

# ANGELA'S ASHES QUIZ



Complete this quiz about Angela's Ashes. You should use the internet to help research your answers.

**1. Why does Angela's family initially view Frank's father with suspicion?**

The Sheehans are wary of Malachy's northern ways and "odd" manner. They think Malachy abuses Angela and is violent toward his children. Malachy insults them at every opportunity. It is apparent that Malachy cheats on his wife.

**2. How many families use the public lavatory outside the McCourts' home in Roden Lane?**

Just the McCourts  
2 families  
11 families  
50 families

**3. In what way is Grandma's lodger Bill Galvin unusual?**

He does not drink Guinness.  
He is kind to Frank.  
He is a Protestant.  
He advises Malachy to curb his drinking habit.

**4. Why does Angela think Frank is rejected from becoming an altar boy?**

She ascribes it to class distinction and social prejudice.  
She insists that Frank did not know enough Latin.  
She thinks Frank is too ugly.  
She thinks Malachy's reputation as an alcoholic has blighted Frank's prospects.

**5. What elements of his stay in the hospital does Frank enjoy?**

The wonderful views from his window  
The fact that all the nurses treat him with respect  
The opportunity to sleep all day and discuss his problems with Seamus  
The clean sheets, good food, and books

**6. Why does Angela think that the women in her street have a "low-class" mentality?**

They tell everyone how much money their husbands are earning in England  
They call out to their children to tell them what they are having for dinner  
Angela senses that they dislike her, which makes her defensive and critical  
Frank told Angela that he overheard them gossiping about his father

**7. After which country do the McCourts nickname their second floor?**

Italy  
Spain  
Portugal  
Austria

**8. Why does Frank find it difficult to condemn his father for his drinking?**

Frank remembers the cozy mornings he spends with his father in front of the fire.  
Frank realizes that his mother can always beg for more money at the St. Vincent de Paul Society.  
Malachy gives Frank a "Friday Penny" every week, which buys Frank's silence.  
Frank understands that his father needs to drown his sorrows over the deaths of Oliver, Eugene, and Margaret.

**9. Why does Mr. Hannon have to retire from his job delivering coal?**

The sores on his legs restrict his movement.  
His horse dies.  
Frank's eyesight deteriorates, and Mr. Hannon decides that he cannot do the job by himself.  
He dies of consumption.

**10. How does Frank spend his fourteenth birthday?**

He goes to the movies and buys himself fish and chips.  
Aunt Aggie buys her nephew new clothes for work, and Frank stands by the River Shannon and cries.  
Angela throws Frank a big surprise party to which she invites all of his school friends.  
Frank visits the hospital to read to Mr. Timoney.

**11. What is Frank's father's first and only Christmas present to his family?**

New boots and coats for his sons  
A book of Irish folktales  
A turkey for their Christmas dinner  
A half-eaten box of chocolates

**12. Why are the McCourts evicted from their home in Roden Lane?**

For insulting the rent collector  
For owing four weeks' rent and destroying an internal wall  
For not cleaning the public lavatory next to their home  
For trying to blackmail their landlord

**13. Why does Frank not take the post office exam?**

He thinks he would fail it.  
He arrives late and is not allowed into the exam room.  
Frank decides to sacrifice the security of a boring job in order to follow his dreams.  
Frank gets fired before he can take the exam.

**14. Why does Mr. McCaffrey tell Frank that he can only go up in life?**

Because Frank has the right attitude about delivering newspapers  
Because Frank always does what he is told  
Because Frank is witty and highly intelligent  
Because Frank lives in a lane, the lowest standard of residence

**15. What does a priest tell Frank after the protagonist confesses to hitting his mother and damning Theresa Carmody to hell?**

He says that Frank is beyond redemption.  
He says that God will overlook his sins if Frank gives money to the Catholic church.  
He states that God forgives him and so Frank must forgive himself.  
The priest asserts that no one is perfect and that Frank's sins do not matter.

**16. What does Frank do with Mrs. Finucane's ledger of debts after his employer dies?**

He hands it over to the police  
He throws it in the trash  
He takes it with him to America as a personal discouragement to becoming greedy  
He throws it into the River Shannon

**17. What does Frank observe on his last night in Limerick?**

A lunar eclipse  
A shooting star  
A massive fireworks display celebrating his departure  
A UFO

**18. To what does Frank compare his arrival in New York?**

A Shakespearean drama  
A movie  
An opera by Wagner  
A dream

