

Quick Check

The Life of Cesar Chavez

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What were two principles that Cesar Chavez learned from his mother?
 - Ⓐ Don't try to help others; fight first, talk later.
 - Ⓑ React nonviolently to injustice; serve others.
 - Ⓒ Work only for money; react violently to injustice.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
2. Cesar Chavez was inspired by a biography of _____.
 - Ⓐ Father Donald McDonnell
 - Ⓑ Mohandas K. Gandhi
 - Ⓒ Robert F. Kennedy
 - Ⓓ Dolores Huerta
3. Which nonviolent tactics did Cesar Chavez use in organizing farm workers?
 - Ⓐ fasts
 - Ⓑ boycotts
 - Ⓒ civil disobedience
 - Ⓓ all of the above
4. What is **nonviolence**?
 - Ⓐ working for very little pay
 - Ⓑ not using physical force
 - Ⓒ a way to threaten people with force
 - Ⓓ a process in which ideas are exchanged
5. What shows the attitude the wealthy farmers and corporations had toward the workers?
 - Ⓐ the generous pay they gave
 - Ⓑ the care given to the workers
 - Ⓒ the crowded, tiny shacks families had to live in
 - Ⓓ the modern machines the workers used on the farms
6. What does the author list as the worst part about being a migrant worker?
 - Ⓐ having to pick grapes
 - Ⓑ having to move often
 - Ⓒ being hot and dirty all the time
 - Ⓓ being cheated out of the meager pay

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7. Why did Cesar Chavez resign from the CSO?
 - Ⓐ It refused to pay him money he had earned.
 - Ⓑ It refused to help people through grass-roots organizing.
 - Ⓒ It supported a proposal to organize a labor union for farm workers.
 - Ⓓ It voted down a proposal to organize a labor union for farm workers.
8. Starting around 1965, why did Cesar Chavez encourage people to boycott grapes?
 - Ⓐ The grapes were contaminated with pesticides.
 - Ⓑ It would help the striking grape pickers.
 - Ⓒ Grapes were too expensive.
 - Ⓓ He did not like grapes.
9. Why did many people consider it impossible to organize a labor union for farm workers?
 - Ⓐ Farm workers did not speak English well.
 - Ⓑ Farm workers moved often, making it hard to plan action.
 - Ⓒ Farm workers were afraid to make trouble for themselves.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
10. The fact that Cesar Chavez rose to become the director of the CSO with only an eighth-grade education proves that he was _____.
 - Ⓐ someone who never listened to others
 - Ⓑ a person who wanted to be wealthy
 - Ⓒ a bright, determined leader
 - Ⓓ all of the above

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11. Extended Response: Why did Cesar Chavez meet with farm workers in their homes and talk with them about their problems?

12. Extended Response: Explain at least one specific example of how Cesar Chavez used nonviolent methods to help farm workers.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Elements of a Biography

1. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓑ Elements of a Biography
3. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
4. Ⓑ Vocabulary
5. Ⓒ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
6. Ⓓ Authors Point of View
7. Ⓓ Elements of a Biography
8. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
10. Ⓒ Elements of a Biography
11. Answers will vary but would likely include the following ideas
Cesar wanted to build the union slowly, one worker at a time, and felt the union should belong to the workers, not outside organizers.
12. Answers will vary but should include specific examples of boycotts, hunger strikes, marches, and so on.