

Novel Study Guide

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THE CITY OF EMBER - INTRODUCTION AND CHAPTER 1

1. The builders said the people must live in the city of Ember for at least ____ years before leaving.

- a) 5000
- b) 200
- c) 60
- d) 1000

2. _____ was to keep the instructions for leaving the city of Ember.

- a) The oldest person in Ember
- b) The commissioners
- c) The mayor
- d) The chief builder

3. What happened to the chief builder's plan for the box?

- a) One mayor died before he could tell his successor about the box.
- b) The box was broken into, and its contents were stolen.
- c) The box was destroyed by a hammer.

4. What was different about the city of Ember?

- a) The city was built on an island.
- b) In the city the sky was always dark.
- c) The weather stayed the same year round in the city of Ember.
- d) Everything in the city of Ember was built of steel.

5. What happened on assignment day?

- a) Students picked a job from a small cloth sack.
- b) The mayor of Ember assigned jobs to the students based on their skills.
- c) Students were allowed to pick job assignments based on their talents.

6. Students were assigned to their jobs for _____ years.

7. Which one of the following job assignments was considered a "bad" job?

- a) greenhouse helper
- b) timekeeper's assistant
- c) messenger
- d) pipeworks laborer

8. What condition was the city of Ember in?

- a) brand new buildings
- b) prospering with many new supplies
- c) shortages and blackouts

9. Why did Doon want to trade jobs with Lina?

- a) Lina had an easier job.
- b) Doon had a broken leg and would not be able to run all over Ember with messages.
- c) Doon wanted to work on the generator near the Pipeworks.

10. The main idea of Chapter I "Assignment Day" is _____ .

- a) Doon and Lina are such good friends that Doon will trade his good job for Lina's bad job.
- b) The students of Ember find out what they will be doing for the next three years.
- c) The mayor of Ember with his vast, heavy build was a tyrant who loved to boss the students around.



11. Sequence these events in the correct order by writing 1 next to the event that occurred first, 2 next to the event that happened second, and so on.

_____ *The chief builder left directions for leaving the city with the first mayor of Ember.*

_____ *Lina and Doon trade jobs.*

_____ *On assignment day Doon drew the job of messenger.*

_____ *The city of Ember was built.*

12. Which statement from this chapter contains a cause-effect relationship?

- a) Lina took off her shoes and socks, wrapped herself around the cold metal pole, and climbed up the light pole.
- b) Doon wanted to be near the generator, so he traded jobs with Lina.
- c) One by one the students reached into the sack and drew out job assignments.
- d) In the city of Ember, the sky was always dark.

13. Which statement from this chapter is an opinion?

- a) Doon sat in the second row with his shoulders hunched, his eyes squeezed shut and his hands clasped together.
- b) The mayor was a man with a gray face.
- c) The mayor should go on a diet so that he would not get out of breath so easily.
- d) On Assignment Day the classroom was silent.

14. Based on Chapter 1 one could conclude all the following EXCEPT _____.

- a) Chet will fix the generator, and there will be no more blackouts
- b) messenger was a fun job because they are able to move freely through the city and not have to work behind a desk
- c) Ember is a dreary place to live with a dark sky all the time
- d) the students were always excited on Assignment Day because they discovered what they would be doing for the next three years

THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 2 - "A MESSAGE TO THE MAYOR"

1. What did the city look like?

- a) The center of town had skyscrapers with many office buildings, while the edges of the town had small homes where the people lived.
- b) The streets were lined with wooden buildings painted in different colors.
- c) All the streets looked the same with rows of two-story stone buildings. On the street level were shops and above were apartments.

2. What happened to Lina and Doon's friendship during their fourth year in school?

- a) Doon stopped Lina from climbing up the pole, and she became embarrassed when her friends laughed at her.
- b) Doon got in trouble at school by taking a dare from Lina.
- c) Doon fell into the river while walking with Lina, and she wouldn't help him get out.

3. What job did Granny have?

- a) Granny worked in the greenhouses planting vegetables.
- b) Granny was a seamstress. She made clothes for the people of Ember.
- c) Granny unraveled sweaters and picked apart clothes so people could use them to make new clothes.

4. What happened to Lina's parents?

- a) They died two years before.
- b) They moved to the next city to find better work.
- c) Their jobs required them to travel, so they were not home much.

5. Poppy was _____ years old

- a) 5
- b) 1 1/2
- c) 10
- d) 7

6. The people of Ember had never _____.

- a) used electricity
- b) kept items that were no longer in use
- c) climbed stairs
- d) meet a person from elsewhere

7. You know that because of Lina's job, the city must not have _____.

- a) running water
- b) animals
- c) boats
- d) telephones

8. Red dot meant _____.

- a) to stop
- b) you did something wrong
- c) move to the next activity

9. The people of Ember did not know the exact year because _____.

- a) they had to rely on timekeepers to change the date sign and wind the clock
- b) the power went off on occasion, and no one knew the exact time to reset the clocks when the power came back on

10. The Gathering Hall was _____.

- a) shabby
- b) impressive
- c) elegant

11. Where did Lina go that she was not suppose to go?

- a) the mayor's bedroom
- b) the roof of the Gathering Hall
- c) the storage room
- d) the kitchen

12. Doon's first day on the job must have been _____.

- a) dreadful
- b) exciting
- c) embarrassing
- d) wonderful

13. Another title for Chapter 2 could be _____.

- a) The First Day on the Job
- b) The Dance
- c) The City of Ember
- d) A Shabby Town



14. Which information best fits in the story web?



- a) prepared beet soup for Granny and Poppy
- b) received a red dot
- c) took a message to Mayor Cole
- d) traded jobs with Doon

THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 3 "UNDER EMBER"

THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 4 "SOMETHING LOST, NOTHING FOUND"

1. The loud sound that Doon heard when he first entered the tunnels was _____.

- a) the generator
- b) the river
- c) workmen with tools

2. How was Doon to find his way around the Pipeworks?

- a) Doon used a compass.
- b) Signs were painted throughout the Pipeworks.
- c) All workers were supplied with a map.

3. Doon calculated that he was _____ feet underground.

- a) 10
- b) 5
- c) 50
- d) 30

4. During his lunch break Doon _____.

- a) went to see the generator
- b) meet friends a few tunnels down
- c) went out of the tunnels to find Lina

5. Doon had a talent for _____.

- a) singing
- b) mechanics
- c) bookwork
- d) working with people

6. What was unusual about the sequence of events in Chapters 2 and 3?

- a) Chapters 2 and 3 were the same day from the prospective of two different characters.
- b) Chapter 3 was a flashback to an earlier time in the city of Ember.
- c) The events in Chapter 3 took place 240 years after the events in Chapter 2.

7. Doon's father made his living by _____ .

- a) delivering vegetables
- b) guarding the mayor
- c) repairing the generator
- d) selling small parts

8. What hobby does Doon have?

- a) studying insects
- b) collecting bottle caps
- c) drawing pictures of people

9. Why was Granny tearing up the couch?

- a) Granny was looking for something that had been lost.
- b) Granny's money had fallen into the couch and she was trying to get it out.
- c) Granny wanted to use the stuffing to make a blanket for Poppy.

10. What new job was recently created in Ember?

- a) daycare workers
- b) caregivers for the elderly
- c) trash sifters

11. What types of foods grew in the greenhouses?

- a) tropical fruits
- b) wheat and grains
- c) vegetables

12. What happened to Sadge?

- a) Sadge went outside the lighted areas of Ember and became frightened.
- b) Sadge fell off the ladder while working on the sprinkler system in the greenhouse and cut his hands.
- c) Sadge ran into a wild animal in the trash heap and was hurt trying to escape from it.

13. Why were the people in Ember in such a panic?

- a) The people of Ember were afraid of the wild animals that lived outside the city.
- b) The people of Ember were running out of supplies.
- c) The people of Ember were afraid the city would flood with the next rain.

14. Lina dreamed of _____ .

- a) singing in a traveling band
- b) her parents coming back home
- c) a bright city
- d) working in the greenhouses

15. This is the same question presented two different ways.

Sequence these events in the correct order.

- a) *The guards marched Sadge away.*
- b) *Clary heard a strange, high, sobbing sound.*
- c) *Sadge went out into the unknown regions.*
- d) *Sadge scraped his hands on the rough ground.*

- a) a, c, d, b
- b) c, a, b, d
- c) c, d, b, a
- d) a, d, b, c



THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 5 "ON NIGHT STREET"

THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 6 "THE BOX IN THE CLOSET"

1. What did Mrs. Murdo do to help Lina's family?

- a) Mrs. Murdo cleaned and cooked for Lina, Granny, and Poppy.
- b) Mrs. Murdo took Granny to the market.
- c) Mrs. Murdo helped Lina deliver messages.

2. Lina saw Sadge _____.

- a) painting his front door
- b) selling colored pencils at his shop
- c) yelling to the people of Ember about the Unknown Regions

3. Looper sold the pencils for _____.

- a) 50 cents each
- b) \$1.00 each
- c) \$5.00 each
- d) \$.75 each

4. Lina bought the green and _____ pencils.

5. While buying the pencils Poppy _____.

- a) ate candy
- b) left the shop
- c) broke the vase
- d) chewed on the blanket

6. While looking for Poppy _____.

- a) the lights went out
- b) Lina fell and cut her hands
- c) Lina broke her pencils when she ran into the stone wall

7. _____ found Poppy when she was lost.

8. How long was the blackout?

- a) 7 minutes
- b) 3 minutes
- c) 2 minutes
- d) 10 minutes

9. What did Mayor Cole say at the town meeting?

- a) A new source of energy had been found.
- b) Everyone must be patient.
- c) The city was running out of supplies.
- d) Solutions were being found.

10. After Mayor Cole's speech the people of Ember felt _____.

- a) angry
- b) calm
- c) content
- d) excited

11. When Lina got home from the speech Granny was _____.

- a) cooking potato soup
- b) nowhere to be seen
- c) going through the closet

12. Poppy found _____.

- a) Lina's lost drawings
- b) Granny's left shoe
- c) a box with printed paper inside
- d) photographs of their mother and father

13. Why do you think Lina was willing to pay the outrageous price for the colored pencils?

14. Which emotion best describes Lina in Chapter 5 "On Night Street"?

- a) worried
- b) carefree
- c) excited
- d) impatient

15. Jeanne DuPrau used foreshadowing in the prequel to *The City of Ember* entitled "The Instructions". Foreshadowing is a literary device in which an author drops subtle hints about plot developments to come later in the story. Now it looks like Poppy has found a special paper. **Do you think she has found the instructions?** Yes or No

16. Why do you think Jeanne DuPrau used foreshadowing?

17. Since the box is empty and pieces of paper are strewn all around Poppy, will Lina be able to read the document? Why or why not?

THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 7 "A MESSAGE FULL OF HOLES"

1. The document sparked Lina's curiosity. Because of this document we know the city of Ember did not have _____.

- a) printed labels
- b) computers or typewriters
- c) certificates
- d) licenses

2. Lina thought the document was _____.

- a) directions for building the city
- b) a recipe from the first people in Ember
- c) instructions for saving the city
- d) someone's homework

3. The Believers thought that _____.

- a) the Builders were coming back to help the people of Ember
- b) the city would be saved by magic
- c) the people of Ember would discover a way to leave the city

4. When Lina asked Captain Fleery to come see the document she told Lina _____.

- a) the document looked extremely important
- b) to take the document to Mayor Cole
- c) to forget the puzzle project

5. Next Lina decided to talk to Lizzie Bisco about the document because _____.

- a) her father was Mayor Cole
- b) she was quick and smart
- c) she knew how to read secret codes

6. As a child Granny visited the storerooms in Ember with her classmates.

The supplies looked like they would never run out. Granny loved one fruit. It was _____.

- a) apples
- b) pears
- c) peaches
- d) pineapple

7. In the year 241 the supplies in Ember _____.

- a) were running out
- b) were abundant

8. What was Lizzie's reaction to seeing the document?

- a) excited
- b) like she could care less
- c) disappointed
- d) surprised



9. After trying to decode the message Lina found an important word. What was it?

- a) Harken Square
- b) Gathering Hall
- c) Pipeworks
- d) Library

10. At the end of the chapter Lina decided to ask _____ for help.

11. Based on the story, it is likely that in the future

- a) Mayor Cole will solve the problems surrounding the generator.
- b) Lina will seek Lizzie's help again.
- c) Captain Fleery knows how to repair the generator.
- d) Doon will be interested in helping Lina.

12. Read these events from Chapter 7.

- 1) Doon told his father that he thought the mayor was a fool after hearing his speech.
- 2) A notice was posted informing the people of Ember that Mayor Cole was holding a town meeting.
- 3) Lina carried the same message twelve times about the seven minute long blackout.
- 4) Mayor Cole spoke to the Emberites about solutions.

Which sequence best describes the order of events in this chapter?

- a) 1, 2, 3, 4
- b) 2, 4, 1, 3
- c) 2, 3, 4, 1
- d) 3, 2, 1, 4

13. Which statement from this chapter is an opinion?

- a) Captain Fleery is a member of the Believers.
- b) Lina sent a letter to Mayor Cole.
- c) Granny is sinking deeper into a troubled state of mind.
- d) Electricity is made by the generator.

14. Which statement from this chapter contains a cause-effect relationship?

- a) No one was sitting at the guard's desk, so Lina left the note there, placed so the guard would see it when he arrived.
- b) Lina made beet soup for dinner which Granny stirred and stirred without eating.
- c) At the Supply Depot, crowds of shopkeepers stood in long disorderly lines that stretched out the door.
- d) Lina sat down at her table and uncovered the patched-together document to write down what she decoded.

THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 8 "EXPLORATIONS"

THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 9 "THE DOOR IN THE ROPED-OFF TUNNEL"

1. What did Doon do after his work was finished?

- a) played cards
- b) raced salamanders
- c) explored the tunnels
- d) slept

2. Read the following passage from The City of Ember.

His father had been at least a little bit right: there were interesting things in the Pipeworks if you paid attention. Already he had found three new crawling creatures; a black beetle the size of a pinhead, a moth with furry wings, and the best of all, a creature with a soft, shiny body and a small, spiral-patterned shell on its back. Just after he found this one, while he was sitting on the floor watching in fascination as the creature crept up his arm, a couple of workers came by and saw him. They burst into laughter. "It's bug-boy!" one of them said. "He's collecting bugs for his lunch!"

Enraged, Doon jumped up and shouted at them. His sudden motion made the creature fall off his arm to the ground, and Doon felt a crunch beneath his foot. The laughing workers didn't notice - they tossed a few more taunts at him and walked on - but Doon knew instantly what he's done. He lifted his foot and looked at the squashed mess underneath.

Using context clues determine which creature Doon found in the tunnels?

- a) snail
- b) rat
- c) cricket
- d) ant

3. Doon went to the library to look up ____.

- a) generators
- b) fire
- c) insects
- d) maps of the city

4. The books in the library ____.

- a) contained useful information the Builders thought the people needed to know
- b) were printed over 300 years earlier
- c) were bound together with string and paperclips

5. When Doon couldn't find any useful information about fires, he read about _____.

- a) furniture repair
- b) canning fruits
- c) the meaning of words and phrases
- d) fun things to do with string

6. What did Doon think of the document?

- a) Doon thought the document was important
- b) Doon wasn't interested in the document
- c) Doon thought Lina should just throw the document away

7. Doon took Lina inside the Pipeworks to _____.

- a) the wall of carvings
- b) the locked door
- c) see the generator

8. What did Lina and Doon see on the other side of the locked door?

- a) They saw a tunnel leading out of Ember.
- b) They saw a supply closet full of needed materials for Ember.
- c) They were unable to get inside.

9. Another title for Chapter 9 could be _____.

- a) The Wild River Ride
- b) Lina and Doon Team Up to Solve the Mystery
- c) The Fight with the Mystery Man

10. What question does Chapter 9 answer?

- a) What is behind the locked door?
- b) How big is the river?
- c) Who was in the Pipeworks with Lina and Doon after work?
- d) What does Doon like to draw?

11. At the end of Chapter 9 Doon and Lina can best be described as what?

- a) exhausted
- b) angry
- c) puzzled
- d) excited

12. Which statement is an example of a cause and effect relationship?

- a) When they came up out of the Pipeworks, they stripped off their boots and slickers and hurried out into Plummer Square, where they flopped down on the bench and burst into furious talk.
- b) And in a minute, they heard a thump and click – the door closing, the lock turning - and footsteps once again, this time quick.
- c) Doon thought the room could be a storage room with some special tools in it.
- d) Because the instructions had the word Pipeworks, Doon and Lina began their search in the Pipeworks.

13. Which of these statements from Chapter 9 states an opinion?

- a) The river goes through the Pipeworks.
- b) To Lina, this sounded far less interesting than an undiscovered city, but she didn't say so.
- c) Doon led her up the path beside the water.
- d) Lina stopped at home the next day long enough to change out of her messenger jacket.



THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 10 "BLUE SKY AND GOODBYE"

THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 11 "LIZZIE'S GROCERIES"

1. While Granny was sick Lina and Poppy _____.

- a) played hide-and-peek
- b) drew pictures
- c) read stories
- d) played with dolls

2. Poppy's picture was a scribble. Lina's was _____.

- a) the generator
- b) a map of Ember
- c) the Pipeworks
- d) a city with a blue sky

3. During the night Granny called Lina to come to her. Granny wanted _____.

- a) Lina to just be near to her
- b) Lina to bring her some water
- c) Lina to sing her a lullaby
- d) Lina to tell her about the baby

4. After Granny died, Lina and Poppy moved in with _____.

- a) Lizzie
- b) Doon and his father
- c) Mrs. Murdo

5. Mrs. Murdo's home was _____.

- a) messier than Granny's house
- b) old and shabby looking
- c) beautiful and cozy

6. Lizzie said the good thing about her new job was _____.

- a) that she had a new boyfriend
- b) that she didn't get tired
- c) that she had a great boss

7. What special food did Lina remember having when she was five years old?

- a) peaches
- b) canned pears
- c) onions
- d) creamed corn

8. Lizzie said she got the canned foods from _____ who said he explored the storerooms.

9. Looper even found a can of _____.

- a) cherries
- b) pineapple
- c) blueberries
- d) maple syrup

10. Another title for Chapter 11 instead of "Lizzie's Groceries" could be _____.

- a) Temptations
- b) Playing Games with Poppy
- c) Doon and Lina's Adventure
- d) Advice

11. Which question does this reading selection NOT answer?

- a) Where did Lina and Poppy go after Granny died?
- b) What did Lina like to draw?
- c) What was one reason Lizzie liked her job?
- d) What were the people of Ember going to do when the canned foods ran out?

12. Which sequence best describes the order of events in Chapter 10?

- 1) Poppy and Lina drew pictures.**
- 2) Granny woke up calling for Lina during the middle of the night.**
- 3) Dr. Tower came to visit Granny.**
- 4) Lina stayed home and made Granny a soup of spinach and onions.**
- 5) Lina found Granny very pale and very still with all the life gone out of her.**
- 6) Granny became ill with a fever.**

- a) 6, 3, 1, 2, 4, 5
- b) 6, 4, 3, 5, 2, 1
- c) 6, 3, 4, 1, 2, 5
- d) 5, 3, 4, 1, 2, 6

13. Which sentence from the reading selection supports the conclusion that Lizzie would NOT have told Lina about the special canned goods Looper had given her if she tripped and spilled the cans?

- a) Looper explores the storerooms. He's found out that there's still a little bit left of some rare things.
- b) "What's in the sack?" Lina asked. "Oh, just some groceries," said Lizzie.
- c) If there's only one can of peaches left, only one person gets to have it, right?
- d) Looper found a can of pineapple.

14. Which statement from the story contains a cause-effect relationship?

- a) Poppy was grasping the pencil in her fist and making a wild scribble.
- b) Lina knew the city from her dreams was bright.
- c) Since paper had been so rare, Lina had to draw on can labels.
- d) Lina colored the space above the buildings, her pencil moving back and forth in short lines, until the entire sky was blue.

THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 12 "A DREADFUL DISCOVERY"

THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 13 "DECIPHERING THE MESSAGE"

1. When Doon returned to Tunnel 351 he found _____.

- a) a road leading off through a well lit tunnel
- b) tools to repair the generator
- c) crates, boxes, bundles, and packages

2. The people of Ember were frightened because _____.

- a) more and more blackouts were occurring
- b) a fire broke out in Cloving Square
- c) a sickness was going through the town

3. Who was in the room full of supplies? _____

4. Demonstrators were near the Gathering Hall wanting _____.

- a) more days off work
- b) all the street lights replaced
- c) more food
- d) to know the answers the mayor had spoken of in his speech

5. The person Doon and Lina had seen coming out of Tunnel 351 was _____.

6. Since the mayor was the one committing the crime Lina and Doon decided to tell _____.

- a) the priest
- b) the police
- c) the guards

7. Lina realized that Doon was her best friend when _____.

- a) Doon hugged her after she told him her grandmother died
- b) Doon wanted to protect Lina from the guards
- c) Doon told her the secret about the mayor

8. When Lina needed someone wise to talk to she went to _____.

9. "Egress" means _____.

10. What did Doon do when he couldn't sleep?

- a) He imagined himself walking through the Pipeworks
- b) He drank a cup of tea
- c) He took a warm bath

11. Which question does the reading selection NOT answer?

- a) What was behind the locked door in the Pipeworks?
- b) If you follow the instructions, where would you end up?
- c) What wrong doing was Mayor Cole doing to the people of Ember?
- d) Why did Doon have trouble sleeping?

12. What is the main conflict in this story?

- a) The town of Ember is unable to support its citizens.
- b) Looper is a thief working for Mayor Cole.
- c) Doon is about to miss curfew, and will be outside after dark.
- d) Lina must trust no one except Clary and Looper.



13. Which statement from Chapter 13 "Deciphering the Message" expresses an opinion?

- a) Though it was nearly six o'clock, Clary was still in her workroom at the far end of Greenhouse 1.
- b) Doon glanced up at the drawings tacked to the walls of Lina's room.
- c) Doon had a gloomy thought; the exit could lead to another city just like Ember.
- d) Doon flailed around so much that the noise woke his father.

14. From which point of view is this passage written?

Doon headed for home, and Lina went in the opposite direction across Harken Square.

- a) fourth person
- b) second person
- c) first person
- d) third person

THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 14 "THE WAY OUT"

1. At 12:00 when everyone left work early for the singing _____.

- a) Doon and Lina went down to the river to find the exit
- b) Doon went to Tunnel 351 to find the mayor
- c) Lina went to visit Clary in the greenhouses

2. When Lina looked over the edge of rocks near the riverbank she found _____.

- a) a bridge
- b) steps
- c) a ladder
- d) a path

3. After climbing down the ladder Doon and Lina found _____.

- a) carvings on the rock wall
- b) a door
- c) a series of steps and paths

4. The key was in _____.

- a) a small pan
- b) a steel panel
- c) the keyhole

5. What was inside the boxes that Lina found in the dark tunnel?

- a) maps
- b) pencils
- c) candles and matches

6. The way out of Ember was by _____.

- a) a dark narrow tunnel
- b) the river
- c) an opening in the cave wall

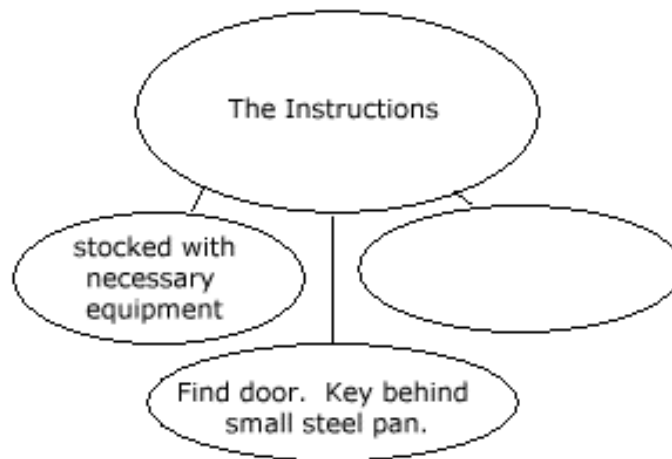
7. Another title for Chapter 14 could be _____.

- a) The Rehearsal
- b) Mayor Arrested!
- c) Piecing Together the Instructions
- d) Looper's Arrest

8. Which sentence from Chapter 14 supports the conclusion that Lina and Doon had found the way out of Ember?

- a) To leave Ember, they must go on the river.
- b) "Boat," repeated Doon. "What does that mean?"
- c) They went back down the passage to the doorway and stepped inside.
- d) "Downstream," he said.

9. Which detail fits best in the story web?



- a) The flashlights are in wooden boxes.
- b) The tide rises at noon.
- c) Use ropes to lower the boats.
- d) The Pipeworks will be empty during the rehearsal.

THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 15 "A DESPERATE RUN"

1. Doon packed his traveling possessions in _____.

- a) his pillow case
- b) a shoe box
- c) the laundry basket

2. The worm Doon found turned into a _____.

3. What favor did Nammy Proggs do for Doon?

- a) She watched Poppy while Lina and Doon went to the singing.
- b) She lied to the guards about where Doon was.
- c) She gave Doon some money to buy food.

4. Why did the guards say Doon and Lina were lying?

- a) The Chief Guard told the other guards that Doon and Lina were lying.
- b) The guards would lose their jobs if they went against the mayor, and would have to spend some time in the prison room.
- c) The guards knew about what the mayor was doing and they wanted it to stay a secret.

5. What did Mrs. Murdo sing to Poppy?

- a) Baa Baa Black Sheep
- b) Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
- c) Rock-a-bye Baby
- d) Sing a Song of Sixpence

6. Doon and Lina went to the _____ to hide.

7. Doon and Lina decided to write a note to _____ and tell her they were leaving Ember and how to follow them.

8. _____ was to deliver the note to Clary.

9. As Doon watched Lina run across Stonegrit Lane _____.

- a) she ran right into the mayor
- b) she fell and skinned her knees and elbows
- c) the chief guard spotted Lina and started chasing after her

10. Read these events from Chapter 15.

- 1) *Doon gathered his belongings for his journey.*
- 2) *Doon wrote a message explaining how to find the rock with the E, the boat room, and the candles*
- 3) *Doon and Lina found hundreds of boats with metal boxes and paddles.*
- 4) *Doon and Lina went to the school.*
- 5) *Doon watched Lina as the guards chased her.*
- 6) *Doon watched Lina leave to deliver the note to Clary.*

Which sequence best describes the order of events in this chapter?

- a) 3, 1, 4, 6, 5, 2
- b) 1, 4, 5, 6, 2, 3
- c) 3, 1, 4, 2, 6, 5
- d) 3, 1, 4, 5, 2, 6

11. Which question does this chapter answer?

- a) Will Lina escape from the guards?
- b) How will Poppy react to Lina leaving?
- c) Why did the mayor have posters hung on the kiosks claiming Doon and Lina were spreading vicious lies?
- d) How will Doon and Lina tell the Emberites about the way out of Ember?

12. What is the main conflict in Chapter 15?

- a) Will the mayor give his normal speech at the singing?
- b) How will Lina escape from the guards?
- c) What would staying in the prison room be like?
- d) What should Doon take with him on his journey out of Ember?

THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 16 "THE SINGING"

THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 17 "AWAY"

1. Where was the first place Lina thought of to hide when the guards were chasing her?

- a) the library
- b) Doon's house
- c) Looper's store

2. The guards took Lina to _____.

- a) the prison room
- b) the mayor
- c) the singing

3. When the mayor said that all is being done for their benefit. For their own good. Lina said, _____

- a) "I understand."
- b) "Hogwash."
- c) "This isn't fair."

4. _____ helped Lina escape.

- a) One of the guards
- b) Doon
- c) A blackout

5. During the second blackout Lina _____.

- a) saw Doon with his candle heading towards the Pipeworks
- b) heard Mayor Cole telling the people not to panic
- c) heard Poppy call her name

6. Lina hid behind the trash-can enclosure behind the Gathering Hall waiting for _____.

- a) Doon
- b) Mrs. Murdo and Poppy
- c) Lizzie
- d) Mayor Cole

7. Doon sent a message to his father by _____.

- a) Looper
- b) carrier pigeon
- c) writing a note and pinning it to the kiosk
- d) messenger

8. Lina was late meeting Doon because _____.

- a) she waited for Poppy so she could bring her along
- b) she went to tell Clary she was leaving
- c) she went home to get her drawings

9. The best reason Chapter 17 was called "Away" was because _____.

- a) Lina got away from the guards
- b) Lina and Doon were able to get away from Ember
- c) Lina took Poppy away

10. This passage implies

Doon managed to get to his feet. He hauled on the rope that held the boat to the bank until he was close enough to reach the knot. He struggled with it. Water splashed into his face. He yanked at the knot, loosened it, pulled the rope free-and the boat shot forward.

- a) Lina and Doon will be caught by the guards.
- b) Lina and Doon will escape from Ember.
- c) Lina and Doon will drown in the river.
- d) Lina and Doon will leave Poppy with Mrs. Murdo.

11. Which statement from *The City of Ember* expresses an opinion?

- a) Ember is in a time of difficulty. Extraordinary measures are necessary.
- b) Doon stood up and hoisted his sack again.
- c) A little cloud of moths came to flutter around the flame of his candle.
- d) "*Far below, like the blood of the earth, From the center of nowhere rushing forth,*" he sang under his breath.

12. Which statement contains a cause-effect relationship?

- a) The mayor told Lina his duties were too complex to be understood by regular citizens.
- b) The lights went out, so Lina was able to escape from the mayor.
- c) Lina jumped from the roof of the Prison Room to the street.
- d) There was a strange hush as if the city were holding its breath.

13. Which statement from this chapter supports the conclusion that the people of Ember are afraid.

- a) "The Song of the River" startled her when it began - the men's voices, low and rolling, swelling with power, and then the women's voices coming in above with a complicated melody that seemed to fight the current.
- b) Then the floodlights flickered-there was a great cry of hope from the crowd-and the lights came on and stayed on.
- c) Someone shouted, "Don't move!" and someone else shrieked. The rumble rose to a roar, and then cries flew into the darkness from everywhere.
- d) The song reached its climax: "Darkness like an endless night," sang the hundreds of voices, so powerfully the air seemed to shiver.



14. Based on this Chapter 17 "Away", it is likely that _____.

- a) the people in Ember will begin using candles all the time
- b) Mrs. Murdo will move in with Mr. Harrow to help cook and clean for him
- c) Doon's father will tell the mayor that Doon and Lina found the way out of Ember
- d) the mayor will not find Lina and Doon

THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 18 "WHERE THE RIVER GOES"

THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 19 "A WORLD OF LIGHT"

1. What did Lina and Doon see as the tunnel opened into a large room?

- a) wall carvings
- b) people and animals
- c) stalactites and stalagmites

2. The ride in the boat varied between _____.

- a) wild rapids and slow pools of water
- b) tunnels with darkness and open sky with light
- c) cold and warm areas

3. At the second pool Lina, Poppy, and Doon _____.

- a) became lost and had to backtrack
- b) saw a sign which told them the way to go
- c) got out of the boat

4. After leaving the boat Doon and Lina followed _____.

- a) a brick road
- b) a wide path
- c) arrows showing the way

5. Poppy found a _____ in the boat.

6. Lina forgot to _____.

- a) to pack extra clothes
- b) bring food with her
- c) give the note with instructions to Clary

7. The Builders left a message under glass telling the refugees from Ember to _____.

- a) turn around and go back to Ember
- b) follow the map to the city
- c) get ready for a long climb

8. The first change Lina noticed as she climbed in the tunnel upward was _____.

- a) the air
- b) the light
- c) the sounds

9. What time of day did Lina and Doon reach the end of the tunnel?

- a) day
- b) night

10. As the sun rose what did Lina and Doon notice?

- a) A city in the distance like the one Lina had dreamed about.
- b) Everything around them was springing to life.
- c) People were on the next hill coming to greet them.

11. Where was the city of Ember?

- a) in a cave
- b) under the ocean's floor
- c) in a space station
- d) in an evacuated government laboratory under the Sonoran Desert

12. Which statement from Chapter 18 contains a cause-effect relationship?

- a) It was the dark that was most terrible-going so fast into the dark.
- b) Lina held on tightly to Poppy for a long time.
- c) This is the matches, so this one must be candles.
- d) The boat lurched, Lina slid forward.

13. The author most likely wrote *The City of Ember* to:

- a) persuade the reader to write fictional essays
- b) entertain the reader with an exceptional story
- c) inform the reader that they must take action to prevent earthly catastrophes
- d) amuse the reader with a humorous story



THE CITY OF EMBER - CHAPTER 20 "THE LAST MESSAGE"

1. Why is the beginning of Chapter 20 italicized?

- a) They are words from the book Poppy found.
- b) Lina and Doon are so excited they are shouting.
- c) The words are from a sign the Builders left in the "new city".

2. The trainer told the old people to bring no _____ with them to the new city.

- a) calendars
- b) appliances
- c) books or photographs

3. The plan was to assure that _____.

- a) a new culture would emerge for scientists to study
- b) people would not disappear from earth
- c) criminals would not harm the children

4. What is life like on Earth during the time journal was written?

- a) Disaster seemed very close.
- b) Nothing had changed for generations.
- c) War was raging.
- d) A comet was heading for Earth.

5. How many men, women, and babies were sent to Ember. _____

6. The names of the new babies heading for Ember were _____.

- a) Adam and Eve
- b) Peter and Mary
- c) Star and Forest
- d) Heaven and Earth

7. The journal helped Lina and Doon learn _____.

- a) that this was the correct year to return
- b) that they came from Earth
- c) what they were to do next

8. Doon and Lina had never before seen _____.

- a) animals
- b) gardens
- c) roads

9. What did Lina and Doon see as they looked over the cliff in the cave?

- a) only darkness
- b) the river
- c) Ember

10. What did Lina and Doon do while they looked over at the city of Ember?

- a) waved their candle so someone would see the light
- b) threw down the message they had written to Clary
- c) shouted to the people below

11. Who found the message from Lina and Doon?

- a) Mrs. Murdo
- b) Mayor Cole
- c) Looper
- d) the Chief Guard

12. Why do you suppose the author, Jeanne DuPrau, chose to use the journal format in Chapter 20?

- a) Electronic devices such as a tape or CD players would no longer work after 200 years.
- b) Telling the story in journal format was the only reasonable way for Lina and Doon to learn about events that had taken place 200 years earlier.
- c) The journal was an impersonal means of relaying information to Doon and Lina.

13. Based on the last chapter of *The City of Ember*, it is likely that in the sequel _____.

- a) Doon and Lina will be lost from their friends and family forever
- b) Poppy will love living above ground
- c) the Earth will face additional catastrophes in the future
- d) the Emberites will leave Ember by the same route as Lina and Doon

14. From which point of view is this passage written?

I went to the train station yesterday evening, as they told me to, and got on the train they told me to take. It took us through Spring Valley, and I gazed out the window at the fields and houses of the place I was saying goodbye to-my home.

- a) first
- b) second
- c) third, omniscient
- d) third, objective

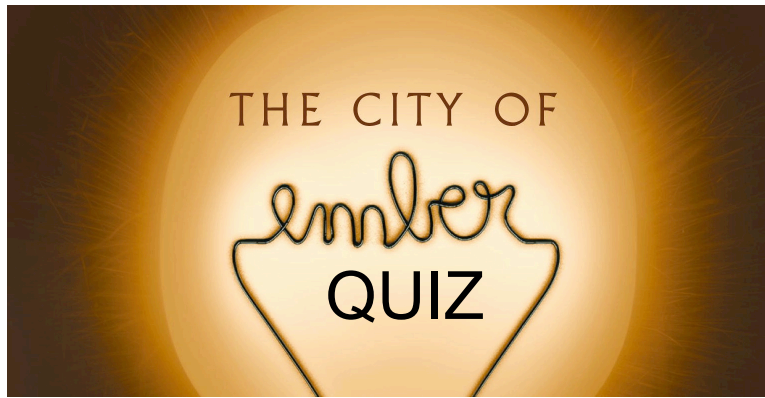
15. Read these events from Chapters 19-20.

- 1) *Lina, Doon, and Poppy observe the strange and wonderful world around them.*
- 2) *Lina and Doon watch the sun rise.*
- 3) *Lina and Doon climb out of the tunnel into the open field.*
- 4) *Lina and Doon decide to read the journal.*

Which sequence best describes the order of events in this chapter?

- a) 1, 2, 3, 4
- b) 2, 4, 1, 3
- c) 3, 1, 2, 4
- d) 3, 2, 1, 4

16. Create an alternate ending to The City of Ember:



Name:

Date:

1. What does Lizzie say is in her sack? (from Chapters 11 and 12)

Groceries
Books
Toys
Clothes

2. What color is Doon's jacket? (from Chapters 9 and 10)

Green
Brown
Red
Blue

3. What day does "the last message" begin on? (from Chapters 19 and 20)

Tuesday
Saturday
Friday
Monday

4. What is Doon looking for in the "F" section of the library? (from Chapters 7 and 8)

A book about fire
A book about family
A book about flying
A book about fungus

5. What does Lina do with the message she writes to the mayor? (from Chapters 7 and 8)

Leaves it at the guard's desk
Gives it to a guard
Gives it to the mayor
Throws it away

6. What do Doon and Lina do once they reach Plummer Square? (from Chapters 9 and 10)

Tell Clary what they'd seen
Get a drink of water
Write down what they'd seen
Sit on a bench and talk

7. What is Doon doing when Lina first sees him in the library? (from Chapters 9 and 10)

Sleeping
Sweeping the floor
Putting a book on a shelf
Writing

8. How long does Lina think they've been in the boat when they come to the final pool? (from Chapters 17 and 18)

About three hours
About a whole day
About twenty minutes
She doesn't know

9. What does Lina think the columns of rocks resemble? (from Chapters 17 and 18)

Rocks
Trees
Piles of mashed potatoes
Elegant houses

10. What does Doon say they have to do about the mayor's secret room? (from Chapters 11 and 12)

Tell everyone
Tell Clary
Keep it a secret
Take pictures as proof

11. What do the other workers teach Doon about? (from Chapters 7 and 8)

Trying to figure out how to fix the generator
Liking Lina
Collecting bugs
Eating sandwiches for lunch

12. What are the two things the writer of the last message say she wasn't allowed to bring? (from Chapters 19 and 20)

Books and photographs
Extra clothing and soap
Clocks and phones
Radios and televisions

13. Why is Looper walking more slowly after he's been in the storerooms? (from Chapters 11 and 12)

Because he's tired
Because he's carrying a load of supplies
Because he is trying to not be seen
Because his leg is injured

14. Why does Lina believe the key to the locked door might be in a pan? (from Chapters 9 and 10)

A pan is the only hiding place she can find.
She thinks that's what the instructions say.
She heard the mayor say that's where it would be hidden.
That's where all the people hide their keys.

15. What does the writer say she and her "mate" have named their two children? (from Chapters 19 and 20)

Moon and Sun
Star and Forest
Stanley and Francis
Moon and Beam

16. What does Lizzie say her boyfriend says about her hair? (from Chapters 11 and 12)

That it looks like a tomato
That she looks like Raggedy Ann
That she looks like a movie star
That it's her only good feature

17. What color was the door Lina and Doon find once they are on the ledge? (from Chapters 13 and 14)

Purple
Blue
Gray
Red

18. Where does Nammy Proggs tell a guard Doon has gone? (from Chapters 15 and 16)

To Clary's greenhouse
To Lina's house
To his father's shop
To the trash heaps

19. What color is the moth Doon watches hatch? (from Chapters 15 and 16)

Green
Orange
Brown
Blue

20. What does the writer say she's good at? (from Chapters 19 and 20)

Maintaining electrical facilities
Teaching
Growing food
Sewing

21. What has Mrs. Murdo cooked for Lina gets home with the food from Lizzie? (from Chapters 11 and 12)

Beet and bean stew
Pineapples and cake
Green bean casserole
Spaghetti with tomato sauce

22. What does Doon believe are his two possible courses of action? (from Chapters 7 and 8)

Learn to grow more food or find a key to the locked door
Do nothing or figure out how to make movable light
Fix the generator or find a way out
Ask the mayor for help or ask Lina for help

23. How are Doon and Lina supposed to get the boat into the water? (from Chapters 13 and 14)

Drop it over the ledge
Wait for the river to rise
Lower it with ropes
They can't figure it out

24. Who is the person Lina and Doon decide to leave a message for about leaving Ember? (from Chapters 15 and 16)

Mrs. Murdo
Clary
The mayor
Mr. Harrow

25. How many candles do Doon and Lina use before they reach the end of the pathway? (from Chapters 19 and 20)

They are using their fifth
They lost count
They are using their third
They are using their first

TOTAL SCORE: _____/25

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