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English 12

Pilgrim's Progress Summer Reading Guide

Directions: The purpose of this test is to determine if you read the novel with understanding. All of the questions are presented in the order in which they appear in the novel. For instance, question number one takes place in the opening pages of the novel, and the final question takes place in the closing pages of the novel.

1. According to the author, where does he obtain his story?

2. At the beginning of the novel, why is Christian weeping?

3. Who warns Christian to flee?

4. Where does this person tell him to go?

5. How does Christian's family respond to his decision to leave?

6. What does Pliable decide to do?

7. What happens to Christian when he reaches the Slough of Despond?

8. When this happens, what does Help do?

9. What does Mr. Worldly-Wiseman urge Christian to do?

10. What is Christian carrying on his back?

11. Who rescues Christian and warns him against being led astray by Mr. Worldly-Wiseman?

12. At the Wicket-gate, Christian meets Mr. Good-will who shows him the straight and narrow way. Where does this path lead?

13. What happens when Christian comes to the Cross?

14. When Christian warns Simple, Sloth, and Presumption to awaken, what do they do?

15. How do Hypocrisy and Formalist attempt to enter the wall?

16. Who warns them that they may be counted as thieves and trespassers because they have not come through the Wicket-gate?

17. Why do Timorous and Mistrust turn back at the top of the hill?

18. What do Charity, Discretion, Prudence, and Piety give Christian before he leaves the House Beautiful?

19. Who does Christian meet in the Valley of Humiliation?

20. What do Christian and this fiend do?

21. What then happens?

22. From what tree does Christian obtain the leaves to heal his body?

23. Which valley must Christian pass through?

24. What does Christian find in this valley?

25. What good Pilgrim does Christian meet and share stories?

26. In what activity are most of the people of Vanity involved?

27. Who set up this activity?

28. Why are the two pilgrims arrested in this city?

29. After being tried, what is Christian's companion sentenced to do (or have done to him)?

30. How is this same pilgrim helped?

31. Who is converted by the example of Faithful and then decides to journey with Christian?

32. How are the two pilgrims tempted in the Hill of Lucre?

33. Who catches the two pilgrims when they come lost near the Doubting Castle?

34. What does this person/thing do to the pilgrims?

35. How are the two pilgrims able to leave?

36. Who are Knowledge, Experience, Watchful and Sincere?

37. What are the two pilgrims warned NOT to do in the Enchanted Ground?

38. Who do the pilgrims meet in Beulah who give them directions? (No name is needed.)

39. What river must the pilgrims cross to reach the city?

40. When the two pilgrims cross the river, where do the angels take them?

Essay: Write several clear and detailed paragraphs explaining this topic: *Pilgrim's Progress* is an allegory (events, characters, and places represent something larger than themselves). Explain who Christian represents and explain what some (seven to ten) of the people and events in the novel represent. By addressing the allegory of the novel, you really illuminate the theme of the work. Present that theme in a clear, concise statement.
