

Dear Mrs. Parks

Directions: For items 1–18, fill in the circle in front of the correct answer.
For items 19–20, write the answer.

Vocabulary

- I owe letters to so many people that I'm not sure how to catch up on my _____ .
 (A) correspondence (B) potential
 (C) counsel (D) ridiculed
- His brave actions will _____ others to have courage also.
 (A) counsel (B) dignity
 (C) inspire (D) audition
- She carried herself with pride and _____ , knowing she had behaved with honor.
 (A) inspire (B) mentor
 (C) inspection (D) dignity
- Some students _____ the younger children for the way they dressed.
 (A) sternly (B) correspondence
 (C) ridiculed (D) potential
- Mary Lee has the _____ to be a great leader.
 (A) inspire (B) mentor
 (C) potential (D) accompanist
- My brother's teachers will _____ him about the classes he will take at middle school.
 (A) counsel (B) dignity
 (C) compare (D) authority
- My sister feels it is important to find a good _____ , since this is her first real job.
 (A) potential (B) mentor
 (C) inspire (D) accompanist

Comprehension

8. What does Mrs. Parks tell Jimmy about asking questions?
- Ⓐ He can learn by listening to other people's questions.
 - Ⓑ A person should never be afraid to admit not knowing something.
 - Ⓒ Asking questions does not help people solve their problems.
 - Ⓓ Never let anyone know if you don't know something.
9. What does Mrs. Parks believe is the greatest value of asking questions?
- Ⓐ Asking questions helps you learn things.
 - Ⓑ Asking questions keeps people from being afraid.
 - Ⓒ The answers tell you exactly what to do.
 - Ⓓ Asking questions helps you make better choices in life.
10. What does Mrs. Parks mean when she tells Richard to "keep an open mind"?
- Ⓐ His dad is wrong.
 - Ⓑ He should continue to learn throughout his life.
 - Ⓒ He should act as though he knows something, even if he doesn't.
 - Ⓓ He ought to learn as much as he can about computers.
11. Mrs. Parks's message to students is "Work hard, do not be discouraged, and in everything you do, _____."
- Ⓐ try to do your best
 - Ⓑ express your gifts
 - Ⓒ achieve your potential
 - Ⓓ start leading
12. Why does Mrs. Parks say, "We are all leaders of something in life"?
- Ⓐ School can make leaders of everyone.
 - Ⓑ Mrs. Parks believes that we all have gifts or talents.
 - Ⓒ Mrs. Parks believes in hard work.
 - Ⓓ Mrs. Parks says people should never be afraid of being ridiculed.

13. What does Rosa Parks learn from her grandmother?
- Ⓐ math, science, and literature
 - Ⓑ to care for sickly people
 - Ⓒ the importance of personal dignity
 - Ⓓ how to cook and do housework
14. Grandmothers tell stories from the past to inspire you, to help you learn from mistakes of the past, and to _____ .
- Ⓐ keep you out of trouble
 - Ⓑ show you how to do things
 - Ⓒ help you learn a new language
 - Ⓓ keep history alive
15. According to Mrs. Parks, what can your grandmothers' stories do for you?
- Ⓐ teach you how to have a good time
 - Ⓑ help you work for freedom
 - Ⓒ give you courage, faith, and a willingness to sacrifice
 - Ⓓ prepare you to take your place in the world of tomorrow
16. Which best describes Rosa Parks?
- Ⓐ She is involved in new ideas and interests.
 - Ⓑ She is no longer interested in other people.
 - Ⓒ She is discouraged about America's future.
 - Ⓓ She is tired and very old.
17. According to Mrs. Parks, one way a person can make a difference in the world is by _____ .
- Ⓐ choosing a technical job
 - Ⓑ doing what he or she can do for others
 - Ⓒ keeping to herself or himself and not helping others
 - Ⓓ not working with a community group

18. Why did the author help Mrs. Parks publish her letters?

- Ⓐ to get people to fight against homelessness
- Ⓑ to demonstrate the importance of grandmothers
- Ⓒ to show the kind of person Mrs. Parks is
- Ⓓ to support exercise activities for older people

19. Why is Mrs. Parks proud to be an American?

20. What does Mrs. Parks think is the duty of every American?
