

LITERARY ASSESSMENT PART 2: "IF" BY RUDYARD KIPLING

PART 3: VOCABULARY DEFINITIONS

Instructions: Read the definition on the left and write the correct word from the Word Bank on the right.

WORD BANK: [knave | sinew | impostor | virtue | will]

1. A dishonest or unscrupulous man; a person who tricks others.
Answer: _____
2. A person who pretends to be someone else to deceive, a fraud.
Answer: _____
3. Behavior showing high moral standards; goodness.
Answer: _____
4. Solid, tough tissue uniting muscle to bone (often used to represent physical strength).
Answer: _____
5. The mental faculty by which a person decides on and initiates action and determination.
Answer: _____

PART 4: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Instructions: Circle the correct answer that best reflects the meaning of the poem.

1. When the poet says, "don't deal in lies" even if you are "lied about," what is he advising?
 - a) You should lie only when necessary to protect yourself.
 - b) You should ignore the truth if it hurts.
 - c) You should maintain your integrity and honesty, even when others do not.
 - d) You should confront liars publicly.
2. What does the poet suggest you should do when you watch the things you gave your life to "broken"?
 - a) Find out who broke them and punish them.
 - b) Give up and find a new dream.
 - c) Stoop and build them up again with worn-out tools.
 - d) Ask for help from Kings and crowds.
3. The phrase "walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch" suggests a leader should be:
 - a) Wealthy but hidden.
 - b) Humble and adaptable to all social classes.
 - c) Preferring the company of royalty over normal people.
 - d) Only focused on becoming famous.
4. What is the ultimate reward promised in the final line of the poem?
 - a) You will inherit a large fortune.
 - b) You will become a Man (achieve maturity and character).
 - c) You will become a King.
 - d) You will conquer all your enemies.