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The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

Content Questions

1. In *The City of Ember*, what is decided will be given and passed down to each mayor of the City of Ember?
 - a. A box with secrets (pg. 2)
2. In *The City of Ember*, why did the 7th mayor try and destroy the box and then hide it in a closet?
 - a. Because he thought it might hold information that would cure his sickness (pg. 2-3)
3. In *The City of Ember*, what do the young people of the highest class receive by drawing from a bag?
 - a. Their job assignment (pg. 8)
4. In *The City of Ember*, what is considered the most important job?
 - a. Fixing the electricity (pg. 10)
5. In *The City of Ember*, what jobs do Lina and Doon trade?
 - a. Pipeworks Laborer and Messenger (pg. 15-16)
6. In *The City of Ember*, who does Lina live with?
 - a. Her grandmother and her baby sister (pg. 22-23)
7. In *The City of Ember*, what is one of the 4 rules for Messengers?
 - a. (any 1 of these will count as an answer: 1) When a customer gives you a message, repeat it back. 2) Always wear your red jacket so people can identify you. 3) Go as fast as possible. 4) deliver a message only to the person it's meant for, no one else.
8. In *The City of Ember*, when Lina goes to deliver a message to the Mayor, what part of the Gathering Hall Building does she end up?
 - a. The roof (pg. 36)
9. In *The City of Ember*, what does Doon break the rules to go see on his first day on the job as Pipeworks Laborer?
 - a. The generator (pg. 48)
10. In *The City of Ember*, what type of shop does Doon live above?
 - a. A Small Items shop (pg. 49)
11. In *The City of Ember*, what is Doon's main purpose in being a Pipeworks Laborer?
 - a. He wants to find something important/find a way to help the City of Ember (pg. 53)
12. In *The City of Ember*, what kind of bug did Doon find and start taking care of?
 - a. A worm (pg. 52)
13. In *The City of Ember*, what do the inhabitants of the city call the space of darkness that is past the city?
 - a. The Unknown Regions (pg. 65)In *The City of Ember*, what type of seed does Clary give Lina as she is leaving the greenhouse and they are discussing where life comes from?
 - b. bean (pg. 69)
14. In *The City of Ember*, what does Lina imagine is beyond the city?
 - a. Another city (pg. 68)
15. In *The City of Ember*, what two colors does Lina pick for the two colored pencils she will purchase?

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- a. Green and blue (pg. 77)
16. In *The City of Ember*, what happens to Poppy while Lina is purchasing colored pencils?
 - a. She becomes lost (pg. 78)
17. In *The City of Ember*, what happens when the Mayor calls a town meeting?
 - a. People start yelling, throwing, surging forward, are angry (pg. 88-89)
18. In *The City of Ember*, what does Lina find in Poppy's hands and mouth and strewn about that came from inside the box her Granny found in the closet?
 - a. A message full of holes (pg. 93-96)
19. In *The City of Ember*, who does Lina take the message full of holes to in order to try and get help to decipher it?
 - a. Captain Fleery (pg. 97)
20. In *The City of Ember*, what does Lina discover Lizzie is receiving from Looper Windly?
 - a. Rare canned goods like peaches, applesauce and creamed corn (pg. 151)
21. In *The City of Ember*, who gives Lina and Poppy a place to live after their grandmother dies?
 - a. Mrs. Murdo (pg. 142)
22. In *The City of Ember*, when Doon is called "bug boy" by his fellow Pipeworkers, what does he do out of anger?
 - a. Steps on a bug he had found (pg. 114)
23. In *The City of Ember*, who do readers discover has been receiving deliveries from the secret storage room below the city behind a locked door?
 - a. The mayor (pg. 161)
24. In *The City of Ember*, what do Lina and Doon find in the boxes behind the secret panel?
 - a. Matches and candles (pg. 188)
25. In *The City of Ember*, what is the name of the holiday the entire city celebrates?
 - a. The day of the Singing (pg. 196)
26. In *The City of Ember*, why is there a reward posted for finding Doon and Lina?
 - a. Because they have been accused of spreading vicious rumors (pg. 205)
27. In *The City of Ember*, what do Lina, Poppy, and Doon use to escape the city?
 - a. A boat (pg. 237)
28. In *The City of Ember*, what do Lina, Poppy, and Doon find posted on the entrance to the path?
 - a. A sign welcoming City of Ember refugees (pg. 250)
29. In *The City of Ember*, who finds Lina and Doon's message at the end of the book?
 - a. Mrs. Murdo (pg. 270)

In Which Book Questions:

1. In which book does a Pipeworks Laborer and a Messenger team up to try and save their city?
 - a. *The City of Ember*
2. In which book do people draw job assignments once they have finished their highest class?
 - a. *The City of Ember*
3. In which book do we find the main characters Lina and Doon?
 - a. *The City of Ember*
4. In which book does a girl and her baby sister live with their grandmother who runs a yarn shop?

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- a. *The City of Ember*
- 5. In which book does lack of electricity cause the lights to go out frequently?
 - a. *The City of Ember*
- 6. In which book is the Mayor and his guards and others stealing from the City?
 - a. *The City of Ember*
- 7. In which book do the main characters use a boat to escape?
 - a. *The City of Ember*
- 8. In which book do the main characters find a creature they have never seen before- a dog- during their escape?
 - a. *The City of Ember*