NC of Note-Study Guide (student edition)

Bellamy Young

1. Who are the main characters in “Scandal?”
   A. Cyrus and Mellie
   B. Fitz and Mellie
   C. Fitz and Olivia
   D. Olivia and Mellie

2. Where was Bellamy Young born?
   A. Asheville
   B. Durham
   C. Greensboro
   D. Wilmington

3. How does the online newspaper, The Huffington Post, describe Young, according to the profile?
   A. manipulative
   B. scene stealer
   C. political fixer
   D. convincing drunk

4. According to the story, what makes Mellie a complex character?
   A. She shows many sides.
   B. She speaks with a Southern drawl.
   C. She displays both anger and humility.
   D. She’s in a Romeo and Juliet-style romance.

5. How was Mellie’s character treated when “Scandal” first started?
   A. She was written into three episodes.
   B. She was left out of important scenes.
   C. She appeared alongside Jeff Perry’s Cyrus Beene.
   D. She became a permanent obstacle to the love affair.

6. According to critic Ryan McGee, what do viewers feel for Mellie?
   A. anger
   B. empathy
   C. loyalty
   D. sympathy
7. How did Mellie respond when Olivia lived through an explosion?
   A. She celebrates that Olivia survived.
   B. She is angered by Olivia’s surviving.
   C. She tells the press about the love affair.
   D. She gets drunk to celebrate the explosion.

8. How does she view North Carolina?
   A. She avoids using Southern accents.
   B. She remembers childhood trips and picnics.
   C. She supports her husband’s political career in NC.
   D. She plans to make California her permanent home.

9. What heading best fits in the circle above, based on the profile about Bellamy Young?
   A. California home
   B. Hollywood script
   C. Southern roots
   D. New York plays
10. What trait does Young say she and the TV-character have in common?
   A. faith
   B. hope
   C. joy
   D. loyalty

11. What does the Twitter “hastag BellEMMY” refer to, according to the profile?
   A. her role
   B. her name
   C. TV awards
   D. movie awards

WORDS: What does the text tell you about an attribute or meaning of the
following? What clues do you find in context? Does any word have a prefix or
suffix, similar word or word within the word that aids in defining the word?

1. overshadowed
2. buzz
3. dubbed
4. alter ego
5. hastags
6. idioms

WRITING PROMPTS:
The profile uses numerous adjectives to describe the character Mellie in
“Scandal,” including: formidable, brilliant, manipulative, scorned, reluctant,
insecure, hilarious, loyal, fierce, caustic and layered.

Prepare an outline for descriptive writing. Write Mellie in the center and four
“best” descriptive words that apply to her, outside the center. Extend the outline;
outside the words, record quotes spoken by the character or the actress about
the character and actions that support your choice of the words. Use the outline
to write description of Mellie.

Apply the same approach to descriptive writing about people in the news and
important people in history and significant characters in literatures. Use the
outline to write description of the person or persons.

Extra: Eileen Fulton, also born in Asheville, played a controversial role in the
long-running soap opera, “As the World Turns.” Conduct research on the actress
and the character she played.
Create a Venn diagram in which you compare the careers of the two North Carolina actresses. Write a comparison/contrast paper based on your diagram.

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