, and ***sponsored*** _____ sessions to help other people become ***self-employed*** as successful business persons.
7. DeVos and Van Andel invested ***significant*** amounts of money to defeat home school and educational choice legislation. _____ (a) True (b) False
8. Amway ***distributors*** are people who _____.
   (a) buy Amway products (b) sell Amway products (c) earn profits on sales
   (d) all of these (e) only b and c
9. You can **Infer** that the Amway system of helping people to operate their own businesses is an example of _____ at work.
   (a) socialism (b) communism (c) capitalism (d) progressivism (e) debt
10. Some Amway distributors earn six-digit figures, while some become _____.
11. Amway Corporation has expanded to include operations in more than 100 _____.
12. The net worth of Amway Corporation exceeds eighty billion dollars. _____
    (a) True (b) False
13. Van Andel and DeVos were invited to the White House to visit which president? _____
    (a) Reagan (b) Trump (c) Ford (d) Obama (e) Clinton (f) Bush

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14. **The Main Idea** of this vignette is that Amway is successful because it operates on principles of free enterprise (capitalism), and helps other people fulfill their dreams to operate profitably.

    _____ (a) True (b) False

15. People who operate successful businesses demonstrate effort, _____ and efficiency.

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

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1. Sam Walton was a ***tenacious*** man who liked to help people who were "down-and-out." In this **Context**, "down-and-out" means to be _____.

   (a) knocked unconscious (b) impoverished (c) incapacitated (d) only b and c

2. After graduating from college, Sam served as a captain in the US _____ during World War II. (a) Army (b) Navy (c) Air Force (d) Marines

3. The first business Sam owned was a ***franchise*** hardware store where he sold_____ and _____items.

4. Sam and his wife, Helen, started the first Walmart in Rogers, Arkansas. **Cause or Effect (result)**? _____ They believed they could provide better products with improved customer service at lower prices. **Cause or Effect?** _____

5. Walmart's service to customers and provision of better products resulted after Sam visited other ***retail*** stores to evaluate how to do a better job in _____.

   (a) wholesale service (b) retail sales (c) providing discounts (d) greeting customers

6. ***Conventional*** ideas are _____ ideas.

   (a) regular (b) normal (c) out-of-the-box (d) broken (e) only a and b

7. Sam decided that serving people was more important than becoming rich. **Cause or Effect**? _____ But in the process of expanding Walmart stores worldwide, Sam became one of the richest men in the world. **Cause or Effect**? _____

8. Sam's success caused him to "***put on airs***" in public, when in reality he drove an old pickup truck in which he hauled his dogs and hunting guns. _____ (a) True (b) False

9. Walmart has provided employment for more than _____ people.

10. Normal, average, people who shopped at Walmart stores were able to purchase "fancy" _____ and nice furniture, and thus enjoy a _____ standard of living for less money.

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11. More than 1,960 Walmart stores established in rural communities, urban locations, and inner cities in the United States and foreign countries was the result of Sam Walton's_____

(a) intelligence (b) hard work (c) sense of fairness (d) integrity

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

12. You can **Conclude** from the vignette that Sam Walton believed in free-market capitalism, and in making a financial profit in-order-to remain in business and keep people employed.

_____ (a) True (b) False

13. Sam's ***homespun*** _____, integrity, and practice of free _____ were a blessing to millions of people, and helped to make America a great nation.

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

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1. Milton Friedman's unimpressive physical appearance turned out to be an accurate indicator of his intelligence. _____ (a) True (b) False

2. The ***temporal lobe*** of Milton's brain functioned like a computer on steroids, by which he processed numbers, ***statistics***, and equations _____ , especially regarding the way money is earned and invested.

   (a) very slowly (b) at average speed (c) instantaneously

3. After WWI (1914-1918), people were becoming accustomed to electric-powered appliances, gasoline-powered automobiles, and leisure time. _____ (a) True (b) False

4. **Cause:** When the ***stock market*** crashed in _____, (**1st Effect:**) economic hard times spread across the United States, (**2nd Effect:**) creating the Great Depression, in which people were _____, hungry, and in ***desperation*** for _____ ***intervention***.

5. ***Industrialists***, farmers, and merchants ***speculated*** on financial investments that seemed to promise profits that would enable people to live affluent lifestyles. **Cause or Effect?**_____ People spent money foolishly, consequently, the economy came to an abrupt halt.

   Cause or Effect? _____

6. Milton Friedman's lectures on free enterprise and ***supply side*** economics caught the attention of politicians, government officials, and foreign ***dignitaries***, who began to seek Friedman's _____ in order to ***stabilize*** the world economy.

   (a) money (b) advice (c) influence

7. Milton Friedman believed in the economic policies promoted by socialist John Maynard Keynes. _____ (a) True (b) False

8. Friedman proposed that a ***free market*** economy based on _____ was superior to the _____-sponsored ***New Deal*** promoted by President Franklin Roosevelt.

9. In his book, *Capitalism and Freedom*, Friedman maintained that the less people were taxed, the better the economy would be. _____ (a) True (b) False

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10. You can **Conclude** that Friedman's book, *Free to Choose*, was unpopular with foreign readers.

    _____ (a) True (b) False

11. **Effect:** The _____ in Economic Science was awarded to Milton Friedman be**Cause** of the brilliant economic principles expressed in his books.

12. Which other outstanding award(s) did Milton Friedman receive? _____

    (a) Presidential Medal of Honor (b) National Medal of Science (c) Presidential Gold Medal

    (d) Congressional Medal of Honor (e) only a and b (f) only c and d

13. Friedman believed that a free economy also justified _____ choice, due to the idea that "one-size" does not fit all children.

14. In this **Context**, "one-size" not fitting all children has to do with _____.

    (a) clothing sizes (b) shoe sizes (c) educational systems (d) none of these

15. According to the vignette, Friedman believed that if parents were free to choose the school they considered to be best for their children, that the overall national economy would be improved.

    _____ (a) True (b) False

16. Friedman believed that quality private schools could produce better-educated and skilled workers, entrepreneurs, and inventors than do public schools. _____

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

17. **Review: Label the following items as C (for capitalism) or S (for socialism):**

    _____ the right to own private property

    _____ opportunity to operate a business for profit

    _____ government control of economics (the production and selling of products)

    _____ economic policies of John Maynard Keynes

    _____ supply-side economics

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

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1. Norman Rockwell was born during the time when America was just becoming familiar with automobiles, baseball, and using _____ and indoor plumbing.

2. You can **Infer** from the vignette that prior to WWI (1914-1918), most people did not have access to telephones, much less cell phones, hair dryers, dish washers, tennis shoes, or computers.

   _____ (a) True (b) False

3. After Norman Rockwell graduated from high school, he attended _____ to develop his natural talent as an ***illustrator***. (a) college (b) art schools (c) illustrious school

4. When Rockwell was 19 years old, he was hired to _____ a Boy Scout magazine called _____.

5. Rockwell's drawings were based on what he observed about every-day life in the United States.

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

6. The _____ hired Rockwell to illustrate their magazine covers, which he did for _____ years.

7. Rockwell's human-interest ***illustrations*** captivated the imagination of magazine readers. _____

   (a) True (b) False

8. If you were to research Norman Rockwell on the internet, you would notice that he did Not depict such scenes as: _____.

   (a) boys swimming (b) grandparents praying (c) boys playing baseball

   (d) boys shooting marbles (e) boys and girls holding hands (f) gang wars

   (g) Civil War battles (h) all of these (i) only f and g

9. Rockwell avoided illustrations that included policemen, politicians, ***hobos***, or ***bobbers***.

   _____ (a) True (b) False

10. During WWII, Rockwell was hired to paint ***recruitment*** posters of "Rosie the Riveter." You can **Infer** that the purpose was to _____

    (a) recruit men for military service (b) recruit women to work in factories

    (c) recruit teenagers for farm work (d) only a and c

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11. Rockwell's "clean-cut" illustrations exemplified his values, which mirrored those of America's greatness, namely her _____ .

    (a) ***tolerance*** and ***diversity*** (b) "Four Freedoms" (c) principles and values

12. Rockwell painted over _____ original pieces of art depicting _____ during his lifetime, between _____ and _____.

13. Rockwell proved that an illustrator who focuses on exercising personal talents and gifts can remain _____.

    (a) unemployed (b) unnoticed (c) sidelined (d) employed (e) rejected

14. Even though Rockwell was highly respected and admired, he experienced periodic ***bouts*** of _____ and ***despondency***, during which time his tendency to be a perfectionist caused him to spend weeks "fine-tuning" an _____.

15. **Learning from pictures: Refer to the photograph of Rockwell at the front of this lesson.**

    How would you describe the personality you see there? _____

    (a) serious-minded (b) fun-loving (c) depressed (d) popular

    (e) lonely (f) friendly (g) sad (h) happy

    (i) all of these (j) none of these (k) only a, c ,e, and g (l) only b, d, f, and h

16. Rockwell is remembered on postage stamps, in _____, and in art galleries because of his efforts to portray America as a great nation.

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

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1. Paul Revere was a patriotic ***silversmith*** as well as a western Pony Express rider who made a ***gallant*** midnight ride across America's heartland to warn settlers. _____

   (a) True (b) False

2. Paul Revere's strategic ride was ***featured*** in a famous poem by _____.

3. Paul Revere became fatherless at age 20, and later lost his wife, Sarah Arnie. However, he regrouped after his loss of loved ones, and married Rachael Walker. From both marriages, Paul had a total of _____ living children. (a) 8 (b) 6 (c) 14 (d) 16

4. In order to support his family, Revere was motivated to become a successful entrepreneur who made elegant engravings of _____ and important _____ , as well as making numerous other items from _____.

5. **Inference:** American colonists were involved in the French and Indian War, which was waged on American soil, and for which British ***magistrates*** wanted the colonists to help pay British war debts. _____ (a) True (b) False

6. In this **Context**, "waged" has to do with _____.

   (a) wages paid for work done (b) wagers or bets (c) action engaged in

7. Paul Revere joined other patriots to resist British _____, and took part in the famous _____ of 1773.

8. Colonists developed an emergency _____ system to resist British tyranny.

   (a) education (b) communication (c) home defense (d) militia

9. The era of history in which Paul Revere, John Hancock, and Samuel Adams were prominent in these colonial emergency efforts was _____.

   (a) 1773-1776 (b) 1745-1756 (c) 1779-1784 (d) 1785-1790

10. Paul Revere's gallant midnight ride warned colonists of British attempts to capture colonial ammunition and leaders near the town(s) of _____

    (a) New York (b) Boston (c) Lexington (d) Concord (e) both a and b (f) both c and d

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11. Revere's quick _____ allowed him to persuade British officers that armed Colonial Militia created an ***imminent*** danger to British _____.

12. The "shot heard around the world" referred to_____.

    (a) America's initial armed resistance to British military power

    (b) A loud cannon blast that was heard as far away as Boston

    (c) A volley of musket shots that awakened people in New York City

    (d) An explosion of British gun powder at Lexington

    (e) All of these

    (f) None of these

13. The vignette **Infers** that Paul Revere's midnight horseback gallop was a significant act that _____ patriots to take up arms in the American War for _____.

14. In this **Context**, "take up arms" has to do with _____.

    (a) raising one's arms (b) getting firearms ready to fight (c) taking up firearms to store

15. You can **Conclude** that Revere's ride set in motion a movement that was considered by the British to be an act of _____.

    (a) loyalty (b) duty (c) treason (d) fear (e) selfishness (f) bravery (g) a, b, and f

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

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1. Based on the photograph, Thomas Kinkade appeared to be of what ethnicity? _____

   (a) African-American (b) Anglo-American (c) Oriental-American (d) none of these

2. Artists have a ***compulsion*** to ***depict*** life on canvas as if they can't help themselves. _____

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

3. While helping create scenery for a _____, Kinkade began to study _____ and its _____ on objects.

4. You can **Conclude** from the vignette that Kinkade's use of light was appreciated by all lovers of art. _____ (a) True (b) False

5. Thomas Kinkade communicated aspects of American culture by featuring _____.

   (a) shadows (b) reflections of light (c) light in windows

   (d) only a and b (e) only b and c

6. Thomas Kinkade was known as _____.

   (a) the Master of Shadows (b) the Master of Light (c) the Master of Sentimentality

   (d) the Master of Reflections (e) only a and b (f) only b and c

7. Because Kinkade embraced Christian principles, he often depicted _____ in his paintings.

8. Thomas Kinkade designed art to ***elicit*** moods of ***tranquility***, _____, and peace-of-mind.

9. Many of Kinkade's paintings depicted scenes of _____ nestled near a stream.

10. ***Solitude*** has to do with _____.

    (a) opulence (b) sentimentality (c) seclusion

    (d) quietness (e) only c and d (f) only a and c

11. The vignette of Kinkade **Infers** that he _____ traditional American values.

    (a) disdained (b) embraced (c) was neutral toward

12. Kinkade wanted people to look at his pictures and be inspired to pursue happiness with hope of better tomorrows. _____ (a) True (b) False

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13. Thomas Kinkade became a successful _____, with his paintings allegedly decorating one out every _____American homes.

14. Thomas Kinkade thought too highly of himself. _____ (a) **Fact** (b) **Opinion**

15. Even though Thomas Kinkade seemed to have lost perspective of things that really matter in life, he communicated a portion of American culture that helped people appreciate America's greatness. _____ (a) True (b) True

16. Thomas Kinkade is remembered in books, _____, movies, and art galleries.

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1. Zane Grey trained to be a _____, but his heart was somewhere else.
2. A ***compulsion*** is _____.

   (a) an internal combustion motor (b) a driving need (d) to be ***startled***
3. Publishers were eager to print Zane Grey's first novel about cowboys and rustlers in the west.

   _____ (a) True (b) False
4. Grey's novels usually were filled with ***vivid*** descriptions of purple mountains, red sunsets, and rugged canyons, and included ***episodes*** of beautiful _____ in distress who had to be rescued by fast-shooting _____.
5. Zane Grey wrote stories that ***pitted*** evil _____ against courageous_____ and heroines.
6. Readers were ***fascinated*** and captivated by Grey's fast-moving plots and writing _____.
7. Not only were Grey's novels exciting, they acquainted readers with western _____, outlaws, peace officers, and mountain _____.
8. You can **Conclude** from the vignette that although Zane Grey was emotionally involved in his novels, he was more motivated by the idea of becoming a millionaire. _____

   (a) True (b) False
9. ***Prolific*** means _____.

   (a) western produce (b) meager (c) productive (d) grasping (e) to edit
10. Zane communicated to readers by using descriptive _____ and powerful verbs.
11. Grey was a master at describing ***frothing*** horses and frightened _____ in distress.
12. Even so, ***wordsmithing*** was definitely not one of Zane Grey's strong points. _____

    (a) True (b) False
13. Into many of Grey's ***plots*** were woven the concept that evil actions result in lost _____.
14. ***Splendor*** conveys the meaning of _____.

    (a) magnitude (b) magnetic (c) magic (d) media (e) gallantry

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