

UIL LISTENING CONTEST – GRADES 7-8  
SPRING DISTRICT 2005-2006

***Joseph Pulitzer: the Man Behind the Prize***

1. Which army *accepted* Joseph Pulitzer for enlistment?  
A. French Foreign Legion                      C. British Army  
B. Austrian Army                                  D. U.S. Army
2. A main idea of this script is that  
A. Pulitzer's poor health kept him from pursuing a military career.  
B. Pulitzer believed strongly in the importance of well-trained journalists.  
C. learning the English language was difficult for Joseph Pulitzer.  
D. reporters should fabricate stories in order to boost the circulation of newspapers.
3. The U.S. battleship *Maine* exploded and sank in the harbor at \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The reason Pulitzer and his wife went to New York in 1883 was  
A. for Pulitzer to take a seat in the New York legislature.  
B. to board a boat for a European vacation.  
C. to break the record time for traveling around the world.  
D. to purchase *The New York World* newspaper.
5. A reasonable conclusion that can be drawn from this script is that  
A. Pulitzer really wanted to be a politician.  
B. sensationalism in journalism did not increase the circulation of *The New York World*.  
C. "yellow journalism" complies with Pulitzer's ideas of excellence.  
D. investigative reporting has been an important part of social reform.
6. Pulitzer Prizes were first awarded on  
A. April 10, 1847.                                  C. February 16, 1898.  
B. June 4, 1917.                                  D. October 29, 1911.
7. Pulitzer obtained his first job in journalism in  
A. 1872.    C. 1868.  
B. 1866.    D. 1874.
8. Which of the following statements expresses an opinion?  
A. Joseph Pulitzer was a licensed lawyer.  
B. The character The Yellow Kid was very popular with the public.  
C. Pulitzer began his journalism career at a German-language newspaper.  
D. Pulitzer's health would have improved if he had retired from journalism.

9. The editor who gave Pulitzer his first job in journalism was  
A. Carl Schurtz  
B. Jay Gould  
C. J. P. Morgan  
D. William Randolph Hearst
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10. Which of the following papers was *not* owned by Joseph Pulitzer?  
A. *The St. Louis Post Dispatch*  
B. *The New York World*  
C. *The Pittsburg Dispatch*  
D. *The Evening World*
11. The word "incentive," used in this script, means  
A. reason to do well.  
B. obstacle to success.  
C. additional recognition.  
D. test of abilities.
12. Pulitzer withdrew as editor and left the newsroom in  
A. 1896.  
B. 1890.  
C. 1885.  
D. 1904.
13. In 1909, *The New York World* reported on a \$40 million fraudulent payment made to the \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Which of these lists of events is arranged in the correct chronological order, from earliest to latest?  
A. Pulitzer learned to speak English; he enlisted in the U.S. Army; he purchased *The St. Louis Dispatch*.  
B. Pulitzer was elected to Congress in New York; he was admitted to the bar in Washington, D.C.; he was indicted for criminal libel by Congress.  
C. Pulitzer bought *The New York World*; he hired reporter Nellie Bly; he hired cartoonist Richard Outcault.  
D. Pulitzer wrote his will; the report on the French Panama Canal Company was published; the Columbia University School of Journalism was established.
15. The Mercantile Library was located in which city?  
A. St. Louis  
B. Washington, D.C.  
C. Boston  
D. New York

**True/False**

16. Pulitzer bought *The New York World* from Jay Gould for \$2,700.
17. Pulitzer was credited with a huge victory for freedom of the press after federal libel indictments were dismissed by the court.
18. Joseph Pulitzer was educated in public schools in Budapest, Hungary.

19. Pulitzer used special soundproofed rooms for years because of an extreme sensitivity to sound.

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20. *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch* began when Pulitzer combined *The St. Louis Dispatch* and *The Westliche Post*.
21. The cartoonist Richard Outcault created The Yellow Kid for *The New York Journal*.
22. The guidelines for the Pulitzer Prize Board are flexible enough to allow for changes over time.
23. Pulitzer gave up journalism during the years that he practiced law in New York.
24. Joseph Pulitzer claimed to have started the Spanish-American War.
25. Nellie Bly sometimes went undercover in doing research for her investigative reporting articles.