

Read the selection in your Student eBook and choose the best answer to each question.

Amigo Brothers

by Piri Thomas

- 1** The description of the friendship between Antonio and Felix in paragraphs 1 through 5 is important to the plot because it —
- A** shows how much they are alike
 - B** presents a challenge for the fight ahead
 - C** explains the importance of friendship
 - D** demonstrates that friends can fight
- 2** Which of these is an important idea expressed in the selection?
- A** A strong friendship cannot be broken by fair competition.
 - B** Close friendships cause people to leave their family.
 - C** Friends become like brothers when they compete fairly.
 - D** Friends who grow up together automatically become family.
- 3** Which phrase from paragraph 46 helps the reader understand the use of heavy in the paragraph's first sentence?
- A** *on his rooftop*
 - B** *a quick, clean knockout*
 - C** *gnawing doubt crept in*
 - D** *The night air was blurred*
- 4** Mark the box for each statement about the selection as True or False.

	True	False
Felix and Antonio act like brothers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A street gang causes Felix to fight.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Felix values winning over friendship.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Antonio leaves the ring angry at his	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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- 5** The description of Felix’s walk from the theatre to his aunt’s home was most likely included to —
- A** make the reader think that Felix was about to get into a fight
 - B** help the reader understand the environment in which Felix lived
 - C** frighten the reader with the possibility that Felix would not get home
 - D** impress the reader with how Felix handled a dangerous situation
- 6** The author includes some Spanish words throughout the selection most likely to —
- A** educate readers on specific terms
 - B** accommodate bilingual readers
 - C** use words that can’t be translated
 - D** add authenticity to the boys’ dialogue
- 7** The organizational pattern of the selection allows the author to —
- A** explain what happens in a boxing fight
 - B** break the bond of two characters who are alike
 - C** build suspense about the fight between amigos
 - D** describe what it is like to live in the city

8 Each statement is a fact about one or both of the main characters in “Amigo Brothers.” Mark the box for the appropriate character or both characters.

	Felix	Antonio	Both
Won two gold-plated medals from	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loves watching the movie <i>The</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can deliver a punch from a long reach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grew up on the lower east side of	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 How was Antonio’s and Felix’s friendship affected by the announcement that they would fight each other for the championship? Use examples from the selection to support your answer.

10 Explain the tone created by the author’s words and phrases in paragraphs 61-67. Use examples

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Answer Key: Amigo Brothers

Item Number	Correct Answer	B.E.S.T. Standards	Depth of Knowledge
1	B	ELA.7.R.1.1	3
2	A	ELA.7.R.1.2	3
3	C	ELA.7.V.1.3	2
4	Felix and Antonio . . . : True; A street . . . : False; Felix . . . : False; Antonio . . . : False	ELA.7.R.1.1	2
5	B	ELA.7.R.1.1	2
6	D	ELA.K12.EE.3.1	2
7	C	ELA.7.R.1.1	3
8	Won . . . : Both; Loves . . . : Felix; Can deliver . . . : Antonio; Grew up . . . : Both	ELA.7.R.1.1	2
9	The friendship between Antonio and Felix was initially challenged by the announcement that they would fight each other. The fight caused each friend to feel uncertain about how to prepare for and enter the fight without compromising their friendship. Each friend fought fair and square, and each fighter gave it his all. Ultimately, the fight strengthened their friendship, as “Arm in arm, the champions had already left the ring” before figuring out who won. They cared more about each other than winning.	ELA.7.R.1.1, ELA.K12.EE.1.1	2
10	The author creates a tone of excitement and anticipation in paragraphs 61-67. For example, the words “Bong, bong, bong. The roar turned to stillness” create a sense of anticipation for what is to come next in the story. When the announcer says, “Now the moment we have all been waiting for,” it emphasizes the excitement the audience and the reader feel about who will win the fight. And finally, “The cheering of the crowd shook the windowpanes of the old buildings surrounding Tompkins Square Park” illustrates the roar of excitement in the crowd. All of these contribute to the feeling of excitement and anticipation for the reader.	ELA.7.R.1.1, ELA.K12.EE.1.1	3