

Heart of a Servant: The Father Flanagan Story

Elementary School Assessment

Select the best answer for each question.

1. Why did Father Flanagan decide to start Boys Town?

- ☐ He wanted to become famous and well-known
 - ☐ The Church told him he had to start a new organization
 - ☐ He was tired of helping adults and wanted to work only with children
 - ☐ He saw homeless and troubled boys on the streets who needed help and a safe place to live
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2. What does the phrase 'There is no such thing as a bad boy' mean based on Father Flanagan's beliefs?

- ☐ Bad boys should be punished severely without any help
 - ☐ Every boy has the potential to be good if given love, support, and proper guidance
 - ☐ All boys are perfect and never make mistakes
 - ☐ Boys who do wrong things are born evil and cannot change
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3. How did Father Flanagan's approach to helping troubled boys differ from other methods used during his time?

- ☐ He refused to teach the boys any skills or education
 - ☐ He focused on understanding the boys' problems and helping them develop as good people
 - ☐ He sent all difficult boys away without trying to help them
 - ☐ He believed in punishment and strict discipline only
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4. What was one major challenge Father Flanagan faced when building Boys Town?

- ☐ The boys refused to work or learn anything
 - ☐ He struggled to find funding and support for his vision
 - ☐ He had unlimited money and resources from the start
 - ☐ The government forced him to close the organization immediately
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5. Which of the following best explains why Father Flanagan's work was considered revolutionary for his time?

- ☐ He refused to teach religion to any of the boys

- ☐ He was the first person to ever help children
 - ☒ He challenged the belief that troubled boys were hopeless
 - ☐ He invented a new type of building material
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6. What can we learn from Father Flanagan's life about helping others who are struggling?

- ☐ Helping others is too difficult and not worth trying
 - ☐ Only wealthy people can help those in need
 - ☐ It is best to ignore people who have problems
 - ☒ One person's dedication and compassion can make a real difference in many lives
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7. How did Father Flanagan show his faith through his actions rather than just his words?

- ☒ He spent his life creating a safe home and opportunities for boys who had nowhere else to go
 - ☐ He only prayed and did not take any real action
 - ☐ He talked about helping people but never actually did anything
 - ☐ He helped only the people who were already wealthy
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8. What does Father Flanagan's story teach us about judging people based on their past mistakes?

- ☐ Once someone makes a mistake, they can never be good
 - ☒ People deserve a second chance and the opportunity to improve themselves
 - ☐ We should judge people harshly for any mistake they make
 - ☐ It is impossible for people to change their behavior
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9. Why was it important that Father Flanagan provided education and job training at Boys Town?

- ☐ Education and training were not important to his mission
 - ☐ He wanted to keep the boys busy with no real purpose
 - ☐ He was forced by the government to provide these services
 - ☒ He believed that giving boys skills and knowledge would help them build better futures for themselves
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10. How did Father Flanagan's compassion influence the boys who came to Boys Town?

- ☐ The boys left Boys Town immediately because they did not want help
- ☒ The boys felt valued and believed in themselves, which helped them succeed in life
- ☐ The boys became angry and refused to cooperate
- ☐ Compassion had no effect on the boys at all