

Selection Test**Score****Straw into Gold: The Metamorphosis of the Everyday** (page 352)**Recall and Interpret** (40 points total; 5 points each)**Write the letter of the best answer.**

- _____ 1. Why in France did Sandra Cisneros feel she had managed to “spin straw into gold”?
- a. She entertained guests with stories and fairy tales.
 - b. She wrote her first critical essay for an exam.
 - c. She had left her parents’ house without getting married.
 - d. She made Mexican corn tortillas for the first time.
- _____ 2. It seems as if the way Cisneros acted within her family as she became an adult was
- a. unconventional.
 - b. disrespectful.
 - c. obedient.
 - d. customary.
- _____ 3. What did Cisneros say her family did a lot when she was young?
- a. watch television
 - b. move around
 - c. have parties
 - d. read and write
- _____ 4. What was Cisneros like as a student while growing up?
- a. accomplished, the winner of awards
 - b. awkward and not a good student
 - c. a rebel who gave teachers a hard time
 - d. very social and popular
- _____ 5. Soon after Cisneros’s family moved into their first house, she began
- a. cooking.
 - b. traveling.
 - c. gardening.
 - d. writing.
- _____ 6. What did members of her family eventually become for Cisneros?
- a. characters in her writing
 - b. forces to rebel against
 - c. the source of much pain
 - d. problems to be solved

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- _____ 7. Which description best tells how Cisneros seems to feel about her success?
- a. embarrassed by what it cost her
 - b. confident all along that it would come
 - c. surprised but proud and pleased
 - d. anxious about whether it will continue
- _____ 8. What is the “straw” at the end of the essay that Cisneros says she spins into gold?
- a. land in Texas that will become her ranch
 - b. money that she has earned from her work
 - c. life experiences that she writes about
 - d. family members she will help change

Vocabulary Practice (10 points total; 5 points each)

Write the letter of the best answer.

- _____ 9. She **intuitively** understood the math problem and therefore
- a. dismissed it at once.
 - b. struggled a great deal.
 - c. solved it quickly.
- _____ 10. **Taboo** behaviors are usually not
- a. encouraged.
 - b. prohibited.
 - c. well-known.

Analyze and Evaluate (30 points total; 15 points each)

This work by Sandra Cisneros is an example of a persuasive essay. Using details from the essay, identify two experiences from her past that she uses to persuade her readers to believe her thesis.

11. Experience 1

12. Experience 2

BIG IDEA Connect (20 points)

Use a separate sheet of paper to answer the following essay question.

13. In her persuasive essay, Cisneros supports her message that you can accomplish anything by sharing experiences from her life quest, her “own quiet war.” Describe how this message relates to your own life.