

Quick Check

Samson: A Horse Story

Name _____ Date _____

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

1. What surprised the narrator about a farm?
 - Ⓐ Farmers wake up very early in the morning.
 - Ⓑ Eggs from chickens are all the same color.
 - Ⓒ Taking care of a farm requires little work.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
2. From whose point of view is this story told?
 - Ⓐ Aunt Rita's niece
 - Ⓑ the father of the narrator
 - Ⓒ Henry, the farm helper
 - Ⓓ Aunt Rita
3. Why did the narrator think her summer was ruined?
 - Ⓐ She had to go to Kentucky instead of being at the pool.
 - Ⓑ She was going to move to the city and go to a new school.
 - Ⓒ Her Aunt Rita had died, and she wouldn't get to ride the horse again.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
4. Why did the narrator read her aunt's journal?
 - Ⓐ She thought she could get out of her chores by reading.
 - Ⓑ She hoped to find out more about Samson in the journal.
 - Ⓒ She wanted to compare it to her own journal.
 - Ⓓ She thought Aunt Rita would have wanted her family to know more about her life.
5. Why did the narrator think Henry understood her?
 - Ⓐ He told her she could go to the pool.
 - Ⓑ He let her call her friends on his phone.
 - Ⓒ He took her to town to go shopping.
 - Ⓓ He said she could just follow him and watch.

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6. How long after Aunt Rita rode Jack did her dad tell her they were moving?
Ⓐ one month
Ⓑ six months
Ⓒ two weeks
Ⓓ one week
7. Read this sentence: *The narrator is worried about falling off of Samson if Samson started galloping.* What does **galloping** mean?
Ⓐ getting scared because of a new rider
Ⓑ doing tricks
Ⓒ moving forward in a fast, rhythmic way
Ⓓ none of the above
8. Why did the narrator decide to snoop around the house one day?
Ⓐ She was bored because it was raining.
Ⓑ She didn't want to go outside and do the chores.
Ⓒ She had found an interesting book and wanted to see more.
Ⓓ She had heard her father say that there was a journal somewhere.
9. What changed Aunt Rita's attitude about the farm?
Ⓐ writing in her journal
Ⓑ being with her family
Ⓒ playing with the farm animals
Ⓓ riding a horse
10. How is the narrator like Aunt Rita?
Ⓐ They both liked to journal.
Ⓑ They both were sad about losing their mothers.
Ⓒ They both liked the farm and riding horses.
Ⓓ All of the above
11. **Extended Response:** Why does Dad decide to keep the farm after considering selling it?
12. **Extended Response:** How did the narrator's attitude toward the farm change during this story?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
2. Ⓐ *Character Point of View*
3. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
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5. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
6. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
7. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
10. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
11. Answers will vary but could include ideas such as the following: he *finds someone to take care of the farm during the school year, he knows how much his daughter grew to love the farm and Samson, and so on.*
12. Answers will vary but should include the idea that the daughter grew to love the farm after riding Samson and learning more about her aunt.