

Short Story Quiz 5

Alberto Alvaro Rios, A Secret Lion

1. Which of the following are not among the changes that the narrator experiences when he goes to junior high? [A] He has more teachers. [B] His relationship with girls changes. [C] He has to take the school bus. [D] He learns new, forbidden words.
2. What is "the one place [the narrator and his friend Sergio were] not supposed to go"? [A] The train station [B] The arroyo [C] Each other's houses [D] The highway
3. What happens when the narrator and Sergio go swimming in the stream? [A] Sergio almost drowns. [B] The narrator almost drowns. [C] They sometimes see some girls swimming upstream. [D] They are occasionally deluged with sewage.
4. When the narrator and Sergio walk into the hills, they discover a spot that they at first consider to be heaven. What does this place turn out to be? [A] The arroyo [B] A golf course [C] A private school [D] A waterfall
5. What is the secret lion? [A] A grinding ball [B] A kitten [C] Junior high school [D] A beautiful girl

Colette, The Hand

6. What color hair does the husband have? [A] Blond [B] Brown [C] Copper [D] Gray
7. Why can't the wife sleep at the beginning of the story? [A] She is too depressed to sleep. [B] She is too angry to sleep. [C] She is too happy to sleep. [D] She is too embarrassed to sleep.
8. How long has the couple been married? [A] Two weeks [B] One year [C] Ten years [D] Fifty years
9. After looking closely at her husband's hand, the wife finds it [A] erotic. [B] womanly. [C] spider-like. [D] horrible.
10. What does the wife do at the end of the story? [A] She asks for a divorce. [B] She tells the husband she is pregnant. [C] She tries to destroy the hand. [D] She kisses the hand.

Ralph Ellison, Battle Royal

11. What does the narrator do on his graduation day? [A] He kills a man. [B] He gives a speech. [C] He runs away. [D] He becomes invisible.

12. Who is the audience for the battle royal? [A] The narrator and his schoolmates [B] The town's leading white citizens [C] The town's leading black citizens [D] A racial mix of townspeople
13. To what does the narrator refer when he says, "Had the price of looking been blindness I would have looked"? [A] A boxing match between other black boys [B] A dangerous drug deal [C] A pornographic magazine [D] A naked white woman
14. When the boys dive onto the rug to grab for money, what do they discover? [A] The money is not real. [B] The rug is electrified. [C] There is not enough money for everyone. [D] The men don't intend to let them keep the money.
15. What does the narrator say during his talk that provokes a violent response from his audience? [A] "Cast down your bucket where you are." [B] "I have a dream!" [C] "Social equality." [D] "Friends always."

Gabriel Márquez, The Handsomest Drowned Man...

16. When the villagers laid the drowned man on the floor of the nearest house, what do they discover about him? [A] He is not really dead. [B] He is someone they know. [C] He is taller than any man they know. [D] He was a murderer during his lifetime.
17. Who is Esteban? [A] The name they give the drowned man [B] The boy who discovers the drowned man [C] The drowned man's father [D] The drowned man's best friend
18. Which of the following do the villagers NOT do for the drowned man? [A] They attempt to discover who he is. [B] They clean and dress his body. [C] They raise money for his family. [D] They give him an elaborate funeral.
19. How do the women of the village respond to the drowned man's body? [A] They think he is an evil spirit. [B] They are revolted by the decay. [C] They fall in love with him. [D] They are eager to return him to the sea.
20. In what way does the narrator predict the village will change as a result of the drowned man's appearance? [A] Men will avoid going to sea. [B] The villagers will plant flowers on the cliff sides in his memory. [C] Houses will be smaller from now on. [D] Their dreams will be narrower.