

Unit 5: What Has Value - Quiz-Study and Help Guide

The questions for this quiz will be almost exclusively about the stories in this unit.

To read your stories you can use the following link to the Pathways textbook:
[Pathways PDF](#)

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The Gift of the Magi		
O. Henry <i>short story</i>		690
Everyday Use		
Alice Walker <i>short story</i>		700
Fabric of Their Lives		
Amei Wallach <i>magazine article</i>		712
POEMS OF WORKING PEOPLE		
To be of use		
Marge Piercy <i>poem</i>		722
I Hear America Singing		
Walt Whitman <i>poem</i>		724
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Questions-Multiple Choice

1. What do you think the narrator of “The Gift of The Magi” considers as having real Value?
 - a. The protagonists’ poverty
 - b. The protagonists’ wisdom
 - c. The Protagonists’ possessions
 - d. The protagonists’ love for eachother

Question 2 focuses on figurative language. You may need the story and some practice with [figurative language](#). Examples of allusion and other types of figurative language are here. You can click on this link.

<https://7esl.com/figurative-language/>

2. In the story “The Gift of The Magi,” which of the following is an example of an allusion?
 - a. The description of Della’s hair as a brown cascade.
 - b. The comparison between Della and the Queen of Sheba
 - c. The apparent compassion for Della’s and Jim’s economic struggle
 - d. The discovery that the protagonists sold their most prized possessions

3.

Critical Thinking

In “Fabric of Their Lives,” what does the information about Annie Mae Young burning her quilts reveal about her personality?

- a. Young did not consider her quilts as art pieces
 - b. Young saw her quilts as something very private
 - c. Young thought her quilts could be too provocative
 - d. Young was pessimistic about her success as an artist
4. In “Fabric of our lives,” Why did Arizona Pettway make quilts?

5.

Critical Thinking

Both Marge Piercy and Walt Whitman believe that

- a. Items made in America are priceless.
- b. The value of things lies in making them.
- c. One's heritage is part of one's value.
- d. Art is not an important part of life

6. What do the poems in this unit express an appreciation for?

- a. The poor
- b. The value of work
- c. Things of value
- d. The question of value

7.

Critical Thinking

In Guy de Maupassant's "The Necklace," what opinion of Mme. Loisel emerges from the narrator's description of her thoughts and actions?

- a. Mme. Loisel is ridiculously self important
- b. Mme. Loisel is ungrateful towards her family
- c. Mme. Loisel is an unlucky woman who deserves better
- d. Mme. Loisel is a very refined woman who leads a simple life

Critical Thinking

In their selections in this unit, O. Henry and Guy de Maupassant both employ

8.

- a. Highly imaginative metaphors
- b. Surprise endings
- c. Odd themes
- d. Distinctly American settings

9. For number 9 you will need to review the concept of tone. You can do that by clicking on this link: [Tone vs. Mood](#)

[Practice activity using Tone](#)-Answers are included

Critical Thinking

Which of the following selections presents a tone comparable to that in O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi"?

- a. "The Necklace"
- b. "I hear America Singing"
- c. "To Be of Use"
- d. "Fabric of our lives"

10. For number 10 you will need to review the concept of the theme. You can do that by clicking on this link: [Theme](#)

Critical Thinking

Which of the following themes is NOT contained in "The Necklace"?

- a. Appearances are deceiving
- b. Hard work shapes a person's character
- c. People should learn to appreciate what they have
- d. Envy makes people lose sight of what is really important

11. To find definitions as well as synonyms and antonyms. You will find examples and how they are used in a sentence. You can also use the Kids Definition feature which will help you better understand and define the words.

Please go to <https://www.merriam-webster.com/>

This can help you with this question.

Vocabulary and Grammar

What is the meaning of *meretricious* as it is used in this sentence from "The Gift of the Magi"?

It was a platinum fob chain simple and chaste in design, properly proclaiming its value by substance alone and not by *meretricious* ornamentation—as all good things should do.

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Vocabulary and Grammar

Which vocabulary word completes this sentence CORRECTLY?

When Mr. Klein realized that his true identity was revealed, he found himself in an interesting

- a. Adulation
- b. Parsimony
- c. Imputation
- d. Predicament

13. To review (and practice) punctuation including capitalization please review the following resource: [Punctuation](#)

Vocabulary and Grammar

Which of the following sentences uses capitalization CORRECTLY?

- A. I just read O. Henry's short story "The gift of the magi."
- B. I just read O. Henry's short story "The gift of the Magi."
- C. I just read O. Henry's short story "The Gift of the Magi."
- D. I just read O. Henry's short story "The Gift Of the Magi."

14. To review (and practice) punctuation please review the following resource: [Punctuation](#)

Vocabulary and Grammar

Which of the following sentences displays the CORRECT use of punctuation?

- A. Leonardo da Vinci, inventor, painter, and poet is considered a genius.
- B. Leonardo da Vinci (inventor, painter, and poet) is considered a genius.
- C. Leonardo da Vinci, inventor. Painter, and poet, is considered a true genius.
- D. Leonardo da Vinci-inventor, painter, and poet-is considered a true genius.

15. To review (and practice) connotation and denotation please review the following resource: [Connotation and Denotation](#)

Vocabulary and Grammar

What connotation is attributed to the "parlor generals" in the following lines from "To Be of Use"?

[people] who are not parlor generals and field deserters / but move in a common rhythm / when the food must come in or the fire be put out.

- A. Laziness**
- B. Brutality**
- C. Patience**
- D. Indifference**