

MY FIRST FREE SUMMER

Selection Test A**Comprehension**

Read each of the following questions. Then choose the letter of the best answer.
(6 points each)

1. Why did Alvarez attend summer school?
 - A. Her parents wanted her to learn even more.
 - B. She was safer at school than at home.
 - C. American schools were year-round.
 - D. Her mother wanted her to learn her subjects in English.
2. What problem did the Dominicans have?
 - A. a cruel leader
 - B. lack of national pride
 - C. a failed education system
 - D. a shortage of police officers
3. Alvarez was unable to play with her cousins and friends during her summer without school because
 - A. her family went on a trip
 - B. her mother taught her at home
 - C. she was forbidden to play with them
 - D. her cousins and friends left the country
4. Which detail lets you know that Alvarez and her family were in danger?
 - A. Her parents wanted to leave the country.
 - B. Alvarez attended the American school.
 - C. The secret police watched them.
 - D. The family flew to the United States.
5. According to her memoir, when did Alvarez finally understand that her family had to leave their country to be safe?
 - A. when her relatives began to leave the country
 - B. while she observed the soldiers at the airport
 - C. after her mother explained the situation to her
 - D. as she reflected on the events as an adult

SELECTION TEST A, CONTINUED

Vocabulary

Choose the answer that best explains the meaning of each underlined word.
(6 points each)

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| <p>6. <u>Replete</u> means</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. hiddenB. fullC. safeD. large <p>7. If something might <u>unravel</u>, it might</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. turn overB. move aheadC. come apartD. break open <p>8. To <u>summon</u> is to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. build onB. find outC. give upD. call for | <p>9. What is a <u>contradiction</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. a decisionB. an escapeC. a denialD. a secret <p>10. What does <u>interrogation</u> mean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. secret activityB. common sightC. grand entranceD. official questioning |
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Written Response

Short Response On separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions based on your knowledge of the memoir. (10 points each)

11. List two details that support the statement that Alvarez resented going to American schools.
12. According to her memoir, what was Alvarez's main concern during the summer that the plot for change in the Dominican Republic failed?

Extended Response Answer the following question based on your knowledge of the memoir. Write one or two paragraphs on a separate sheet of paper. (20 points)

13. How did Alvarez's feelings about going to the United States change? Use two details from the memoir to support your answer.