

Vocabulary Quiz

Text 01—William Henry Perkin



1. Perkin's discovery of a run-down yet functional laboratory in his late grandfather's home can best be described as...
 - a. backdrop
 - b. textile
 - c. unexpected
 - d. excretion

2. Coal tar can best be described as...
 - a. invisible
 - b. sludge
 - c. hue
 - d. fabric

3. Perkin discovered synthetic dye while trying to find a substitute for quinine.
"Synthetic" means...
 - a. expensive
 - b. vibrant
 - c. fast
 - d. made by man; not found in nature

4. Perkin saw the commercial potential for his dye and left school to build a factory.
"Commercial" means...
 - a. substance
 - b. money-making
 - c. scientific
 - d. medical

5. Later, Perkin's dye became used to stain...

- a. clothing
- b. textiles
- c. bacteria
- d. Pottery

Match the following definitions with each word. Write the letter in the blank.

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| _____ 6. Stumble upon | A. small organisms that can be seen with a microscope |
| _____ 7. Immerse | B. liquid or waste that comes out of the body |
| _____ 8. Devotion | C. circumstances that are not easily explained |
| _____ 9. Perceive | D. lots and lots and lots of money |
| _____ 10. Enrolment | E. the color washes out of a fabric over time |
| _____ 11. Fortune | F. not able to be seen |
| _____ 12. Surpass | G. a long and beautiful dress |
| _____ 13. Desirability | H. loyalty, love |
| _____ 14. Mysterious | I. to know something without being told directly |
| _____ 15. Dye | J. to go above and beyond |
| _____ 16. Excretion | K. to find by accident |
| _____ 17. Fade | L. to be accepted to a school as a student |
| _____ 18. Gown | M. the degree to which people want something |
| _____ 19. Invisible | N. a liquid color |
| _____ 20. Bacteria | O. to dip into water completely |

