

Pre-Assessment for Literature **2015** “The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas”

Read the story “The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas” carefully and answer the questions below. Use specific details and quotes from the work to support your answers. Each answer should be approximately a paragraph long. While following the guidelines in the Colorful Writing Packet, write an answer that is worth the total point value.

1. State and explain an important theme of the story.
2. Use your own words to explain the following: “They all know it is there, all the people of Omelas. Some of them have come to see it, others are content merely to know it is there. They all know that it has to be there.” Do more than merely reword the quote. Explain the quote.
3. What does the story tell us about the concept of truth? Use details from the story to support your response.
4. Create a new title for the story. Give support from the reading for your new title. Punctuate the title correctly.

Pre-Assessment for Literature Rubric	
Question 1	_____ out of 8
Question 2	_____ out of 8
Question 3	_____ out of 8
Question 4	_____ out of 8
Total	_____ out of 32

Pre-Assessment for Writing

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Write a persuasive response (an essay) to the question below. State your position, give at least three reasons with explanation/quotes to support your point of view, and write a conclusion. Write an essay of five to seven paragraphs with five to seven sentences in each paragraph. While following the guidelines in the Colorful Writing Packet, use specific details and quotes from the work to support your answers.

Do you think the story, “The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas” should be required reading for all students in your grade?

Pre-Assessment for Writing Rubric	
Claim/ Opinion	_____ out of 6
Data/ Supporting Points	_____ out of 8
Elaboration	_____ out of 8
Conclusion	_____ out of 6
Total	_____ out of 28

Your score is _____ out of 60 points
Turn in this rubric with your completed assignment.