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

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| <p>1. Why did the author begin the story with a question?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ to explain the meaning of the word <i>creation</i> Ⓑ to introduce the main female character Ⓒ to show a character's thoughts Ⓓ to tell the most important detail in the story <p>2. Why did the author mention that Jessie's shoulders were slumping?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ to predict events that would happen next Ⓑ to help readers understand his mood Ⓒ to explain why he did not feel well Ⓓ to show how he was trying to be smaller | <p>3. Why was Sarah so upset that she had <i>tear-stained cheeks</i>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ She could not find her dog. Ⓑ She feared for her daughter's life. Ⓒ She missed her closest friends. Ⓓ She was afraid of the buffalo. <p>4. Which of the following events was the climax of the plot?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The pioneers circled the wagons. Ⓑ Bessie's fever broke overnight. Ⓒ Jessie returned Bessie's dog. Ⓓ The wagon train arrived in Oregon. <p>5. What is the setting of the story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ a town in Iowa Ⓑ a single wagon Ⓒ a flat prairie Ⓓ a dry desert |
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6. How did the setting contribute to the seriousness of Bessie's illness?
 - Ⓐ They were not near any doctors or medical supplies.
 - Ⓑ The food she ate on the journey was spoiled but was the only option for food.
 - Ⓒ The wagon got moldy from wet weather, but she couldn't escape it since it was her shelter.
 - Ⓓ They ran out of water and she had no way to get more to get rehydrated.
7. Read this sentence from the story: *"Come on, Wag," Bessie coaxed, "go fetch."* What is a synonym for the word **coaxed**?
 - Ⓐ cried
 - Ⓑ yelled
 - Ⓒ persuaded
 - Ⓓ cheered
8. What did Wag do when the pioneers circled the wagons?
 - Ⓐ Wag hid under a wagon.
 - Ⓑ Wag bolted out into the herd.
 - Ⓒ Wag played ball with Jessie.
 - Ⓓ Wag lay abed beside Bessie.
9. Which best tells why the pioneers circled the wagons?
 - Ⓐ to provide safety
 - Ⓑ for transportation
 - Ⓒ to have fun
 - Ⓓ for a better view
10. What does the buffalo stampede further reveal about the setting?
 - Ⓐ The temperatures are so hot that the buffalo are running somewhere cooler.
 - Ⓑ The wagon journey is taking place in the middle of very open land.
 - Ⓒ The pioneers are in the best place to find water and their next meal.
 - Ⓓ The dog now has other animals to be around since the buffalo are sticking around.

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11. Extended Response: Why did Jessie go to talk with Bessie's parents?

12. Extended Response: What is Jessie's main problem in the story?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Westward Journey

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Setting

1. Ⓒ Author's Purpose
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3. Ⓑ Analyze Character
4. Ⓒ Analyze Plot
5. Ⓒ Identify Setting
6. Ⓐ Analyze Setting
7. Ⓒ Vocabulary
8. Ⓐ Sequence Events
9. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
10. Ⓑ Analyze Setting
11. Answers will vary. Example:
Jessie had not seen Bessie for a few days, so he wondered what was going on. He wondered if she was okay. He had not seen Wag either, and he wondered if the dog needed to be taken out for exercise.
12. Answers will vary. Example:
Jessie's main problem in the story is that he is upset about having to move away from his friends. He is lonely with no one his age with whom to talk and play. He does not believe that he will like his new home.