POSTTEST: Characters with Character

Essential Questions:
- I can evaluate how my decisions and actions define my character.
  - Language Arts Essential Question: What makes characters in historical fiction believable?
  - Cross-Curricular Essential Question: How do our decisions reveal our character?

I. Vocabulary Terms
1. Which of the following would be considered fiction?
   a. a short story about 3 bears and a little girl who eats their food, breaks their chairs, and sleeps in their beds.
   b. a novel about a girl who falls in love with a vampire.
   c. both a and b

2. Which of the following would be considered non-fiction?
   a. a creative story about a Native American girl, based on true events.
   b. a scientific paper about a rocket on Mars.
   c. a narrative from the point of view of a rabbit in Wonderland.

3. Which of the following would be considered historical fiction?
   a. Stories that are based sometime in the past and on historical events
   b. Biographies, Autobiographies, documentaries
   c. Stories that are based sometime in the future.

4. Which of the following would be considered drama?
   a. a story that is written to be read as a book.
   b. a story that is written to be printed in a magazine
   c. a story that was written with dialogue and meant to be acted out on the stage in front of an audience

5. Characterization is
   a. a method authors use to create and develop a character.
   b. a method authors use to make the setting of the story more realistic
   c. a method authors use to make a cake.

6. Authors will reveal character by writing about a character's
   a. appearance, speech, decisions, and actions
   b. other people's reactions and opinions
   c. all of the above

7. A protagonist is
   a. The main character’s friend
   b. The person/thing fighting against the main character
   c. The main character

8. The antagonist is
   a. The main character
   b. The person/thing fighting against the main character
   c. The main character’s dog
9. A **flat character** is
   a. a character that displays only one character trait
   b. a character run over by a tractor
   c. a character that displays multiple character traits

10. A **round character** is
    a. a character that has eaten too many meals
    b. a character that displays only one character trait
    c. a character with multiple character traits

11. These characters: Voldemort from *Harry Potter*, Captain Hook from *Peter Pan*, Darth Vader from *Star Wars*, The Joker from *Batman Comics* are all examples of a ....
    a. villain
    b. hero
    c. mother figure/wise old man

12. These characters: Arthur from the *King Arthur Legend*, Katniss from *The Hunger Games*, Percy Jackson from *Percy Jackson series*, Robin Hood from *Robin Hood* are all examples of a...
    a. villain
    b. hero
    c. mother figure/wise old man

13. These characters: Gandolf from *Lord of the Rings*, Chiron from *The Percy Jackson* series, Merlin from the *King Arthur Legend*, Grandmother Willow in *Pocahontas* are all examples of...
    a. villain
    b. hero
    c. mother figure/wise old man

14. Universally understood figures like the “mother figure/wise old man”, “hero,” and “villain” are
    a. archetypes
    b. themes
    c. protagonist

15. The steps of the **heroic journey** include
    a. 
    b. departure, initiation, return
    c.
II. Literature Analysis
RL 7.1 I can analyze how details and evidence within the text support what the author states directly and what he/she implies.

Directions: Read the following passage. Answer the questions below.

From *The Ranger's Apprentice* by John Flanagan

**Chapter 12**

Halt examined the target Will had been shooting at, and nodded.

“Not bad at all,” he said. “Your shooting is definitely improving.”

Will couldn’t help grinning. That was high praise indeed from Halt. Halt saw the expression and immediately added, “With more practice—a *lot* more practice—you might even achieve mediocrity.”

Will wasn’t absolutely sure what mediocrity was, but he sensed it wasn’t good. The grin faded and Halt dismissed the subject with a wave of his hand.

“That’s enough shooting for now. Let’s go,” he said and set off striding down a narrow path through the forest.

“Where are we going?” Will asked half running to keep up with the Ranger’s longer strides.

Halt looked up at the trees above him.

“Why does this boy ask so many questions?” he asked the trees.

Naturally, they didn’t answer.

16. How did the author use characterization to give life to these characters?
   a. He described Will’s thoughts
   b. He described Will’s and Halt’s actions and opinions
   c. both of the above

17. Using this text, which of the following words best describe Halt’s character?
   a. Kind
   b. Strict
   c. Relaxed

18. What is the story’s setting?
   a. target practice in the forest
   b. Will and Halt
   c. shooting arrows

III Language
L 7.4 I can determine the meaning of a word through context clues or by the way it is used in a sentence.

I can use a variety of strategies to determine what a word or phrase means.
19. If you didn’t know what the word “mediocrity” meant in the passage above, how could you determine what the meaning?

   a. read the words and sentences surrounding the word
   b. Both a and c
   c. check a dictionary
20. If you didn’t know what “mediocrity” meant, which of the sentences in the context could help you guess at the definition? Refer to the above novel excerpt if you need help.
   a. [Will] sensed it wasn’t good.
   b. [Will’s] grin faded.
   c. both of the above

21. After reading this text, what kind of relationship do you think Will and Halt have?
   a. They are best friends who are say nice things to each other everyday.
   b. Their relationship is tense. Halt doesn’t give Will many compliments, and he seems annoyed by Will’s questions.
   c. Halt wants Will’s approval, but Will is annoyed by Halt’s questions.

L 7.4 I can use reference materials to find the pronunciation and meaning of unfamiliar words
22. If I needed to use a word, I would be able to confidently use the following resources: (Choose all that apply)
   a. Webster’s Dictionary (print)
   b. Glossary
   c. Dictionary.com or other online resources
   d. Thesaurus

23. To find the correct definition of the word “mediocrity” I would use a
   a. atlas
   b. dictionary
   c. thesaurus

24. To find a word that means the same as “pretty” I would use a
   a. dictionary
   b. glossary
   c. thesaurus

25. A list of words and definitions found in the back of the book is a
   a. dictionary
   b. glossary
   c. thesaurus

III Mechanics and Conventions
26. Cindy likes to eat bananas. Which of the words in the sentence are nouns?
   a. to
   b. Cindy & bananas
   c. likes & eat

27. Greg cooks dinner for the family. Which of the words in the sentence are verbs?
   a. Greg
   b. for
   c. cooks
28. She is happy. Which of the words in the sentence are verbs?
   a. She
   b. is
   c. happy
29. “The Percy Jackson series is a great book!” said Tosha. Which of the words in the sentence are proper nouns?
   a. Tosha & Percy Jackson
   b. series, book, & Percy Jackson
   c. said

30. Jenny and Polka-Dot, her cat, are the best of friends. Which word in the sentence are common nouns?
   a. cat
   b. the & best
   c. Polka-Dot

31. I like jump-rope. Which word in the sentence is a verb?
   a. jump-rope
   b. like
   c. I

32. I ate a steak dinner, and we also went out to ice cream.
   a. This is a complete sentence.
   b. This is a fragment.
   c. This is a run-on.

33. I love language arts it is my favorite class.
   a. This is a complete sentence.
   b. This is a fragment.
   c. This is a run-on.

34. Went to the store for some milk and cookies.
   a. This is a complete sentence.
   b. This is a fragment.
   c. This is a run-on.

35. John took out the trash. The subject of the bolded sentence is:
   a. John
   b. took out
   c. took out the trash

36. Cindy and Katie are best friends. The subject of the bolded sentence is:
   a. are
   b. Cindy and Katie
   c. best friends

37. We went to the movies. The predicate of the bolded sentence is:
   a. We
   b. movies.
   c. went to the movies.