

The Medicine Bag by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve

Multiple Choice: Choose the letter that best represents an answer to the question.

1. Which of the following is not a reason for grandpa's visit?
 - a. He wants to see where his relatives live.
 - b. He is tired and he wants to see a city doctor.
 - c. He knows it is time to give Martin the Medicine bag.
 - d. He is lonesome after the family's last visit.

2. Grandpa offers to give Martin's mother his money because –
 - a. he needs her to buy him a new medicine bag.
 - b. he is afraid he will be robbed on the bus.
 - c. he wants to send Martin on a vision quest.
 - d. he does not want to be a burden to her.

3. The medicine bag is supposed to go to Martin because –
 - a. he is the oldest male child in the family
 - b. he learned a Sioux chant on the reservation
 - c. his mother does not want the responsibility
 - d. it would be too heavy for his sister to wear

4. What do Martin's friends think of grandpa?
 - a. They think he is funny
 - b. They think he is fascinating
 - c. They think he is crazy
 - d. They think he is boring

5. At the beginning of the story, Martin is –
 - a. reluctant to talk with his friends about Grandpa and his Sioux heritage because he thinks they won't understand
 - b. embarrassed about Grandpa and appreciates his Sioux heritage mainly for the exciting stories it provides
 - c. proud of Grandpa and can't wait for him to visit so he can show him off to all his friends
 - d. proud of Grandpa but doesn't want him to visit because of Grandpa's poor health

6. At the end of the story, Martin –
 - a. is pleased that Grandpa put on a good show for his friends, but still ashamed that grandpa isn't more like TV Indians.
 - b. worries about what his friends will think if they ever see Grandpa without his beaded vest and moccasins.
 - c. has a greater appreciation of his Sioux heritage and returns to the reservation to put some sage in the medicine bag.
 - d. accepts the medicine bag from Grandpa, but hides it in the bottom drawer of his desk

7. Martin is a dynamic character because he changes as he –
- entertains his school friends
 - takes care of his sister Cheryl
 - learns to be proud of Grandpa
 - remembers visits to the reservation
8. Cheryl can be considered a static character because –
- she learns and changes as the story progresses
 - she is not embarrassed to bring her friend's home
 - she is not shown as changing during the story
 - she wears moccasins and walks quietly
9. Tired and weak from a long journey, Grandpa does not venture past the _____ of the house and patio.
- fatigue
 - confines
 - stooped
 - stately
10. Dressed in his fringed leather vest, Grandpa looks _____ as he meets Martin's friends.
- fatigue
 - confines
 - stooped
 - stately
11. After his long bus ride and walk, Grandpa's _____ is certainly understandable.
- fatigue
 - confines
 - stooped
 - stately
12. Where does Martin's great-grandfather live?
- At a retirement home
 - At Martin's family's house in Iowa
 - In a shack on the Rosebud Reservation
 - In a tepee on a high butte
13. What is the significance of Grandpa's medicine bag?
- It is a symbol used in rituals by all the men in Martin's family.
 - It contains sacred items from a vision quest made by Grandpa's father.
 - It is a sacred necklace worn only by Sioux chiefs.
 - It contains an ancient artifact that he found when he was a boy.
14. Why is Martin at first reluctant to show his friends pictures of Grandpa?
- Martin is ashamed of Grandpa
 - Martin's friends would have laughed
 - Martin's friends aren't interested in Grandpa
 - Martin doesn't care to share something so personal

15. What is one reason Martin feels afraid when Grandpa says he is ready to give Martin the medicine bag?
- He knows it means his grandfather will die soon.
 - He is afraid of being responsible for the bag.
 - He thinks his friends will stop hanging out with him.
 - He believes his sister will be jealous, since the bag is only for men.
16. By traveling to Martin's house on his own, Grandfather demonstrates he is –
- embarrassed
 - stubborn
 - confused
 - independent
17. At the beginning of the story, how are Martin and Cheryl different in their attitudes about their grandfather?
- Only Martin wants to bring friends over to meet Grandpa
 - Only Cheryl shows Grandpa's picture to her friends
 - Cheryl is not bothered by Grandpa like Martin is
 - Martin talks more with Grandpa than Cheryl does
18. How does Martin change during the course of the story?
- He agrees to wear the medicine bag.
 - He loses his childlike innocence.
 - He becomes filled with despair and hatred.
 - He learns to value his heritage.
19. What generalization does Martin make about TV Indians?
- They are tall and stately with long braided hair.
 - They are short and dressed in shabby suits.
 - They are warriors who wear moccasins.
 - They are lonely wanderers in the wilderness.
20. What does Grandfather do to show that he knows kids often are embarrassed by their elders?
- He cleans his hat and changes his clothes.
 - He has a talk with Martin about Sioux pride.
 - He leaves the room when Martin's friends are over.
 - He stops talking about Sioux history.

