1. The author, William Goldman, says that The Princess Bride is his favorite book in all the world, although he's never read it. How is this possible?
   a. He saw the movie and loved it.
   b. His father wrote it for him when he was a boy.
   ➔ c. His father read it to him when he was a boy.
   d. His grandfather read it to him when he was a boy.

2. How is Goldman's profession ironic?
   ➔ a. He is a writer who hated reading as a child.
   b. He is a screenwriter who hates movies.
   c. He abridges books for a living.
   d. He hates fairy tales.

3. Why is the author so unhappy in the prologue?
   ➔ a. His wife is cold and his son is a blimp; he thought he'd be doing better at this point in his life.
   b. He just lost The Stepford Wives screenwriting job.
   c. Sandy Sterling left him.
   d. He almost forgot about the Morgenstern book for his son's birthday.

4. At what age does Buttercup become the most beautiful woman in the world?
   a. At birth
   b. At age 16
   ➔ c. At age 18
   d. At age 26

5. Buttercup was somewhat interested in boys when she was growing up.
   a. True ➔ b. False

6. Why does Buttercup treat Westley so badly after the visit from the Count and Countess?
   a. She is angry because her horse didn't look its best for the visit.
   b. She is jealous of the Countess's fine clothes.
   c. She always treated Westley badly; this was no different.
   ➔ d. She was jealous of the Countess's attention to Westley, and Westley's attention to the Countess.

7. When Westley replied to Buttercup's requests with "As you wish," that is not what he was really saying.
   What was it?
   a. As you wish
   ➔ b. I love you
   c. Do it yourself
   d. Right away

8. Buttercup vowed to never love again when she heard that Westley had been captured by
   a. Prince Humperdinck
   b. Count Rugen
   ➔ c. The Dread Pirate Roberts
   d. Vizzini, Fezzik, and Inigo

9. Prince Humperdinck can best be described as looking
   ➔ a. like a barrel
   b. tall and handsome
   c. short and not so handsome
   d. like a crab
**Choose all that apply:**

10. Evidence that Prince Humperdinck is shallow:
- a. His only concern when told his father was dying was that he'd have to get married.
- b. He enjoyed killing animals in the Zoo of Death, where there is no sport in hunting.
- c. He refused to marry Princess Noreena because she was bald.
- d. He wanted a wife who was so beautiful that it would make people think he must be a pretty amazing man.

**Choose all that apply:**

11. Evidence that Prince Humperdinck is cruel:
- a. His only concern when told his father was dying was that he'd have to get married.
- b. He enjoyed killing animals in the Zoo of Death, where there is no sport in hunting.
- c. He refused to marry Princess Noreena because she was bald.
- d. He wanted a wife who was so beautiful that it would make people think he must be a pretty amazing man.

12. Prince Humperdinck courted Buttercup by confronting her and saying, "I am your Prince and you will marry me."

- a. True
- b. False

13. Buttercup responded by saying, "Yes, I will marry you, my Prince."

- a. True
- b. False

14. The Sicilian Crowd was hired to
- a. kidnap the Princess, making it look like Guilder had done it.
- b. foil the Dread Pirate Roberts’ plans to kidnap the Princess.
- c. kidnap and kill the Princess, making it look like Guilder had done it.
- d. bring the Princess back from the Guilder front alive for her wedding.

15. "Morgenstern" uses a common literary device to tell us about Inigo's and Fezzik's childhoods.
- What is it?
  - a. hyperbole
  - b. flashback
  - c. sarcasm
  - d. characterization

16. Why is it important for the reader to know about Inigo's and Fezzik's childhoods?
- a. So the reader will understand how unfair the things they suffer are.
- b. So the reader will feel a greater closeness to them through the rest of the book.
- c. So the reader will look at them with more respect.
- d. So the reader will understand what motivates them through the rest of the book.

17. When the man in black duels with Inigo and wrestles Fezzik, he beats them both but does not kill them. What can you assume from this?
- a. The man in black is a coward.
- b. The man in black is not really that strong.
- c. The man in black is compassionate and not interested in killing for killing's sake.
- d. The man in black lost his nerve and can't kill these two men.

18. Buttercup finally realizes that the man in black is her dear, beloved Westley when

- a. he says "As you wish" after he hits the bottom of the ravine.
- b. she tears of his mask before pushing him down the ravine.
- c. she recognizes his eyes, which are like the sea before a storm.
- d. he tells her who he is.
19. Who is The Dread Pirate Roberts?
   a. Felix Raymond Ryan, of Boodle, outside Liverpool
   b. Westley
   c. Cummerbund
   ➔ d. all the above

20. How did Westley survive being captured by the Dread Pirate Roberts, who never took prisoners?
   a. He asked, "Please."
   b. He begged for his life and offered anything Roberts he wanted.
   c. He described Buttercup's beauty.
   ➔ d. Both a and c.

21. After Westley kept her safe from the flames in the Fire Swamp, rescued her from Snow Sand, and was chewed on by Rodents of Unusual Size, Buttercup thanks Westley by
   a. marrying him as soon as they make it out of the Fire Swamp.
   b. giving him safe passage to his pirate ship, The Revenge.
   c. telling him she can live without love and leaving him at the edge of the Fire Swamp.
   ➔ d. sending him to the Zoo of Death Count Rugen.

22. What is the deal that the Prince strikes with Buttercup when she tell him that she has realized that she loves Westley and will kill herself if she has to marry Humperdinck?
   a. He agrees to call off the wedding.
   b. He sends his four fastest ships to hunt down and kill Westley.
   ➔ c. He agrees to send his four fastest ships with letters from Buttercup to find Westley.
   d. He agrees wait for four months for the wedding.

23. Why did the Prince help Buttercup with the letter to Westley?
   ➔ a. He was fishing for information that would help Rugen torture Westley.
   b. He wanted to help Buttercup write the letter because she wasn't very smart.
   c. He wanted to assure that the letter said what HE wanted it to say.
   d. He knew the letter would never get to Westley anyway.

24. Why did Humperdinck insist on having the Thieves Quarter cleared before the wedding?
   a. He thought that the threat to the Princess's life would come from someone there.
   b. He wanted the Thieves Quarter to be clean for the wedding.
   ➔ c. He didn't want any of his subjects to be able to say that the Princess was murdered by a thug in the Thieves Quarter
   d. He knew that's where the Guilder spies were hiding.

25. Choose all that apply:
   Why does Prince Humperdinck kill Westley?
   ➔ a. Because Buttercup truly loves Westley.
   b. He's jealous of Westley.
   c. To break Buttercup's heart.
   d. To make sure that Westley never bothers them again.

26. Why do Inigo and Fezzik need to find the man in black?
   ➔ a. They need his planning abilities to be able to find the Six-Fingered Man for Inigo.
   b. They need his sword-fighting ability to fight Count Rugen.
   c. They need his sword-fighting ability to fight their way into the castle.
   d. They want revenge for what he did to them on the Guilder Plain.
27. **Choose all that apply:**
   Why was Inigo worried when Fezzik was "frightened to pieces" in the Zoo of Death?
   a. Fezzik has never shown fear before.
   ➞ b. Inigo is already afraid. If they're both afraid, they might not do well in a crisis.
   ➞ c. Inigo is astonished that a man as big and strong as Fezzik would be afraid.
   ➞ d. Fezzik is really just a softie and Inigo is worried that his friend will faint.

28. **Choose all that apply:**
   Together, Fezzik and Inigo defeat
   ➞ a. a snake
   ➞ b. a hippo
   ➞ c. bats
   ➞ d. a spider

29. Miracle Max claimed that Westley said he needed to come back "to bluff," when Westley actually said "True love." Why did Max say this?
   ➞ a. It had been 3 years since he worked and he was afraid that he wouldn't be able to work the miracle.
   ➞ b. He didn't hear Westley correctly; working with the bellows was not an exact science.
   ➞ c. He didn't want to do the work because it was late at night.
   ➞ d. Inigo and Fezzik didn't have enough money.

30. Miracle Max has a change of heart and decides to take the case. What changes his mind?
   a. True love is the best thing in the world, except for cough drops.
   ➞ b. His wife Valerie shames him into doing it.
   ➞ c. He learns that if Westley lives, Humperdinck will suffer.
   ➞ d. He can't pass up the money Fezzik offers him.

31. Inigo wants to give Westley the Resurrection Pill at 10 after 5:00 so that they can stop the wedding before it takes place at 6:00. What's wrong with this plan?
   ➞ a. The Resurrection Pill will only last for 40 minutes, not 60 like they thought.
   ➞ b. The Prince has moved the wedding back to 5:30.
   ➞ c. The Resurrection Pill takes at least a half hour to take effect.
   ➞ d. Miracle Max has gotten the formula wrong and the Resurrection Pill won't even work.

32. Yellin resigned as Chief of All Enforcement because the Prince no longer needs him.
   ➞ a. True
   ➞ b. False

33. The Prince moved up the time of the wedding because he thought that the Guilderians might actually be plotting an attack.
   ➞ a. True
   ➞ b. False

34. Westley doesn't make it in time to stop the wedding because
   ➞ a. he's very confused after being mostly dead for a few hours.
   ➞ b. the wedding time was moved up by Humperdinck and he didn't know it.
   ➞ c. the Resurrection Pill didn’t work as planned.
   ➞ d. All the above.

35. Both Fezzik and Buttercup do something amazing at the end of this book. What is it?
   ➞ a. They both become brave.
   ➞ b. They both defy the people who mean the most to them (Inigo and Westley.)
   ➞ c. They both think for themselves.
   ➞ d. They both rescue the other from harm.
THE PRINCESS BRIDE FINAL TEST
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Vocabulary Matching

36. Baffled AB a. Characterized by longing or yearning
37. Impetuous AD b. Not based on reason or evidence but on personal convenience
38. Quibble CD c. To irritate, annoy, or provoke
39. Ruthless BC d. Extraordinary in size, amount, extent, or degree
40. Wistful A e. A stupid, insensitive person
41. Abridge AE ab. Confused, bewildered
42. Arbitrary B ac. A close friend or associate to whom secrets are confided
43. Relentless DE ad. Sudden or rash action or emotion
44. Taunt BE ae. To shorten something by leaving out some parts
45. Undaunted CE bc. Cruel and merciless
46. Dullard E bd. To oppose successfully
47. Vex C be. To jeer or mock in a cruel way
48. Confidant AC cd. To argue about trivial matters
49. Prodigious D ce. Not intimidated or discouraged by difficulty
50. Thwart BD de. Continuing without becoming weaker or less severe, or letting up intensity

Answer all the following on a separate sheet of paper. Don't forget to put your name on it!
Five Points Each

51. Explain how The Princess Bride is a frame narrative.
   It is a story within a story. The frame is about William Goldman: his dissatisfaction with his life, and the
   story of how he came to love literature and become a writer. The "picture inside the frame" is
   the abridged version of The Princess Bride.

52. What are the two themes of this book?
   The main theme is "Life is not fair, but knowing that prepares you for it," and the other is that reading can
   and should be fun or pleasurable.

53. List as many events or instances as you can think of that illustrate the major theme of the book.
   1. William Goldman has a life that should be terrific, but his wife is cold and his son is a
      disappointment.
   2. Buttercup's true love is taken from her (Westley's ship is captured by the Dread Pirate Roberts.)
   3. Inigo loses his father at a young age.
   4. Inigo spends 20 years trying to avenge his father's death but can't find the 6-fingered man.
   5. Buttercup leaves Westley at the Fire Swamp after he's risked his life numerous times for her.
   6. Count Rugen spends years developing The Machine and finds the perfect torture subject
      (Westley) only to have the Prince kill Westley quickly.
   7. We don't know for certain that the main characters had a happy ending.

54. List at least two examples of direct characterization in this novel.
   The narrator tells us what the Prince looks like, and what type of person he is. The narrator
   also tells us what Fezzik looks like, and what motivates him through the rest of the book.
   (There are many more examples - these are just two.)
55. Which characters in The Princess Bride are archetypes? How do they fit the archetype?

Westley is the archetype of a hero: he is strong and handsome, and cannot be defeated, not even by death.

Fezzik is the archetype of a sidekick or a buddy: he is lost without Inigo, and follows Inigo's instructions.

Buttercup is the archetype of The Fair Maiden or Damsel in Distress: she's the most beautiful woman in the world and must be rescued from an evil Prince.

Either the Prince or Rugen would fit the archetype of a villain. They're both evil, they scheme and lie to get what they want, and they don't care who they hurt in the process. The Count enjoys inflicting pain and the Prince enjoys killing.