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**Quiz # 1**

**Chapters 1-5** Where a Cause is listed, fill in the blank with the correct Effect (Result, Consequence, or Outcome). Where an Effect is listed, fill in the blank with the correct Cause.

**CAUSE**

**EFFECT**

1. Because Cole's father is sentenced to time in Cook County Jail, \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Cole must write two poems a week.
3. Because he might be suspended if he confesses, \_\_\_\_\_
4. Because Cole's mother didn't fill out the required forms, \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_, Felipe's mother warns him to beware of "The Cold Ones."
6. Because Cole's father was sentenced to jail time, Jillian \_\_\_\_\_
7. Because Jared is a thief and a bully, Cole \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Treva says she knows who she will vote for.
9. Because Mr. Nachman is teaching *Walden*, the class discusses \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_ he assumes she's an anarchist.



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**Quiz # 2**

**Chapters 6-10** Each statement below is false. Rewrite the statement so that it is true.

1. Treva and Cole have known each other since sixth grade.
2. Cole took his new megaphone to the Euclid Grade School protest.
3. Protesters wanted to close down Euclid Grade School.
4. Cole writes “Fluster” because he’s thinking of Jillian.
5. In Spanish, a *coleta* is a cabbage.
6. The word that Jillian stresses in her campaign slogan is *Justice*.
7. Felipe says that Jillian is implying he’s not just.
8. Treva comes up with the idea of a photo campaign to help Felipe win the election.
9. Treva and her father moved to Chicago to be near her uncle.
10. Cook County Jail is the third largest jail in the United States.
11. While standing in line to visit his father, Cole encounters Jared Anderson.
12. Jared tells Cole that his brother is a political prisoner.



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**Quiz # 3**

**Chapters 1-15** First, unscramble each character name from the right-hand column. Then write the unscrambled name next to its correct identification in the left-hand column.

- | <b>IDENTITY</b>                                   | <b>NAME</b>     |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. Principal_____                                 | <b>erneg</b>    |
| 2. Classmate whose brother is in jail_____        | <b>trioz</b>    |
| 3. Cole's former girlfriend_____                  | <b>alnjlil</b>  |
| 4. Owner of a flower store_____                   | <b>iknik</b>    |
| 5. English teacher_____                           | <b>lfieep</b>   |
| 6. Main character of the story_____               | <b>crnoevia</b> |
| 7. History teacher_____                           | <b>endylea</b>  |
| 8. Secretary to the principal_____                | <b>tmaifa</b>   |
| 9. Cole's best friend_____                        | <b>olec</b>     |
| 10. Felipe's mother_____                          | <b>ahcco</b>    |
| 11. Student whose hijab is torn off her head_____ | <b>rmeelad</b>  |
| 12. He helps Cole be a better runner_____         | <b>hncama</b>   |



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**Quiz # 4**

**Chapters 16-20** Read the clue numbers and write the correct answer for each crossword.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ T
2. \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_

1. Fatima texts Cole, asking him to attend an \_\_\_\_\_ rights march.
2. Cole's mother takes a \_\_\_\_\_ to the march and uses it.
3. Cole runs cross-country for August \_\_\_\_\_ High School.
4. A contemptible person who informs on others is a \_\_\_\_\_
5. At the march, Cole and Treva and Felipe see flags from around the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Hank Renner is in \_\_\_\_\_ County Jail.
7. Cole texts \_\_\_\_\_ to ask if her brother's visits were ever cancelled.
8. In "Fear" Cole writes "Someone wants to \_\_\_\_\_/ fear deep into my heart."
9. Cole writes that he hates the \_\_\_\_\_ that grows rich and cruel from prisons and ghettos and starvation wages.

**Bonus Question:** What is the name of Hank Renner's defense attorney? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



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**Quiz # 5**

**Chapters 21-25** In the questions below, the setting and main characters of each chapter are listed. Write a sentence that summarizes the events of the main scene from that chapter. The sentence should contain the names of all the characters from that scene. In the case of the poem, summarize the poem.

- 1. Chapter 21 – Setting: Cole’s Kitchen – Cole, Felipe, Stacey Renner, Della Kazarian**

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- 2. Chapter 22 – Poem, “Fear 2”**

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- 3. Chapter 23 – Setting: Mrs. Green’s Greenhouse – Cole, Felipe**

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- 4. Chapter 24 – Setting: Principal’s Office – Cole, Felipe, Ms. Delaney**

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- 5. Chapter 25 – Setting: Mr. Nachman’s Classroom – Cole, Mr. Nachman**

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**Quiz # 6**

**Chapters 26-30** Answer each question.

1. What is a cinquain? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Does Cole like the cinquain? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Felipe and Jillian snipe at each other over the questions of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Cole works on a difficult form poem, a rondelet, for \_\_\_\_\_
5. Coach gives instructions to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on how to run the last  
meet of the season.
6. While running, Cole is surprised to hear voices he knows, all members of  
\_\_\_\_\_, including \_\_\_\_\_
7. The familiar name for a fibonacci poem is \_\_\_\_\_
8. While he's in jail, Hank Renner volunteers to \_\_\_\_\_
9. Jared Anderson is angry at Cole because \_\_\_\_\_ and he  
thinks it's Cole's fault.
10. Whose fist is Cole referring to in the poem he writes? \_\_\_\_\_



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**Quiz # 7**

**Chapters 31-35** Write the name of the speaker next to each quote.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ "A scholarship would not only benefit you, it would reflect well on our coach and, most importantly, our whole school."
2. \_\_\_\_\_ "That's not how Mamá makes garlic bread."
3. \_\_\_\_\_ "I'm going to be out there walking the sidewalk all day long."
4. \_\_\_\_\_ "Brawl? No way! That's unfair! It wasn't a brawl!"
5. \_\_\_\_\_ "Is this street behavior the public image we tenth graders will have with you and Felipe representing us?"
6. \_\_\_\_\_ "You're freezing, so let's be quick about this. Did you spray paint the school wall earlier this year?"
7. \_\_\_\_\_ "I'm here to represent you, Cole."
8. \_\_\_\_\_ "Frou-frou. Not the way a serious fighter against injustice would slice garlic bread."
9. \_\_\_\_\_ "I'll be back next week to inspect your student records, Cole. To make sure that all reference to a suspension has, in fact, been removed."
10. \_\_\_\_\_ "Five, six, seven, eight – We will command our fate!"
11. \_\_\_\_\_ "Fight for our rights. Join me on the public sidewalks during lunch break."
12. \_\_\_\_\_ "Back when I was an anarchist, this long waiting period would have called for severe action."



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**Quiz # 8**

**Chapters 35-40** Each statement below is false. Rewrite the statement so that it is true.

1. Cole and Felipe go to a movie.
2. Fatima is deported by ICE.
3. The Wednesday of Thanksgiving week starts out with a meeting at school.
4. Stacey Renner is supposed to make cranberry aspic for Thanksgiving Day dinner.
5. When Treva shouts "ICE!" Felipe runs out the back door.
6. Cole leads the escape by running down Chicago's main streets.
7. Carlos, Felipe's father, failed to get his citizenship papers.
8. Stacey Renner tells Cole and Carlos to go to the Crow's Nest.
9. When ICE demanded to enter, Benito held back the door.
10. Cole, Felipe, and Treva meet at the Crow's Nest to discuss what to do.
11. Treva is having Thanksgiving dinner with Felipe's family.
12. Cole makes his suggestion about letters because he's a poet.





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**Quiz # 9**

**Chapters 1-45** Match each f word with its meaning by writing the letter of the meaning next to the word.

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|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| _____ 1.  | flight      | a. repulsive  |
| _____ 2.  | force       | b. surrender  |
| _____ 3.  | flexibility | c. power      |
| _____ 4.  | foul        | d. frilly     |
| _____ 5.  | foe         | e. barrage    |
| _____ 6.  | flint       | f. dread      |
| _____ 7.  | fault       | g. complete   |
| _____ 8.  | forego      | h. escape     |
| _____ 9.  | frou-frou   | i. stony      |
| _____ 10. | fluster     | j. unsettle   |
| _____ 11. | fusillade   | k. guard      |
| _____ 12. | flank       | l. stun       |
| _____ 13. | fear        | m. resilience |
| _____ 14. | faze        | n. error      |
| _____ 15. | finish      | o. enemy      |



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**Quiz # 10**

**Chapters 46-50** There are a lot of endings and “lasts” in the last five chapters of *The F Words*. Complete each sentence below.

1. The last time the reader sees the Crow’s Nest is when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. The last dinner that Cole and his mother have at Felipe’s house is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. The last time the reader encounters Veronica, she is texting from \_\_\_\_\_
4. The last we see of Cook County Jail, \_\_\_\_\_ is walking out of it.
5. The last poem that Cole writes is titled \_\_\_\_\_
6. The last the reader sees of Benito, he is in the \_\_\_\_\_ with his sisters and father.
7. The previous colors in Cole’s room were the gray and crimson of August Mersy High School. When he and Felipe finish painting, the new colors are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Throughout the book, we heard about the friends and neighbors in the Euclid Defense Committee, but we never see them until \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. The last time we see the megaphone, \_\_\_\_\_ is using it to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. The last poem that Cole writes is a \_\_\_\_\_ poem.



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**ANSWER KEY**

**QUIZ # 1**

Answers will be approximate statements of the following:

1. Cole tags the high school wall with the f word.
2. Because Mr. Nachman catches him tagging the high school wall,
3. Cole refuses to confess. OR: Cole refuses to tell Ms. Delaney who tagged the high school wall.
4. Cole and his mother can't visit his father this weekend.
5. Because she is afraid of ICE,
6. dumped Cole.
7. dislikes him.
8. Because she overhears the conversation between Jillian and Cole,
9. economy/money/financial matters/earning a living
10. Because Cole sees that Treva has a black flag tattoo on her wrist,

**QUIZ # 2**

Answers will be approximate statements of the following:

1. Treva and Cole just met. OR: Felipe and Cole have known each other since first grade.
2. Cole's father [Hank Renner] took his new megaphone to the Euclid Grade School protest.
3. Protesters wanted to keep Euclid Grade School open.
4. Cole writes "Fluster" because he's thinking of Treva.
5. In Spanish, a *colete* is a jacket.
6. The word that Jillian stresses in her campaign slogan is *American*.
7. Felipe says that Jillian is implying he's not American.
8. Cole comes up with the idea of a photo campaign to help Felipe win the election.
9. Treva and her mother moved to Chicago to be near her uncle.
10. Cook County Jail is the largest jail in the United States.
11. While standing in line to visit his father, Cole encounters Emerald Jackson.
12. Emerald tells Cole that her brother is a political prisoner.

**QUIZ # 3**

Unscrambled, top to bottom:

Green

Ortiz

Jillian

Nikki

Felipe

Veronica

Delaney  
Fatima  
Cole  
Coach  
Emerald  
Nachman

1. Delaney
2. Emerald
3. Jillian
4. Green
5. Nachman
6. Cole
7. Ortiz
8. Nikki
9. Felipe
10. Veronica
11. Fatima
12. Coach

#### **QUIZ # 4**

1. immigrant
2. megaphone
3. Mersy
4. fink
5. world
6. Cook
7. Emerald
8. drill
9. system

**Bonus:** Della Kazarian

#### **QUIZ # 5**

Answers will be approximate statements of the following:

1. Cole, Felipe, and Cole's mother are eating dinner when Della Kazarian arrives to report that Hank is basically okay but that his visitation privileges have been suspended for two weeks.
2. In Cole's second poem about fear, he argues that fear lessens when you fight back.
3. Felipe visits Cole, who's at work in Mrs. Green's Greenhouse, to tell him that Jillian tried to sit in on the initial meeting of the tenth grade student council so that she could give them advice, and that she wouldn't leave when Felipe asked her to, but after Mr. Ortiz told her she must go, she did.

4. Ms. Delaney calls Cole and Felipe into her office to watch a video of the immigrant rights demonstration, in which they are filmed while jumping up and down – in order to intimidate them or bribe them into giving her the names of other students who attended the rally.
5. Mr. Nachman calls Cole into his classroom in order to discuss word origins and also form poetry and syllable-count poetry with him.

### QUIZ # 6

Answers will be approximate statements of the following:

1. It's a five-line syllable-count poem of 2/4/6/8/2 syllables per line.
2. Yes, he loves the form.
3. speaking English, and what the student council and class President should be doing.
4. Treva
5. Ricardo and Cole
6. his English class, including Mr. Nachman
7. fib
8. teach reading classes,
9. Jillian dumped him (Jared)
10. Jared's

### QUIZ # 7

1. Ms. Delaney
2. Felipe
3. Cole
4. Cole
5. Jillian
6. Stacey Renner
7. Della Kazarian
8. Treva
9. Della Kazarian
10. Treva
11. Cole
12. Treva

### QUIZ # 8

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2. Hasna is deported by ICE.
3. The Wednesday of Thanksgiving week starts out with a meeting at Felipe's house.
4. Cole is supposed to make aspic for Thanksgiving Day dinner.
5. When Treva shouts "ICE!" Tia Veronica (Felipe's mother) runs out the back door.
6. Cole leads the escape by running down Chicago's alleys.
7. Veronica, Felipe's mother, failed to get her citizenship papers.
8. Stacey Renner tells Cole and Veronica to go to the garage (Barney).
9. When ICE demanded to enter, Felipe held back the door.

10. Cole, Felipe, and Treva meet at the fence (in the school yard; in the playground; at Euclid Grade School) to discuss what to do.
11. Treva is having Thanksgiving Day dinner with her mother and uncle. OR: Cole and his mother are having Thanksgiving Day dinner with Felipe's family.
12. Cole makes his suggestion about letters because he's a runner.

### QUIZ # 9

1. h
2. c
3. m
4. a
5. o
6. i
7. n
8. b
9. d
10. j
11. e
12. k
13. f
14. l
15. g

### QUIZ #10

1. Cole, Felipe, Stacey Renner, Treva, and Mr. Nachman meet there early one morning.
2. on Christmas Day.
3. Canada
4. Hank Renner/ Cole's father
5. "Fight"
6. car
7. turquoise and yellow
8. the last chapter, when they throw a block party for Hank Renner's homecoming.
9. Cole is using it to read his poem to the crowd
10. form