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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What is the author's purpose?

Ⓐ to inform

Ⓑ to entertain

Ⓒ to explain a process

Ⓓ to persuade

2. Read this sentence: *Pecos Bill was a* **tyke** *when his family headed west.* What is a **tyke**?

Ⓐ a tricycle

Ⓑ a strong man

Ⓒ a small child

Ⓓ a troublemaker

3. Which of these events could really happen?

Ⓐ Pecos Bill was four when his family headed west.

Ⓑ Bill threw a trunk through the roof of the wagon.

Ⓒ Bill, a small child, loaded heavy furniture.

Ⓓ Bill was as strong as three bulls.

4. Which part of the story must be fantasy?

Ⓐ The family reached Texas after weeks of traveling.

Ⓑ Bill fished in the Pecos River.

Ⓒ Bill caught a tornado with his lasso.

Ⓓ All of the above

5. Bill was raised by _____.

Ⓐ a huge fish

Ⓑ his parents

Ⓒ his Aunt Bessie

Ⓓ a mother coyote

6. How old was Bill when Curly Joe found him?

Ⓐ 4 years old

Ⓑ 19 years old

Ⓒ 17 years old

Ⓓ 20 years old

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7. What convinced Bill he wasn't a coyote?

Ⓐ He had no fur.

Ⓑ He had no tail.

Ⓒ He couldn't howl.

Ⓓ He had no clothes.

8. Why were the outlaws afraid of Bill?

Ⓐ He had a live rattlesnake around his neck.

Ⓑ He had no clothes on.

Ⓒ Bill was tall and tough.

Ⓓ Curly Joe was protecting him.

9. Which of these events could really happen?

Ⓐ Bill tamed the horse Widow-Maker by staying on her back for three days and nights.

Ⓑ Bill lassoed the horns off a toad.

Ⓒ Bill lassoed a tornado.

Ⓓ Bill became friends with Curly Joe.

10. The author uses this tall tale to explain the creation of _____.

Ⓐ the Grand Canyon

Ⓑ the Painted Desert

Ⓒ rainbows

Ⓓ tornadoes

11. Extended Response: Why is this story a tall tale?

Reading A-Z

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Pecos Bill Rides a Tornado

Main Comprehension Skill: Reality and Fantasy

1. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*

2. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*

3. Ⓐ *Reality and Fantasy*

4. Ⓒ *Reality and Fantasy*

5. Ⓓ *Story Elements*

6. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*

7. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*

8. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*

9. Ⓓ *Reality and Fantasy*

10. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*

11. Answers will vary. Example:
    This is a tall tale because Pecos Bill wouldn't really be able to ride a tornado.