

WELCOME TO 7TH GRADE ELA

June 2017

Dear 7th Graders and Parents,

Summer vacation is almost here! I hope that you make it a time to **Rest, Relax, Read** and above all **Enjoy!**

Reading, like a sport, involves practice and skill. Real skill building occurs when children read for pleasure and when they explore books about topics that interest them.

Students entering 7th grade must read: **7A: Freak the Mighty** by Rodman Philbrick and complete the given exam/writing assignment. Students in **7G: Lyddie** by Katharine Paterson and complete the given exam/writing assignment. This will be collected and graded during the first week of school and will count towards their first quarter ELA grade.

Please encourage your child to read a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per day. Have a great summer! I am looking forward to being your ELA teacher in September.

Sincerely,

Rose Scozzari

Name: _____

ELA incoming 7A

Date: _____

Freak the Mighty

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. What was Freak referring to when he said, "Magnesium, potassium chlorate, sulphur, copper!"
 - a. The moat
 - b. Gwen's cooking
 - c. a lab experiment
 - d. fireworks
2. The problem Maxwell had (according to the author) at the beginning of the book.
 - a. He was gifted.
 - b. He was crippled.
 - c. He had a learning disability
 - d. He was blind.
3. The book that Freak talks and fantasizes about is called _____.
 - a. The Wizard of Oz
 - b. Call of the Wild
 - c. King Arthur
 - d. Night of the Comet
4. The reason Maxwell's father left prison.
 - a. He served his entire sentence.
 - b. He escaped.
 - c. He was paroled.
 - d. He was wrongly convicted.
5. What Max said he never had until Freak came along.
 - a. Brain
 - b. Tutor
 - c. Bully
 - d. Neighbor
6. What Freak was referring to when he stated: "They had the brains the size of peanuts and they ruled the earth for a hundred million years."
 - a. Ants
 - b. Roaches
 - c. birds
 - d. dinosaurs
7. What Freak was referring to when he stated, "There are two thousand two hundred and forty-seven known subspecies of hymenopteran insects, Latin name Formicidae, and none of them in my pants."
 - a. Worms
 - b. Ants
 - c. spiders
 - d. beetles
8. Freaks favorite book.
 - a. Freak the Mighty
 - b. Atlas
 - c. Rugrats
 - d. dictionary

9. What Freak told Maxwell he was getting at the Experimental Bionics Unit.
- a. A new brain
 - b. A new heart
 - c. a robot body
 - d. a new mother
10. When Max stated he was going "down under," he was referring to his _____.
- a. Bedroom
 - b. Tree house
 - c. neighbor's house
 - d. classroom
11. When Freak recovers Loretta Lee's purse, what term does he use when describing her?
- a. A shut-in
 - b. A damsel in distress
 - c. a widow
 - d. a cretin
12. Freak's favorite food in school is _____.
- a. American chop suey
 - b. Hamburger
 - c. peanut butter and jelly
 - d. tuna fish sandwich
13. What Killer Kane got in prison?
- a. Religion
 - b. A wife
 - c. a law degree
 - d. a tattoo
14. What Maxwell witnessed his father doing.
- a. Stealing a car
 - b. Killing his mother
 - c. going to church
 - d. robbing a bank
15. Freak stated to Max, "Go East mighty stead!" He was referring to Maxwell as a _____.
- a. Horse
 - b. Car
 - c. carriage
 - d. buggy
16. Freak said that " _____ is just the invention of the mind."
- a. Remembering
 - b. Reading
 - c. memorizing
 - d. writing
17. What Freak dressed up as when he and Max went on their sewer quest.
- a. Darth Vader
 - b. Batman
 - c. policeman
 - d. Superman
18. What Freak said about his Official Club Scout Compass.
- a. His father gave it to him.
 - b. He won it at a scout event.
 - c. It had magical powers.
 - d. It was a valuable artifact.

19. The words Maxwell's father used when referring to his and his son's similar appearance.
- a. Replicate
 - b. Twin
 - c. carbon copy
 - d. chip off the old block
20. How Killer Kane described Maxwell's neighborhood.
- a. Ant in a box
 - b. Rats in a maze
 - c. hamsters in cages
 - d. bird in a tree
21. Tony D.'s nickname.
- a. Slasher
 - b. Killer D.
 - c. The blade
 - d. Wildman
22. What Freak used to rescue Maxwell.
- a. A rope
 - b. A sling shot
 - c. a squirt gun
 - d. a water balloon
23. The words Grim used to describe Killer Kane.
- a. Daffy Duck
 - b. Kenny the Killer
 - c. Freak of Nature
 - d. Mighty Madman
24. What Freak gave Maxwell at the hospital.
- a. His personal dictionary
 - b. A compass
 - c. an empty book
 - d. a book of poems
25. What Maxwell takes to the hospital.
- a. His compass
 - b. A book about King Arthur
 - c. a model car set
 - d. the ornthopter
26. Where Freak was kept at the hospital.
- a. Special bionics unit
 - b. ICU
 - c. mental ward
 - d. emergency room
27. What Freak wanted Maxwell to tell in his book.
- a. King Arthur
 - b. The adventures of Freak the Mighty
 - c. his father's ordeal
 - d. the bionic boy
28. What finally caused Kevin's death?
- a. The bionic surgery wasn't successful
 - b. They shut off the breathing machine
 - c. His brain shut down
 - d. His heart got too big for his body

29. How Maxwell described his feelings about the death of Freak.
- Like someone had run over him with a steam roller.
 - Like a rat in a race
 - Like someone had put a hole in his heart
 - Like a balloon that the air had been let out of
30. Why Kevin invented the fantasy of the bionic body.
- Because he needed something to hope for
 - Because he wanted to be a big wig at school
 - Because that's what Dr. Spivak told him
 - Because his father had a bionic body

Writing: Select 1 of the following topics to write a two (2) paragraph response.

1. **Redemption** is when someone rights a wrong. That is, he does something that is not nice at first but, later makes up for it in a positive way. **To redeem** can mean to make amends for, to rescue from sin or to fulfill, as an oath or a promise.

Who was "redeemed" in the novel Freak the Mighty? Discuss **two** of the following and give an example from the text for each to support your opinion.

Loretta

Gwen

Max

Kevin

The Reader

Grim

2. **Symbolism** is when people, the things they say or do, objects, places or events can have more than a literal meaning.

Freak the Mighty is filled with symbolism.

What could **one** of the following symbolize in the novel Freak the Mighty?

Think of two reasons or "points" that could prove your thesis statement or support that symbolic connection. (You may choose instead to write about two different symbolic meanings for one of the objects.)

The American Flyer Wagon

The Ornithopter

Kevin's leg braces and crutches

The Empty Book

The Down Under