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- 1 The phrase **Triumph over adversity** in the passage is closest in meaning to

- ☐ Defeating an opponent
- ☐ Winning despite difficulties
- ☐ Telling stories again and again
- ☐ Leaving one's homeland

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- 2 The word **precariously** in the passage is closest in meaning to

- ☐ unhappily  
☐ powerlessly  
☐ insecurely  
☐ carelessly

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- 3 Which of the following is closest in meaning to **exodus** as it is used in the passage?

- ☐ migration  
☐ history  
☐ origin  
☐ progress

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- 4 The word **Intimidating** in the passage is closest in meaning to

- ☐ Threatening  
☐ Fighting  
☐ Surprising  
☐ Outsmarting

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- 5 Which of the following is closest in meaning to **founded** as it is used in the passage?

- ☐ discovered  
☐ established  
☐ passed  
☐ departed

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- 6 Which of the following is closest in meaning to **inhabitants** as it is used in the passage?

- ☐ customs  
☐ heritage  
☐ buildings  
☐ people

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- 7 In describing war leaders as being **distinguished**, the author means that they are

- ☐ fierce  
☐ irrelevant  
☐ important  
☐ elderly

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8 Which of the following is closest in meaning to **zealously** as it is used in the passage?

- ☐ passionately
- ☐ frequently
- ☐ reluctantly
- ☐ consistently

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