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MC Protocol **MODEL**


Question 19: I thought the answer was A, but it was actually B.

Stem: In the context of the passage, _____ means...

 The STEPS needed to find the correct answer are clearly explained.

Stem Steps: First I have to **read the passage**, paying particular attention to the **context clues** near the words I am being asked to interpret. Then I need to **look for the word that makes sense in the context** of the sentence. I can do this by **plugging the answer choices into the sentence itself**. If I am still unsure I can use **process of elimination**.

Why not A: Although choice A makes sense in the sentence—"fettlers and headsmen" were cruel, it is not the best choice in the context. There are context clues that point to a **better, more precise interpretation**.

 Explains WHY the answer choice is wrong.

Why B: In the context of the sentence "**crude**" is the best interpretation of "**coarse**" for multiple reasons. First, there is the denotative meaning; the word coarse itself means rough or roughly made which is similar to one meaning of crude. But the main clue to the best interpretation is in the second half of sentence in the phrase "**but the civilization.**" "**But**" denotes a contrast or change in the direction of the idea and civilization" is the opposite of "crude" not cruel. Thus the best answer is B, crude.



Both the "Why Not" and the "Why" sections include quotes from the text in their explanations.



Explains WHY the answer choice is correct.