

Name _____ Circle one: Yellow Pink Green

BROKEN BLADE TEST – 50 Points total (Each question = 2pts.)

Directions: Match the character to the event. Put the correct letter next to the character name.

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| _____ 1. Bellegarde | a. Severed his thumb; Pierre's father |
| _____ 2. Kennewah | b. Scottish Commander of the brigade |
| _____ 3. Charbonneau | c. Camp cook; fights with Beloit |
| _____ 4. McKay | d. Crude voyageur that tricks Pierre |
| _____ 5. Mukwa | e. Pierre thinks about her back in Lachine |
| _____ 6. LaLonde | f. Hands become raw and blistered on voyage |
| _____ 7. Pierre | g. Largest man in brigade; lifts Pierre up by his feet |
| _____ 8. Celeste | h. Pierre's best friend on voyage; saves the Montreal canoe, but dies doing so |
| _____ 9. LaPetite | i. Chief who invites Pierre to his wigwam |
| _____ 10. Beloit | j. Picks blueberries with Pierre at Grand Portage |
| _____ 11. Charles LaPage | k. Steersman who explains many things about the voyageur life to Pierre |

Multiple Choice: Write the letter of the best answer on the line.

- _____ 12. How many men are generally a crew in a big Montreal canoe?
a. 8 b. 10 c. 14
- _____ 13. What special gift did LaLonde give Pierre?
a. hand-made paddle b. knife and sheath c. pemmican
- _____ 14. How many (approximate) miles is the trip from Montreal to Grand Portage and again?
a. 1,200 b. 250 c. 800
- _____ 15. Who is the crude voyageur who acts as Pierre's antagonist in this book?
a. LaPetite b. Beloit c. Emile
- _____ 16. What did Beloit put in Pierre's pack that made it weigh at least 200 lbs. on a portage?
a. musket lead balls b. beaver pelts c. copper kettles

Name _____

Multiple Choice continued.

- _____ 17. Who does most of the trapping of animal pelts on the trip to and from Grand Portage?
a. Native (Indian) people b. the voyageurs c. Charbonneau
- _____ 18. How much weight (in freight goods) did a Montreal canoe generally carry?
a. 1000 lbs. b. two and a half tons c. one ton
- _____ 19. Who saves the brigade from a deadly accident on the French River?
a. Emile b. LaPetite c. LaLonde
- _____ 20. What is a “rendezvous”?
a. gathering or meeting b. food made with pemmican c. voyageur cap

Vocabulary: Use the word bank below to fill in the blanks on the sentences.

21. To break the _____, voyageurs often sing as they paddle.
22. “There’s no place for _____ or whiners among canoemen. You must pull your own weight,” father tells Pierre.
23. Beloit often has an evil _____ on his face as he teases and jeers Pierre.
24. Charles LaPage _____ his thumb while chopping wood.
25. The trip to Grand Portage is an _____ trip, happening just once a year.
26. “Beloit was _____ like a wounded bull, as he kicked off his smoking moccasin and leaped feetfirst into the shallows.”
27. The voyageurs were _____ after eating a meal of venison.
28. “Come on LaLonde, get him,” Pierre yelled, wishing he could _____ the evil Beloit himself.
29. They worked furiously to bale the water out of the big canoe, but the _____ of the canoe sank ever closer to the surface of the water.
30. One of the voyageurs used a _____ to shoot a duck for an evening meal.

musket	severed	gunwales	pummel	annual
bellowing	sated	lagers	sneer	monotony

Name _____

BROKEN BLADE TEST continued

Matching: Match the Voyageur word to the definition by writing the letter of the correct definition on the line next to the word.

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| _____ 31. One-plus | a. strap across the forehead that holds a pack |
| _____ 32. Pork-eater | b. many beaver pelts are stacked inside this |
| _____ 33. Hivernant | c. man at the front of the Montreal canoe |
| _____ 34. Degrade | d. song |
| _____ 35. Grand Portage | e. food made of dried beef, fat, and berries |
| _____ 36. Bowman | f. Lake Superior |
| _____ 37. Steersman | g. haul trade goods and packs over land to water |
| _____ 38. Middleman | h. unable to travel because of bad weather |
| _____ 39. Chanson | i. thick soup made with pemmican |
| _____ 40. Pemmican | j. huge rendezvous happens at this fort |
| _____ 41. Rubbaboo | k. a voyageur who winters over |
| _____ 42. Gitchegammi | l. voyageur at back of canoe who steers |
| _____ 43. Portage | m. Pierre holds this position in the canoe |
| _____ 44. Tumpline | n. voyageur who returns to Montreal |
| _____ 45. Pack | o. one prime beaver pelt |

Answer the following questions in sentences please

2 pts. At the end of the book, Pierre's father says to Pierre, "Somewhere along the way you buried my boy and resurrected a man in his place." What does Pierre's father mean by this?

3 pts. Why do you think William Durbin titled his book, The Broken Blade?
