

LISTENING LESSON:

Answer these questions to the best of your ability based on what you just heard from Books Through Bars passage.

1. Why do people in prison have books sent to them?

A People in prison have books sent to them because stores are looking to get rid of their extra books.

B People in prison have books sent to them because some prisons have no libraries and others have only poorly stocked ones.

C People in prison have books sent to them because judges order them to read in prison.

D People in prison have books sent to them because they have to go to school while they are in prison.

2. The group Books Through Bars was started to address what problem?

A Books Through Bars had too many books and needed to make space.

B Books Through Bars needed to find a way to teach inmates the group's political ideas.

C Prisoners who wanted to read often had no access to books.

D Prisoners were threatening the security of prisons after reading controversial books.

3. Books Through Bars gets thousands of letters from people in prison around the country requesting books. Based on this evidence, what conclusion can be drawn?

A The wardens make them write letters as part of their sentence.

B People in prison are bored and will write to anybody.

C The organization can help people get out of jail.

D Prisons often don't have enough books for prisoners who want to read.

4. Read the following sentence from the text: "I would like to thank you in advance for this service, and it should be known that you are making a profound difference in people's lives who are already in a situation where despair and boredom are constant companions." Based on the evidence in this sentence, how was the letter writer feeling?

A grateful

B annoyed

C confused

D surprised

5. What is the main idea of this passage?

- A Judges should order prisoners to read as part of their sentences
- B Even people who commit crimes deserve the opportunity to read.
- C People who commit crimes are too dangerous to read books.
- D Books Through Bars does not believe in jailing people when they commit crimes.

6. Read the following sentences: “When people are sent to prison, they are deprived of many things: their freedom, the company of their friends and family, and many of the daily comforts they have enjoyed for most of their lives.” As used in the passage, what does the word “deprived” mean?

- A permitted
- B given
- C denied
- D encouraged

7. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence below.

The organization Books Through Bars sends books to prisoners _____ prisons often don't have libraries, or have small libraries.

- A although
- B before
- C yet
- D because

8. Why did a group of people in Brooklyn, New York start the organization Books Through Bars?

- A They believe that inmates should not be deprived of literature, regardless of the crime that they committed.
- B They need something to do in their spare time so they got together and started helping others.
- C They had a lot of books donated by people and nothing to do with them so they came up with this idea.
- D Lots of inmates were asking for books and they felt they needed to address their wants since they were in prison.

9. Why would prison officials have the right to deny a certain book for an inmate?

A Because the inmate has not behaved.

B Because the inmate is in solitary confinement.

C Because the book may seem dangerous or undermine the prisoner's rehabilitation.

D Because prison officials have the right to make decisions as they choose.

10. Which statement would explain how Books Through Bars has impacted the lives of prisoners in a positive way by using information from the passage?

A "When I get out of prison, I am going to work in a library."

B "I spend 23 hours a day in a cell," he writes, "and to keep the reality of this place in check and to maintain a bit of sanity in this dark place, I submerge myself in a world of books."

C "I am real interested in the history of my great ancestors."

D "I need a dictionary so I can spell words right to write my letter to get out of this awful place."

When you are finished, make sure your name is at the top of your paper.

Afterwards, click on this website and **READ**. <http://booksthroughbars.org/>

BE sure you read about how to donate and under learn: education vs. incarceration.

Answer these next questions by writing complete sentences.

W1. Where is Books Through Bars based? (city, state)

W2. What is a synonym for the word incarcerated?

W3. Where can you drop off books?

W4. Can you donate children's books?

W5. Complete this sentence.

The state of California has increased spending on prisons and correctional programs....

W6. How many in 10 young male high school dropouts are imprisoned?

W7. What percent of prisoners did not complete high school?

W8. Can you request a book to be sent to a friend of yours who is in a prison in the state of Missouri? Provide evidence for your answer.

W9. When and where do the volunteers meet in Philadelphia to package the books for the prisoners?

W10. Write a summary about how Books Through Bars began. The summary should be at least 5 sentences with details of WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, and HOW.