

AMERICAN HISTORY

Selection Test A**Comprehension**

Read each of the following questions. Then choose the letter of the best answer.
(6 points each)

1. Which statement best describes Elena's relationship with the other kids at her school?
 - A. She is the teacher's pet, so only Eugene likes her.
 - B. She fits in only with the black girls at recess.
 - C. She does not feel that she is a part of a group.
 - D. She likes only students in honors classes.
2. On the day that the president dies, Elena
 - A. wants to go to church with her mother
 - B. has been invited to study at Eugene's house
 - C. takes a book to her room to read quietly
 - D. looks out her window at Eugene's house
3. Eugene's mother tells Elena that
 - A. Eugene does not need any help
 - B. she does not like Puerto Rican girls
 - C. Eugene has not come home from school
 - D. she has to go to work at the hospital
4. Who does Elena cry for at the end of the story?
 - A. the president
 - B. Eugene
 - C. herself
 - D. her mother
5. The author understands how Puerto Ricans in Paterson reacted to the death of President Kennedy because she
 - A. researched it
 - B. lived it
 - C. imagined it
 - D. expected it

SELECTION TEST A, CONTINUED

Vocabulary

Choose the answer that best explains the meaning of each underlined word. (6 points each)

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| <p>6. If something is <u>muted</u>, it is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. largeB. oldC. lightD. quiet <p>7. What does <u>vigilant</u> mean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. reasonableB. beautifulC. watchfulD. sensible <p>8. If you are <u>enthralled</u>, you are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. charmed greatlyB. warned silentlyC. advised fullyD. received coldly | <p>9. What does <u>distraught</u> mean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. very agreeableB. deeply upsetC. fully awareD. barely prepared <p>10. <u>Dilapidated</u> means</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. noisyB. cleaned upC. decoratedD. broken down |
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Written Response

Short Response Answer the following questions based on your knowledge of the story. Write one to two sentences on a separate sheet of paper. (10 points each)

- 11. Why does Elena like Eugene right away before she even meets him?
- 12. How does Mr. DePalma show his feelings for the students?

Extended Response Answer the following question based on your knowledge of the story. Write one or two paragraphs on a separate sheet of paper. (20 points)

- 13. How is Elena's visit to Eugene's house different from the way she imagines it will be? Support your answer with three details from the story.