

## **War of the Wall** by Toni Cade Bambara

Read each of the following questions. Then choose the letter of the best answer.

**1. What is the first reaction of the narrator and Lou when they see the painter lady at the wall?**

- A. They tell her to go away and leave their wall alone.
- B. They decide they want to help her paint.
- C. They demand that she get Mr. Eubanks' permission to paint the wall.
- D. They want to play handball against the wall.

**2. Mama thinks the painter lady's reason for painting the wall is to:**

- A. improve the look of the town
- B. draw attention to her art
- C. make a good impression on the town
- D. earn money for her artwork

**3. Why does the painter include portraits of local people along with famous African-American heroes?**

- A. She wants to prove that she can paint many different faces.
- B. This is her way of showing how she feels about her cousin's friends.
- C. She needs to add more people in order to fill the entire wall.
- D. It is the only way she knows to get the people to like her.

**4. Everyone is impressed by the mural wall because:**

- A. the artist did not charge a lot of money for her work
- B. the people in the painting are very realistic
- C. they realize that the painter is paying tribute to them
- D. they appreciate the work that the painter put into the mural

**5. Which is the theme of the story?**

- A. Heritage is a strong source of pride
- B. Friendship is an important part of life.
- C. Personal sacrifice builds character.
- D. Art helps make life more pleasant.

**Vocabulary:**

Choose the answer that best explains the meaning of each underlined word.

**6. Beckon means to**

- A. draw
- B. respond
- C. overlook
- D. summon

**7. A masterpiece is a**

- A. great art work
- B. famous artist
- C. tourist location
- D. scientific discovery

**8. Which is a trance?**

- A. trail
- B. daydream
- C. record
- D. dance

**9. An aroma appeals to the sense of**

- A. taste
- B. smell
- C. touch
- D. sight

**10. An inscription is**

- A. erased
- B. colored
- C. engraved
- D. signed

**Written Response**

*Short Response Answer the following questions based on your knowledge of the story.*

- 11. Identify two people or things in the mural.
- 12. Explain how Lou and the narrator change during the story. Give one example from the story to support your answer.

**Extended Response Answer one of the following questions based on your knowledge of the story. Write one or two paragraphs.**

- 13. Explain why the painter lady makes the mural. Give one example from the story to support your answer.
- 14. Challenge Tell why the ending of the story is believable. Give two examples from the story to support your answer.