

Alabama High School Graduation Exam Student Review Guide: Reading Comprehension

Practice Test

1

Published and Distributed by Enrichment Plus, LLC
PO Box 2755
Acworth, GA 30102
Toll Free: 1-800-745-4706 • Fax 678-445-1153
Email: eplus@birch.net
Web site: www.enrichmentplus.com

Read the following article and answer questions 65 through 69 that follow. You may look back at the article as often as you like.

Tallulah Bankhead **Successful International Actress from Alabama**

Born into one of the most famous political families in Alabama in 1903, Tallulah was the daughter of William Brockman and Adelaide Eugenia Bankhead. Her paternal grandfather served as a United States Senator as did her uncle John, and her father served as United States Representative and Speaker of the House. Her aunt, Marie Bankhead Owen, was named Director of the Alabama State Archives, so she was the first woman in Alabama to head a department in state government.

Tallulah seemed happiest when she was the center of attention, so her decision to become an actress at the age of sixteen could not have surprised her family. After winning a photo contest, Tallulah convinced her family to let her move to New York and take her aunt with her as her chaperone. During her stay in New York, she formed friendships with people who could help her career and give her good advice, but she also found those whose influence introduced her to illegal drugs and promiscuity. The party crowd tried to influence her to drink as well, but she refused alcohol at that time because she had promised her father she wouldn't when he told her he didn't want her drinking.

After being in New York for two years without very much real success, Tallulah decided to try her luck in England. In London her fans supported her efforts by attending her stage performances religiously, and she rewarded their faithfulness with autographs, personal conversations, and invitations to her dressing room and home. Tallulah thrived in the eight years she spent in London, but she also continued many of the wild habits she had cultivated in New York. She lived with friends during her first years in London but later bought her own home and filled it with people whose most important job was to listen to her.

During her stay in London, Tallulah enjoyed the run of many stage productions, and because of her hard work, she was selected as one of the most talented women in England. Her success on the stage was a bright part of her life while her finances proved to be a problem. She often owed large sums of money because of her free-spending habits, and after her first years in England, she was forced to leave her English friends to accept an offer in Hollywood.

Because of her lengthy stay abroad, Tallulah was a fresh face that Paramount wanted to promote. She did not enjoy as much success with films in Hollywood and finally gave them up for the stage, which would remain her favorite medium. She returned to New York and then to England for several years before deciding to give Hollywood a second chance that proved to be much more successful, especially her performance in Alfred Hitchcock's *Lifeboat*.

As she matured, Tallulah's dedication to her art became more evident, and she inspired those around her toward higher levels of achievement. Her presence in a film or stage production was enough to ensure success because her performance made up for any unsatisfactory dramatic compositions. She received several awards for her performances: Variety Award for Best Actress of the Season for *The Little Foxes*, The Critic's Award for *The Skin of Our Teeth*, and The New York Screen Critics Award for Best Actress in *Lifeboat*. Her success paved the way for a stint in radio as the hostess of *The Big Show*, which earned her the title of radio's Woman of the Year. Her most successful television appearance with Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz is still viewed.

Achieving a degree of success in each entertainment medium, Tallulah Bankhead achieved international stardom and was the first native Alabama woman to do so. Many would argue that the nation has produced few who might be labeled as her professional equal.

65. When Tallulah did not realize much success in New York, where did she go next?

- A California
- B Alabama
- C England
- D Texas

(A) (B) (C) (D)

68. Which word BEST describes Tallulah’s character?

- A determined
- B critical
- C pessimistic
- D humorous

(A) (B) (C) (D)

66. The main idea of this article is that Tallulah Bankhead

- A is best known for her film *Lifeboat*.
- B often wished that she had chosen another career instead of acting.
- C was not famous at the end of her life.
- D is famous for achieving success in many mediums in her field.

(A) (B) (C) (D)

69. Which idea from the article is not supported by evidence?

- A After winning a photo contest, Tallulah convinced her family to let her move to New York with her aunt as her chaperone.
- B She also continued many of the wild habits she had cultivated in New York.
- C Tallulah was happiest when she was the center of attention.
- D Tallulah decided to try her luck in England.

(A) (B) (C) (D)

67. Which of the following ideas from the article is an OPINION?

- A . . . Tallulah was the daughter of William Brockman and Adelaide Eugenia Bankhead.
- B Her paternal grandfather served as a United States senator as did her uncle John.
- C Her aunt, Marie Bankhead Owen, was named Director of the Alabama State Archives.
- D Many would agree that the nation has produced few who might be labeled as her professional equal.

(A) (B) (C) (D)

Practice Test 1

Test 1 Evaluation Chart

If you missed question #:	Go to section(s):	If you missed question #:	Go to section(s):	If you missed question #:	Go to section(s):
1	3.1	31	1.4	61	4.1
2	1.3	32	5.2	62	1.1
3	1.1	33	3.2	63	3.3
4	3.5	34	3.4	64	3.1
5	2.4	35	5.6	65	3.2
6	2.2	36	3.4	66	1.2
7	4.1	37	5.6	67	2.2
8	3.2	38	5.7	68	5.1
9	3.4	39	3.3	69	2.4
10	1.1	40	3.5	70	1.4
11	2.1	41	2.1, 2.4	71	3.1
12	4.1	42	4.1	72	3.5
13	3.3	43	2.4	73	5.2
14	2.2	44	3.4	74	1.4
15	4.2	45	1.2	75	4.1
16	3.5	46	3.2	76	5.6
17	7.2	47	3.1	77	5.2
18	3.2	48	3.3	78	3.4
19	3.3	49	4.2	79	3.2
20	3.2	50	3.2	80	5.6
21	2.4	51	3.5	81	5.3
22	7.2	52	2.4	82	1.1
23	4.2	53	2.1	83	5.2, 5.7
24	3.3	54	3.1	84	1.4
25	4.1	55	3.4		
26	2.4	56	2.2		
27	6.1	57	3.5		
28	3.1	58	6.5		
29	6.1	59	2.3		
30	3.2	60	6.5		