

Quick Check

Yosemite and the Badge

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

1. Why is John Muir famous?
 - Ⓐ He wrote many books.
 - Ⓑ He is called *the father of the U.S. national park system*.
 - Ⓒ He helped people understand that nature is important.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
2. What is a **conservationist**?
 - Ⓐ someone who recycles things
 - Ⓑ a person who tries to protect nature
 - Ⓒ someone who cuts down trees and builds houses
 - Ⓓ a person who tries to track down wild animals
3. The narrator in this story wanted to prove _____.
 - Ⓐ that a kid could help preserve Yosemite
 - Ⓑ that he could write a book about nature
 - Ⓒ that nature didn't need to be protected
 - Ⓓ that he could change Nana's mind
4. How are Nana and the narrator of this story different at the beginning?
 - Ⓐ The narrator doesn't like books.
 - Ⓑ Nana lives on a farm and milks many cows.
 - Ⓒ Nana didn't like to spend much time outdoors.
 - Ⓓ The narrator didn't want to go to Yosemite National Park.
5. What was the last thing the narrator did to earn his badge?
 - Ⓐ fed the black bears
 - Ⓑ recited the Junior Ranger oath
 - Ⓒ went to a Native American village
 - Ⓓ drew a poster to be used in Yosemite

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6. What is a **replica** building?

- Ⓐ a building made from special materials
- Ⓑ a building that is a copy of a real one
- Ⓒ a building that is out in the forest or mountains
- Ⓓ a building that is built to look different from a real one

7. Who ate leaves, stems, seeds, bulbs, and berries?

- Ⓐ the forest ranger
- Ⓑ Nana and the narrator
- Ⓒ the Ah-wah-nee-chee
- Ⓓ all of the above

8. What is **talus**?

- Ⓐ type of food the Native Americans ate
- Ⓑ type of storm that occurs in Yosemite
- Ⓒ a group of rocks that pile up at the bottom of a cliff
- Ⓓ a place in Yosemite that was special to the Native Americans

9. When did Nana agree to go to Yosemite?

- Ⓐ after packing the car with the camping equipment
- Ⓑ after she saw the look of disappointment on her grandson's face
- Ⓒ before her grandson said he really wanted a Junior Ranger Badge
- Ⓓ before her grandson made a "Save the Bears" poster

10. Which of the following best states the author's purpose for writing this book?

- Ⓐ to describe what the giant sequoia trees look like
- Ⓑ to show how an older person can enjoy the woods
- Ⓒ to explain to readers how the Ah-wah-nee-chee lived
- Ⓓ to encourage young people to be concerned about nature

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- 11. Extended Response:** Whose attitude changed most in this story? Support your answer with two facts from the story.
- 12. Extended Response:** According to the text, what is a **talus**, and how is it made?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓑ Vocabulary
3. Ⓐ Analyze Character
4. Ⓒ Compare and Contrast
5. Ⓑ Sequence Events
6. Ⓑ Vocabulary
7. Ⓒ Story Elements
8. Ⓒ Vocabulary
9. Ⓑ Sequence Events
10. Ⓓ Author's Purpose
11. Answers will vary but should include the following: *Nana's attitude about being in nature changed the most. Supporting facts include the following: Nana was sad to leave Yosemite, Nana gave the narrator a list of other parks where she could take him so he could earn patches, she liked the view of the rushing river near their camp, she seemed eager to go to the Native American village, and so on.*
12. Answers should include the following: *A talus is made up of rocks that pileup at the bottom of a cliff from rock falls. The rock falls are caused by roots that can grow through the cracks in rocks and cause them to break loose. Earthquakes, rainstorms, and snowmelt also can split rocks.*