

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