

# Tangerine

## Comprehension Questions *a novel by Edward Bloor*

1. Which U.S. state was the setting for the story?
  - a. California
  - b. Oregon
  - c. New York
  - d. Florida
  
2. According to Paul Fisher, why did the family move to Tangerine?
  - a. because the family was running from the law
  - b. because the weather in Texas was horrible
  - c. because his father wanted to further his brother's football career
  - d. because the schools in Florida were so much better
  
3. What disaster befell the bungalows at Tangerine Middle School?
  - a. they caught on fire and students were burned
  - b. a sinkhole opened up and swallowed the buildings
  - c. a hurricane turned them to broken boards
  - d. an earthquake rumbled and cracked the floors
  
4. What was a difference between Lake Windsor MS and Tangerine MS?
  - a. the students at Tangerine MS were more intimidating
  - b. there were more white students at Lake Windsor MS
  - c. the buildings at Tangerine MS were older than those at Lake Windsor
  - d. all of the above were differences between the two schools
  
5. What weapon did Arthur use against Luis?
  - a. a Colt 45 pistol
  - b. nunchucks
  - c. a hunting knife
  - d. a Billy club
  
6. What agricultural invention had Luis spent so many years developing?
  - a. a new irrigation system that saved water
  - b. a heating system to save trees in freezing temperatures
  - c. a new variety of citrus trees
  - d. a better type of shears for pruning the branches

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7. What position did Erik play on the football team?
  - a. running back
  - b. quarterback
  - c. kicker
  - d. linebacker
  
8. What was unique about the Tangerine MS soccer team?
  - a. the team did not have uniforms
  - b. the team did not have a full compliment of 11 players
  - c. there were girls on the boys' team
  - d. the team did not have a coach
  
9. What caused the koi in the pond to disappear?
  - a. the pond water became polluted
  - b. Erik and Arthur took them out as a prank
  - c. the ospreys (large birds) ate them
  - d. little kids in the neighborhood caught them with their fishing poles
  
10. Why did Paul's father's predecessor get fired from his position as civil engineer?
  - a. he hardly ever did any inspections on buildings in the city
  - b. he took bribes from developers of houses, schools, offices, and other construction projects
  - c. he was away from his job a lot, attending sporting events paid for by the people he was supposed to be keeping an eye on
  - d. all of the above
  
11. Why did the Lake Windsor housing development have such a bad termite problem?
  - a. when the tangerine groves were plowed under, the bulldozers just buried the dead trees in one spot instead of hauling them away
  - b. because the houses were made mostly of wood
  - c. it was because of the lightning storms
  - d. none of the above

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12. What caused the death of Mike Costello?
  - a. he was tackled hard in a football game and died of brain injuries
  - b. he drowned in the Lake Windsor koi pond
  - c. he was struck by lightning when holding onto a metal goalpost
  - d. he died of food poisoning from the school cafeteria
  
13. What was the most embarrassing moment Erik had in a football game?
  - a. He kicked the ball the wrong way
  - b. he forgot to wear his uniform pants on the day of the game
  - c. he flew in the air and fell on his back on a trick play where the ball was run into the end zone instead of being kicked
  - d. none of the above
  
14. What incident had caused Paul Fisher's partial blindness?
  - a. looking directly into the sun during a solar eclipse
  - b. getting paint sprayed into his eyes
  - c. being hit in the head by a soccer ball
  - d. he was born with the affliction (disability)
  
15. Who had committed the robberies in Lake Windsor Downs?
  - a. Victor and Tino
  - b. the exterminating company workers
  - c. Erik and Arthur
  - d. Antoine and Shandra