

The Westing Game
Understanding the Story

Summer Reading Study Guide

English 6th

The Westing Game

As you read the novel, answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may type or neatly handwrite your responses.

Bring your completed questions and answers with you to the first day of school.

Name: _____

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Chapters 1 – 4

Multiple Choice – Answer A, B, C or D.

1. ____ Chris sees someone go into the Westing mansion in Chapter 2.
What does Chris notice about this person?
 - a. The person has a long braid.
 - b. The person walks with a cane.
 - c. The person walks with a limp.
 - d. The person is dressed all in black.
2. ____ What sends Turtle running and screaming from the Westing house in Chapter 4?
 - a. She sees a ghost.
 - b. She sees a dead body.
 - c. She hears someone whispering.
 - d. She sees a letter next to the bed.

Short Answer – Restate the question in your answer.

3. What is strange about the letters that are sent out at the beginning of the book?
4. Describe Grace Wexler's relationships with her daughters.
5. The letters in Chapter 1 are sent to only six people, all of whom decide to rent an apartment at Sunset Towers. What do you think would have happened if one of the chosen six had said no?

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Chapters 5 – 8

Multiple Choice – Answer A, B, C or D.

1. ____ Who is happy with the partner that is assigned to him or her in Chapter 7?
 - a. Sydelle Pulaski
 - b. Mrs. Wexler
 - c. J.J. Ford
 - d. Crow

2. ____ What strategy do Angela and Sydelle use when they receive their clues?
 - a. They burn their clues after reading them.
 - b. They eat their clues after reading them.
 - c. They try to steal Turtle's clues.
 - d. They listen to other groups talking.

Short Answer – Restate the question in your answer.

3. Why doesn't Mrs. Hoo attend the reading of the will?

4. Several references are made to Sydelle Pulaski's appearance during the reading of the will. What do the other characters find noteworthy about her?

5. If you were one of Westing's heirs, what would you do with the \$10,000?

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Chapters 9 – 12

Multiple Choice – Answer A, B, C or D.

1. ____ Why can't the other characters read Sydelle's copy of the will?
 - a. It is written in shorthand.
 - b. It is written in another language.
 - c. It is too sloppy.
 - d. Her copy of the will was stolen.

2. ____ Which character is NOT one of Westing's heirs?
 - a. George Theodorakis
 - b. Chris Theodorakis
 - c. Berthe Crow
 - d. Madame Hoo

Short Answer – Restate the question in your answer.

3. Why does Judge Ford host a party at her apartment?

4. When the heirs meet for breakfast, why does Chris as the others which one got kicked last week?

5. Would you share your clues with another team? Why or why not?

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Chapters 13 – 16

Multiple Choice – Answer A, B, C or D.

1. ____ In Chapter 13, we learn that the bomber...
 - a. is very angry.
 - b. is a woman.
 - c. doesn't want to hurt anyone.
 - d. wants the restaurant to lose money.
2. ____ What secret is Angela keeping from her mother?
 - a. She knows who the killer is.
 - b. She hates the color pink.
 - c. She does not like her wedding dress.
 - d. She doesn't want to get married.

Short Answer – Restate the question in your answer.

3. Why are Angela's hands shaking before she opens the foil-wrapped box at her party?
4. In Chapter 14, Sydelle thinks that the psychiatrist can be trusted. Why does she feel this way?
5. In Chapter 13, Angela tells Theo that she wanted to be a doctor. Keeping this in mind, what advice would you give Angela about what she should do with the inheritance money?