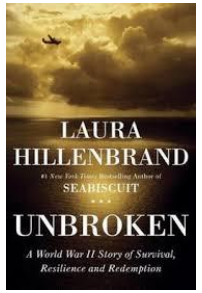


Name _____ Practice Text: Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand – TDQs

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Directions: Read “The Greatest Runner of All Time.” Then answer questions 1-5. Use evidence from the text to support your thinking.



“The Greatest Runner of All Time”

First one person stood up and then another and another. Someone in the crowd began to applaud, and soon everyone else joined in as Glenn Cunningham made his final lap around the track. He was about to break a world record in the mile. As he made his victory lap around the track, one might wonder how he could walk, much less run.

In 1916, when Glenn was seven years old, his legs were so badly burned in a fire that his doctor thought he would never walk again. But Glenn thought otherwise. After spending weeks in bed he got up and started using crutches to get around. When his legs got stronger, he tried walking without the crutches but it was very painful. Glenn would say later, “It hurt like thunder to walk, but it didn’t hurt at all when I ran. So for five or six years, about all I did was run.”

With all the practice he had running, it was natural for Glenn to join his school’s track team. While he was in high school, he became a track star and set record times in the mile run. After he graduated high school he went to the University of Kansas. Glenn Cunningham became known as “The Kansas Flyer,” and he won the National College Amateur Track championships in 1931 and 1932.

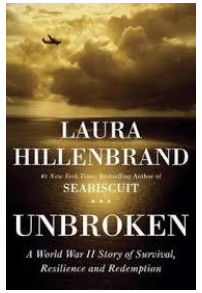
Glenn went on to run on the U.S. Olympic Team in 1932, received the Sullivan Award for outstanding amateur athletes in 1933, and won a silver medal in the 1936 Olympic games. The boy who was never supposed to walk again won two National College Amateur Athlete titles in track, was named the most outstanding track performer in the 100-year history of Madison Square Garden in 1978, and was inducted into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1979.

It was never easy for Glenn. It took him nearly an hour to prepare for a race. But he never let that stop him or slow him down. He ran just as hard as he could with his bruised lungs and scarred legs and he won. So if determination and spirit lead a runner to greatness, one could say that Glenn Cunningham was the greatest runner of all time.

Name _____ **“The Greatest Runner of All Time” – MCQs**

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Directions: Read “The Greatest Runner of All Time.” Then answer questions 1-4. Use evidence from the text to support your thinking.



1. Re-read this statement from the passage:

“It hurt like thunder to walk, but it didn’t hurt at all when I ran.”

The phrase “it hurt like thunder” MOST LIKELY means

- (A) Glenn ran very quickly wherever he went.
- (B) Glenn crashed into things when he walked.
- (C) Glenn was in great pain when he walked.
- (D) Glenn was afraid of walking to places.

2. Re-read this sentence from the passage:

“The boy who was never supposed to walk again won two National College Amateur Athlete titles in track, was named the most outstanding track performer in the 100-year history of Madison Square Garden in 1978, and was inducted into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1979.”

Which of these words MOST LIKELY means the same as ***inducted***?

- (A) visited
- (B) rejected
- (C) imitated
- (D) accepted

3. Why does the author refer to Glenn Cunningham as the “greatest runner of all time”? Be sure to use one (1) piece of evidence from the text to support your thinking.



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4. What is one word that could describe Glenn Cunningham? Explain why. Be sure to use one (1) piece of evidence from the text to support your thinking.



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