

# NORTH CAROLINIANS *of* NOTE 2011

## STUDY GUIDE: Profile on Sharon Lawrence

BY SANDRA COOK; PROFILE ON SHARON LAWRENCE BY STUDENT KATE FARMER

1. How did members of Sharon Lawrence's family encourage her work in theatre?

- A They recorded and sold rock music.
- B They managed a local theatre group.
- C They attended all of her performances.
- D They participated in stage performances.

2. If Sharon Lawrence had not succeeded as an actress in New York City, what field of work did she plan to pursue?

- A advertising
- B broadcast
- C graphic arts
- D news writing

3. What conclusion did Lawrence draw from her work with professional actors during summers while she was in college?

- A She measured up as an actress.
- B She preferred singing to acting.
- C She performed best in glamorous roles.
- D She needed more training to compete with professionals.

4. Where has Lawrence lived most of her adult life?

- A Chapel Hill
- B Charlotte
- C Los Angeles
- D New York City

5. Who was Lawrence's drama teacher?

- A Terri Dollar
- B Tom Lawrence
- C Camille Sowder
- D John Sweeney

6. Which appealed most to her as an adult actress?

- A Broadway
- B Film
- C Radio
- D TV

7. What qualities contribute to Lawrence's success, according to the profile? Complete the graphic organizer.



- A adaptable
- B self-conscious
- C sheltered
- D timid

8. To what issue did Sharon Lawrence contribute most?

- A environment
- B foreign relations
- C health
- D social justice

9. In this profile, what did Terri Dollar mean by the phrase, *blew me away*?

- A encouraged me
- B hurt me
- C impressed me
- D pushed me

10. Which word is most like *gregarious*, in the context of this profile?

- A alone
- B clustered
- C large
- D outgoing

11. When Lawrence uses the term, *two-dimensional*, what does she mean?

- A deep and wide
- B divided and contested
- C open and transparent
- D simple and unrealistic

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12. What does the headline for the profile, “A journey to success,” suggest?

- A Lawrence retired after a long career.
- B Lawrence travelled extensively during her career.
- C Lawrence passed through stages on the way to reaching her goals.
- D Lawrence worked hard and performed well in high school and college.

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### **Profile—Discuss and/or write**

Choose from the following. Cite text to support your answers.

1. What do you think represents, serious acting?
2. Use a Venn diagram to define and explain acting and storytelling and show what they have in common.
3. What does it mean for Sharon Lawrence to reinvent herself as an actress?
4. Explain all Lawrence's connections to NC.
5. What actions demonstrate what her father refers to as Sharon Lawrence's caring nature?

### **News and Current Events—Discuss and/or write**

Choose from the following. Cite text to support your answers.

1. Select someone in the news to whom the headline, "A journey to success," applies.
2. Select and read carefully a story in the newspaper. Answer the key questions about what happened, who's involved, where, when, why and how the story took place. Present the story as if you're a storyteller. Present the story as if you are an actor. Recruit others to help you, if you need them to assume roles.
3. Identify people in the news with training and talents similar to Sharon Lawrence. What do you think those people would ask Sharon Lawrence in an interview?
4. Given her work in support of ocean conservation, what issues in the news would appeal to her?