

RED RISING // FULL-NOVEL ASSESSMENT

COMPREHENSION, POWER, IDENTITY + ANALYSIS

Name: _____ Period: _____ Date: _____

PART I // MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Darrow's early identity is most strongly built around -
 - A. survival, work, family, and his assigned role
 - B. political leadership
 - C. military rank
 - D. social mobility

2. The Laurel primarily helps maintain control by -
 - A. eliminating competition
 - B. making clans compete within a system they do not control
 - C. giving every clan equal resources
 - D. allowing Reds to choose leaders

3. Eo's challenge to Darrow centers on the difference between -
 - A. wealth and poverty
 - B. survival and freedom
 - C. youth and age
 - D. work and leisure

4. The revelation about the Society changes Darrow because it -
 - A. confirms the story he already believed
 - B. exposes that his worldview was built on controlled information
 - C. gives him immediate political authority
 - D. ends his grief

5. Darrow's physical transformation most clearly demonstrates that the Society -
 - A. treats appearance and biology as markers of social worth
 - B. ignores caste differences
 - C. values Reds over Golds
 - D. allows free movement between Colors

6. Darrow's mission requires him to manage -
 - A. only physical danger
 - B. a public identity and a hidden identity simultaneously
 - C. a legal election
 - D. a mining clan

7. The Institute functions as a smaller model of the Society because it -
 - A. removes hierarchy
 - B. rewards competition, domination, status, and strategic power
 - C. prevents violence

D. gives equal outcomes

8. Darrow increasingly learns that durable leadership depends on -

- A. force alone
- B. relationships, perception, strategy, and loyalty as well as force
- C. avoiding alliances
- D. hiding from rivals

9. Darrow's Red background can become an advantage because it gives him -

- A. guaranteed authority
- B. experiences and assumptions different from those of elite Golds
- C. legal immunity
- D. more wealth

10. A central danger of Darrow's disguise is that -

- A. no one notices him
- B. performing Gold identity can affect his relationships and sense of self
- C. he forgets how to speak
- D. the Institute has no hierarchy

11. Scarcity at the Institute often functions as -

- A. entertainment only
- B. a mechanism that shapes behavior and power
- C. proof of equality
- D. a reward for cooperation

12. The novel repeatedly connects information with power because -

- A. characters act differently depending on what they know or are allowed to know
- B. information never changes decisions
- C. only Golds can read
- D. secrecy disappears

13. Which statement best captures Darrow's leadership development?

- A. He stops making difficult choices
- B. He moves from individual skill toward influencing groups and systems
- C. He becomes less strategic
- D. He rejects all relationships

14. Darrow's success creates moral tension because -

- A. effective methods can resemble the power structures he opposes
- B. he never needs to deceive anyone
- C. every victory is harmless
- D. the Society immediately changes

15. The novel's identity conflict is best described as -

- A. Darrow choosing a new hobby
 - B. tension between assigned identity, performed identity, and internal identity
 - C. a simple costume change
 - D. a conflict only about age
16. Eo's influence remains important because -
- A. her challenge becomes part of the purpose Darrow carries forward
 - B. Darrow forgets her immediately
 - C. she becomes a Gold
 - D. she controls the Institute
17. Relationships matter strategically because -
- A. trust and loyalty can produce forms of power force cannot
 - B. allies never affect outcomes
 - C. the Institute forbids cooperation
 - D. Darrow works entirely alone
18. By the end, Darrow's view of rebellion is more complex because -
- A. he has experienced the compromises involved in gaining power
 - B. he believes nothing has changed
 - C. he rejects strategy
 - D. he returns to mining
19. Which theme develops most consistently across the novel?
- A. Power changes only institutions, never people
 - B. Challenging a system can require using tools that also threaten the challenger's identity and values
 - C. Social class has no effect on identity
 - D. Truth is less important than physical strength
20. The strongest full-novel comparison is between -
- A. Darrow's early acceptance of his assigned world and his later strategic understanding of the system
 - B. two identical versions of Darrow
 - C. mining and farming
 - D. Mars and Earth weather

PART II // SHORT RESPONSE

21. Explain how controlled information helps keep the Reds obedient early in the novel. Use two details.
22. Explain how Darrow's transformation changes both his opportunities and his identity conflict.
23. Compare coercive power with relational/social power at the Institute. Give one example of each and explain which produces a more durable result.
24. Explain one way Darrow's methods begin to resemble the system he wants to challenge. Why does that create tension?
25. Trace one relationship across at least two different parts of the novel. Explain how power, secrecy, loyalty, or competition changes it.

PART III // DEVELOPED ANALYSIS

26. Across the novel, does Darrow gain power without losing part of himself? Write a developed response that does not reduce the question to a simple yes/no. Use at least four event references from different parts of the novel and address both what Darrow gains and what the mission costs him.