

Love That Dog By Sharon Creech

Jack – main character; initially reluctant to write poems in class but becomes a good poet

Miss Stretchberry – Jack’s teacher; Room 105

Sky – Jack’s dog

Walter Dean Meyers – poet; visits Jack’s school

Love That Boy – Jack’s favorite poem; written by Walter Dean Meyers

Other Poems Used in Class:

The Red Wheelbarrow

William Carlos Williams

Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening

The Pasture

Robert Frost

The Tiger

William Blake

dog

Valerie Worth

Street Music

Arnold Adoff

The Apple

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1. In his first entry what reason does Jack give for not wanting to write poetry?
 - a. He is too busy playing sports.
 - b. Boys don’t write poetry.**
 - c. He can’t think of any words that rhyme.
2. In his second entry what excuse does Jack give for not writing a poem?
 - a. His brain is empty.**
 - b. He forgot.
 - c. He doesn’t like poetry.
3. What is the date of the first entry?
 - a. September 1
 - b. September 9
 - c. September 13**
4. In his poetry journal, Jack writes that he doesn’t understand why so much depends on _____.
 - a. Learning to write poetry.
 - b. A red wheelbarrow and white chickens.**
 - c. Getting good grades in school.
5. In his first poem Jack says so much depends on _____.
 - a. A blue car splattered with mud**
 - b. His father
 - c. His dog, Sky
6. What does Jack like about the Tiger poem?

- a. Tigers are his favorite animal.
 - b. It was a short poem.
 - c. **It sounds good in his ears.**
7. What does anonymous mean?
- a. The title of the poem is unknown.
 - b. **The author of the poem is unknown.**
 - c. The poem doesn't have a rhyming scheme.
8. Under what condition does Jack allow his teacher to put his first poem on the board?
- a. The teacher can't put his grade on the poem.
 - b. **The teacher can't put his name on the poem.**
 - c. The teacher will give him extra credit.
9. What did Miss Stretchberry do to make Jack's poem about the blue car look nice?
- a. She copied it over using calligraphy.
 - b. She copied it on paper with cars around the boarder.
 - c. **She typed it on blue paper.**
10. In his poem, Jack compares the speeding blue car to _____.
- a. A rocket to the moon.
 - b. **A comet in the sky.**
 - c. A speeding jet.
11. Why does Jack say he can't write a poem about a pet?
- a. **He doesn't have a pet.**
 - b. His mother is allergic to dogs and cats.
 - c. He never had a pet.
12. Instead of writing about the pet he used to have, Jack wants to write about _____.
- a. His neighbor's pet.
 - b. **A made-up pet.**
 - c. A jungle animal.
13. Jack likes Miss Valerie Worth's _____.
- a. Poem in the shape of a snake.
 - b. **Small dog poem.**
 - c. Poem about a tiger.
14. Jack's dog used to chomp _____.
- a. **Flies**
 - b. Shoes
 - c. Flowers
15. At first Jack thinks that what he wrote about the small poems _____
- a. Doesn't make sense.
 - b. **Is not a poem.**
 - c. Will get a bad grade.
16. What does Jack think about the poet Robert Frost?
- a. His poems are boring
 - b. **He has too much time on his hands.**
 - c. His poems are too scary.
17. Where did Jack get Sky?
- a. His neighbor's dog had puppies.
 - b. He was a stray dog that started hanging around Jack's house.
 - c. **He was adopted from the animal shelter.**
18. Who took Jack to the animal shelter to get Sky?

- a. His mother
 - b. His father.**
 - c. His grandfather.
19. What did Jack imagine the barking dogs were saying to him at the animal shelter?
- a. I'm a good dog.
 - b. Me! Me! Choose me!**
 - c. Take me home with you!
20. Which part of the poem about visiting the animal shelter did Jack tell his teacher to leave off when she put it on the board?
- a. The dogs that are not chosen are killed.**
 - b. The first dog Jack wanted bit him.
 - c. Sky wouldn't come out of his cage for Jack.
21. Miss Stretchberry showed the class poems that were written in the shape of ____.
- a. A snake and a tree.
 - b. A banana and a dog
 - c. An apple and a house.**
22. What do the children do to stay safe when they play in the street in Jack's neighborhood?
- a. Shout 'car' when they see a car coming.**
 - b. Put a barrier up at the end of the street.
 - c. Only play during the day so they can be easily seen.
23. Describe Jack's house.
- a. Large and made out of bricks.
 - b. Small with a large tree in the yard.
 - c. White with a red door.**
24. How does Jack describe his street?
- a. Thin and quiet.**
 - b. Wide and noisy.
 - c. Long and curving.
25. Which was the first poem that Jack allowed his teacher to put his name on?
- a. The one about the blue car.
 - b. The one shaped like a dog.**
 - c. The one about getting Sky.
26. Why does Jack like the poem "Love That Boy"?
- a. His mother says "I love you" when he leaves for school.
 - b. The poem is about a boy and a dog.
 - c. He used to say "Hey there, Sky" to his dog.**
27. What did Jack take home from school without permission?
- a. Copies of poems written by the other students.
 - b. A book containing the poem "Love That Boy".**
 - c. Miss Stretchberry's computer.
28. How did a page get torn in the book containing the Walter Dean Meyers poem?
- a. Jack was trying to clean a spot off the page.**
 - b. Jack wanted to rip out the page and take it home.
 - c. Jack read it so many times he wore it out and it ripped.
29. Why doesn't Jack want the teacher to type up the secret poem he wrote about Sky?
- a. He thinks the poem is too sad.
 - b. He thinks the other students won't like it

- c. **He thinks Walter Dean Meyers wouldn't like him copying his words.**
30. Miss Stretchberry said Jack's poem was _____ Walter Dean Meyers' poem.
- Copied from
 - Inspired by.**
 - Better than.
31. What does Jack ask Walter Dean Meyers to do?
- Write a poem about Sky.
 - Give him advice on his poem.
 - Visit his school.**
32. Why might it take months for Walter Dean Meyers to answer Jack's letter?
- He receives thousands of letters each week.
 - The letter will be sent to his publisher and then forwarded to him.**
 - He is taking an extended vacation in Europe.
33. What does Miss Stretchberry teach Jack to use?
- A computer, so he can type his poems.**
 - A video camera, so he can tape the students reading their poems.
 - A guitar, so he can sing his poems.
34. Why was Walter Dean Meyers coming to Jack's town?
- He was coming for a book signing.
 - He was taking a vacation near-by.
 - He was visiting an old buddy.**
35. What was the date of Walter Dean Meyers visit to Jack's school?
- May 1
 - June 1**
 - June 7
36. What treat does Miss Stretchberry make for her class and Walter Dean Meyers?
- Chocolate chip cookies
 - Chocolate cake.
 - Chocolate brownies.**
37. What did Jack mail to Walter Dean Meyers after his visit?
- The poem he wrote about Sky.**
 - A package of brownies.
 - Copies of the students' poems.
38. How did Sky die?
- He was hit by a car.**
 - He chomped a poison fly.
 - He died of old age.
39. Who distracted Jack as the blue car came speeding down the street?
- His father had just gotten off the bus.**
 - His mother was calling him for dinner.
 - The other children were calling to him to throw the ball.