HOLES ANSWER KEY

Characters and items in the book

Directions: Please circle the correct answer. 1 point each.

1) Why did the Yelnats name their son Stanley?
   a. It was his grandfather’s name
   b. They liked the name
   c. It is Yelnats spelled backwards
   d. He looked like a Stanley

2) What is Stanley’s nickname?
   a. Warrior
   b. Megadude
   c. Big Guy
   d. Caveman

3) What did Mr. Stir not let Stanley have any of?
   a. Water
   b. Blankets
   c. Rest
   d. Snacks
4) What does Zero like to do?
   a. Dig holes
   b. Wash Clothes
   c. Dance
   d. Hang out with his friends

5) What does Zero help Stanley with?
   a. Escaping
   b. Making other friends at Camp Green Lake
   c. Digging holes
   d. Beating up the other guys

6) What is the name of the boat Stanley and Zero find?
   a. Sam
   b. Elya
   c. Mary Lou
   d. Yelenats

7) What is Zero’s real name?
   a. Joseph
   b. Daniel
   c. Seth
   d. Hector

8) What animal does Elya carry up the mountain every day?
   a. Horse
   b. Cat
   c. Pig
   d. Dog
9) What was the first artifact Stanley found while digging holes at Camp Green Lake?

   a. Shotgun shell  
   b. Buried treasure  
   c. Rattles from a snake  
   d. A lipstick tube  

10) What did the Warden hope to find by digging holes at Camp Green Lake?

   a. A bottle of onion juice  
   b. Artifacts from the time when there was water at Camp Green Lake  
   c. The money Kate Barlow stole from banks  
   d. None of the above  

Setting

Directions: Please read the following and then write on the line true or false. 1 point each.

11) True. The novel takes place at a boys’ juvenile detention center situated in the dried up lake.

12) False. Most of the story is set in contemporary time, around the end of the 1980’s.

13) False. There are flashbacks to the town of Green Lake, which existed ninety-nine years earlier before the lake dried up.
14) **True.** There is an actual Green Lake, one of the largest lakes in Texas, southwest of Port Lavaca.

15) **True.** The real town of Green Lake was all but abandoned after the Civil War.

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**Vocabulary Content:** Answer Part A and Part B. 1 point each.

**Part A: Palindromes**

**Directions:** Fill in the blank that you think best applies to each answer.

16) Palindromes are a word, phrase, number, or other sequence of units that may be read the same way in either direction.

17) The name Yelnats in Holes is a palindrome.

18) The word radar is another palindrome that appears in the book.

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**Part B: Vocabulary Sentences**

**Directions:** Use the word box to help you fill in the blanks.

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19) Stanley watched the water **splatter** on the dirt, where it was quickly absorbed by the thirsty ground.
20) His voice was weak and raspy.

21) His knees crumple beneath him.

22) He couldn’t afford to dawdle.

23) The landlord is threatening to evict us because of the odor.

24) His mouth was as dry and parch as the lake.

Directions: Write two sentences that are related to your life using a vocabulary word. 1 Point.

Sentences must have at least one of these words: splatter, parch, dawdle, raspy, evict, and crumple.
**Growth in Characters:** Throughout the book, characters grow into stronger individuals. Complete the Venn-Diagram on the next page for each character below. 4 points each.

**Any change over time such as Stanley learning to read, Zero making friends, etc.**

25) **Stanley:**

![Venn Diagram](image)

26. **Zero:**

![Venn Diagram](image)
Flashbacks: Many books tell a story by starting at the beginning, telling you what happened, and ending at the end, Holes does not do this. We are zapped back in time and we find out about things that happened a long time ago that are important to Stanley, even though he doesn't know it.

Directions: Answer question number 27, 28 and 29 in complete sentences for the Flashbacks.

27. In chapter 7, what is the first sentence of the "flashback to his grandfather's time? 3 points.

The story is interrupted by a flashback to Stanley’s great-great-grandfather, Elya Yelnats, in Latvia.

28. Find and circle the country Latvia on the map below. 3 points.
29. Here is a new "character" -- an animal. Why is a pig important to this flashback story? 3 points.

[Image of a pig]

Myra’s father would have Myra married Barkov in exchange for a fatted pig. Elya had nothing but his love to exchange for Myra’s hand so he sought help from his friend, an old, one-footed, wide-mouthed Egyptian woman, Madame Zeroni. Elya saw only Myra’s beauty and wanted a pig.

Symbols: In Holes, a small cloud appears in chapter 13. It's the first cloud that Stanley has seen since he arrived. Answer the following questions about the cloud.

29. What does this cloud symbolize? 3 points.

Hope and faith.

30. Draw the scene below from Chapter 13 with the cloud. 4 points.
**Bonus Reflection.**

2 extra points.

How would you feel if you attended Camp Green Lake? Please answer in detail and support your reason in complete sentences.

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