

# An Irish Immigrant Experience

**Directions:** Access the above book in Benchmark. After reading the book answer the following questions. You only need to read the first story in this book. Email me or screen shot your answers at [pakem@pwcs.edu](mailto:pakem@pwcs.edu) or 717-881-1980.

1. What had caused Pa to sell the family farm?

- a. They wanted to move to America.
- b. A fungus had killed all the potatoes.
- c. Pa wanted to work for a newspaper.
- d. Ma did not want to help run the farm any longer.

2. What is a good summary for page 8?

- a. After a long, horrible trip to American, it was difficult to find a place to live in the crowded city.
- b. People became ill on the crowded ship headed for America.
- c. Landlords had to divided rooms up to fit all of the Irish immigrants.
- d. It was difficult for the Irish to find jobs in Boston.

3. All of the following are effects of having no schools except...

- a. Brian would one day become a policeman.
- b. Brian had to do his lessons with a stick in the dirt.
- c. Ma had to teach Brian reading.
- d. Brian learned math at home.

4. Based on page 10, we can infer that the rich boy was no longer afraid because...

- a. He noticed Brian was poor.
- b. He noticed his servant watching from the window.
- c. He knew his dog could protect him.
- d. Brian looked weak.

5. Which of the following quotes shows Brian was angry when he was talking to the rich kid?

- a. "I thought about my da carrying wood and nails."
- b. "One day Boston will have an Irish president."
- c. "My blood was boiling."
- d. "My grandfather said you lazy Irish are going to ruin Boston."

6. What clue on page 12 tell you that Brian is proud?

- a. "I could not bear it anymore; I turned and calmly walked away. I had no ham, but I still had my pride."
- b. "He looked down at my face, streaked with dirt and frozen tears."
- c. "My body cried out for me to eat the ham."
- d. "I knew exactly what to do. That Christmas Eve we ate ham."