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# **Class President**

#### **VOCABULARY**

## 1. 1.3 Read this sentence

...(he) had eyes that seemed to **bore** right into your head when he looked at you.

Which word is a best SYNONYM for **bore** as referenced in this sentence?

- A. penetrate
- B. worn
- C. drill
- D. uninteresting
- 2. 1.5 Read this sentence.

You couldn't kick a ball if it was glued to your foot.

In this sentence, the figurative language means

- A. to explore or search for something.
- B. gluing a ball to her foot may help her kick the ball.
- C. even if the ball was stuck to her foot, she would still miss it.
- D. the ball is stuck to her foot so she can't kick the ball.
- **3.** 1.3 Read the sentence below and choose the word that is an ANTONYM for the bold-faced word.

...he felt it was his job to give his candidate **confidence**.

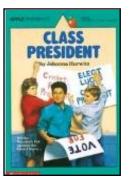
Which word is an ANTONYM for confidence?

- A. a gift
- B. self-assurance
- C. poise
- D. doubt
- 4. 1.5 Read these sentences from Julio's poster.

DON'T BUG ME. VOTE FOR LUCAS COTT.

Why did Julio use the phrase "Don't bug me."?

- A. He was expressing the problem the school was having with bugs.
- B. He was making a joke about Cricket being a "bug".
- C. Julio was sick and tired of being bothered by Cricket and the other girls.
- D. Julio wanted Lucas to fix the bug infestation.



#### **COMPREHENSION**

**5.** 3.3 Read the following dialogue from Julio.

"It's not fair to make us stop playing soccer just because we might get hurt. Someone might fall down walking to school, but we still have to come to school every day."



Which 2 traits best describe Julio according to what he said?

- A. honest and reliable
- B. logical and wise
- C. humorous yet compassionate
- D. complaining and demanding
- **6.** 3.2 Which statement explains the **main** problem in the story?
  - a. Lucas is running for president against Cricket.
  - b. Cricket is mean to Julio.
  - c. The class has to make a decision on who should be class president.
  - d. The principal does not allow soccer games during recess.
- **7.** 3.3 Read Cricket's dialogue from the story:

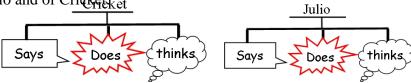
"Julio can't run for president. He was born in Puerto Rico. He isn't an American citizen."

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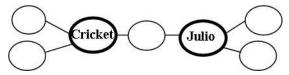
- A. hurtful.
- B. a better candidate for class president.
- C. thoughtful.
- D. smarter and knows more about America.
- **8.** 3.2 The main problem in the story is resolved when
  - A. Julio is nominated for class president.
  - B. the students are able to play jump rope and soccer.
  - C. Cricket does not get to be president.
  - D. the students recognize Julio as a great leader for the class.

### **RESPONSE TO LITERATURE**

9. 3.3 Use these maps to analyze Julio and of Cricketket



Contrast their actions and motives in order to determine who would be the best class president and why.



Using these maps, write a short paragraph on another piece of paper to tell the differences between the two students and justify why one would be a better president than the other. Give reasons and examples from the text. Use complete sentences when defending your position.

#### **VOCABULARY**

#### 1. 1.3 Read this sentence 1PT

...(he) had eyes that seemed to **bore** right into your head when he looked at you.

Which word is a best SYNONYM for **bore** as referenced in this sentence?

- penetrate (this fits the "type" of synonym)
- **B.** wore
- **C.** drill (this fits the "type" of synonym, but is too literal.)
- **D.** uninteresting
- 2. 15 Read this sentence. 1 PT

You couldn't kick a ball if it was glued to your foot.

In this sentence, the figurative language means

- **A.** to explore or search for something (not the meaning)
- **B.** gluing a ball to her foot may help her kick the ball. (too literal)
- even if the ball was stuck to her foot, she would still miss it. (this is what Lucas meant)
- **D.** the ball is stuck to her foot so she can't kick the ball. (not what is meant)
- 3. 13 Read the sentence below and choose the word that is an ANTONYM for the bold-faced word. 1PT

...he felt it was his job to give his candidate **confidence**.

Which word is an ANTONYM for confidence?

- **A.** a gift (not the meaning)
- **B.** self-assurance (synonym)
- **C.** poise (synonym)
- doubt
- **4.** 1.5 Read these sentences from Julio's poster. **1PT**

# **DON'T BUG ME**. VOTE FOR LUCAS COTT.

Why did Julio use the phrase "Don't bug me."?

- **A.** He was expressing the problem the school was having with bugs. (too literal)
- He was making a joke about Cricket being a "bug". (Teach students the meaning of a "pun", and that this was his intent.)
- C. Julio was sick and tired of being bothered by Cricket and the other girls. (not his personality)
- **D.** Julio wanted Lucas to fix the bug infestation. (too literal)

#### **COMPREHENSION**

#### **5.** 3.3 Read the following dialogue from Julio. **1PT**

"It's not fair to make us stop playing soccer just because we might get hurt. Someone might fall down walking to school, but we still have to come to school every day."

Which 2 traits best describe Julio according to what he said?

- A. honest and reliable (Julio may have these traits, but they are not represented in this dialogue)
- ogical and wise (the words express logic and quick wit. Teach the word "logical")
- C. humorous yet compassionate (Julio may have these traits, but they are not represented in this dialogue)
- D. complaining and demanding (he is not complaining, but rather giving a logical reason)

- **6.** 3.2 Which statement explains the main problem in the story? **1 PT** 
  - A. Lucas is running for president against Cricket. (*smaller problem*)
  - B. Cricket is mean to Julio. (*smaller problem*)
  - The class has to make a decision on who should be class president. (this is the theme and main problem running through the story)
  - D. The principal does not allow soccer games during recess. (smaller problem)
- **7.** 3.3 Read Cricket's dialogue from the story: **1 PT**

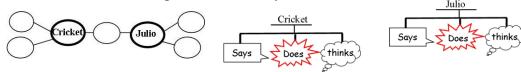
"Julio can't run for president. He was born in Puerto Rico. He isn't an American citizen."

Cricket is much different than Julio because she is

- hurtful. (this trait can be inferred from her statement)
- B. a better candidate for class president. (This is her opinion, but she is not the best choice for president)
- C. thoughtful. (*This is what Julio is like from his words, not hers*)
- D. smarter and knows more about America. (She is not smarter than Julio)
- **8.** 3.2 The main problem in the story is resolved when **1 PT** 
  - A. Julio is nominated for class president. (he hasn't been voted on yet)
  - B. the students are able to play jump rope and soccer. (not main problem/resolution)
  - C. Cricket does not get to be president. (not about how students will better resolve problem)
  - the students recognize Julio as a great leader for the class.

#### **RESPONSE TO LITERATURE 2 PTS**

**9.** 3.3 Use these maps to analyze Julio and of Cricket. Contrast their actions and motives and determine who would be the best class president and why.



Using these maps, write a short paragraph on another piece of paper to tell the differences between the two students and justify why one would be a better president than the other. Give reasons and examples from the text. Use complete sentences when defending your position.

Julio should be class president because he thinks about all the students, not just himself. One example is his willingness to speak for his class by seeing the principal. Instead of going by himself, he asks Lucas and Cricket to go, even if she is not one of his favorite people. Also, he helped Arthur get new glasses and made a poster for Lucas.

In contrast, Cricket just wanted to be president to prove she is the best and most popular. She tries to win people over by giving them chocolates. She also doesn't care about her whole class when they want play soccer. She says, "I don't care about soccer." Finally, she tries to stop Julio from becoming president by saying he is not an American citizen.