

D is for Dandelion

Assignment 5

- **Reading.** Complete Lesson 5 of the *D is for Dandelion* textbook, volume 1: “Vesuvius” and “The Passing of Arthur.” On a separate piece of paper, answer the reading comprehension questions to *both* of the reading passages, printed after this assignment. You will be handing them in.
- **Handwriting.** Complete Lesson 4 of the *D is for Dandelion* handwriting book.
- **Poetics.** Memorize stanzas 1 and 2 of “Mr. Finney’s Turnip” (block one).
- **Writing.** Complete #1 of Composition 1 of the Writing Response found in Lesson 5.
- **Dictation.** Review the punctuation rules regarding quotation marks. Quotation marks (“ ”) surround direct quotations. When they are introduced, the comma comes right before the quotation. Commas, periods, question marks and exclamation points are generally contained within the quotation marks.



EXERCISE A

1. Jim said, “The enemy escaped the spies.”
2. Was it his idea to go to the museum?
3. Her mother said, “The valleys are dark.”
4. He tries to take care of the bunnies.
5. I had an opposite idea.

EXERCISE B

1. Ben said, “The emperor ruled seven years.”
2. He supplies us with pennies.
3. Our neighbor often buys jewels.
4. He said, “Get the sword!”
5. Did you enjoy the author’s famous science book on gases?

Long Term Assignment

Book Report. You will be writing a “book report,” due the third Friday of November. The book report information may be found in Lesson 8 of your textbook.

Writing. Students will be writing a funny rendition of a fable (#2 of Composition 2 on pages 33 and 34 of the textbook), due the third week of October.

Reading Questions for Mount Vesuvius

1. What was Pompeii?
 - a) a volcano
 - b) the name of three cities joined into one
 - c) once city located in southern Italy
 - d) the name of a garden in southern Italy
2. In sentence 2 of the passage, Vesuvius is described as “lying quiet.” What is meant by that phrase?
 - a) The volcano was not active at the time.
 - b) People enjoyed the mount’s natural scenery.
 - c) The rumblings of the volcano were heard only in the surrounding area.
 - d) It was not really a volcano but rather a hill like any other hill.
3. In the first paragraph which of the following does the author Charles Kingsley hint that Mount Vesuvius was most like?
 - a) Mount Vesuvius was most like a vicious sleeping dog that no one wants to waken.
 - b) Mount Vesuvius was most like an ugly duckling turning into a swan.
 - c) Mount Vesuvius was like a beautiful bird that is kept in a cage.
 - d) Mount Vesuvius was like a beautiful bridge that is ready to collapse, but people travel on it unawares.
4. Which of the following does NOT describe Pliny?
 - a) a learned Roman
 - b) an admiral
 - c) a cowardly man
 - d) a curious, self-sacrificing man
5. What are Herculaneum, Pompeii, and Stabiae?
 - a) They are volcanos that have already erupted.
 - b) They are cities that have been destroyed by volcanoes.
 - c) They are museums built by modern city planners for the purpose of preserving the furniture, earthenware, etc. of the ancient world.
 - d) They are imaginary places where people can escape reality.

Reading Questions for The Passing of Arthur

1. The passage "The Passing of Arthur" presents Arthur as all of the following EXCEPT ____.
 - a) a merciful king
 - b) an enemy of Sir Bedivere
 - c) a just king
 - d) a man whose death is unknown
2. Why is Arthur dying?
 - a) He is dying of grief because there has been a rebellion against him.
 - b) He is dying because of bad head injury in a war.
 - c) He is dying because he has been wounded in a joust.
 - d) He is dying because of Bedivere's disobedience.
3. Which of the following best summarizes the story?
 - a) When a dying king asks his knight to dispose of his sword, the knight disobeys his command twice but at last throws the sword into the lake. The king enters a barge and his fate is unknown.
 - b) A king fights against his own knight who wishes to defraud him of his sword. The king dies of a wound that his knight has given him.
 - c) A traitorous knight tricks his king into thinking he has fulfilled his command because of his greed. The king knows that he has lied to him and kills him with the sword that he told him to throw away.
 - d) A knight named Sir Bedivere at first disobeys his king's command, but then obeys it by entering with him into a barge headed toward Avilion.
4. It is hinted in the passage that Sir Bedivere disobeys the king's command because of his ____.
 - a) love for Arthur
 - b) desire to do what really is right
 - c) childishness
 - d) greed for money
5. When Arthur goes into the barge, what is Bedivere's reaction?
 - a) relief because he will be traveling with Arthur
 - b) confusion because he does not know what will happen to his king
 - c) sorrow because he thinks that he will not see Arthur again
 - d) happiness because his enemy has vanished