

Quick Check

The Calgary Stampede

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

1. Which of the following phrases describes the Calgary Stampede by appealing to the senses of taste and smell?
 - Ⓐ *clang!* a metal gate springs open
 - Ⓑ the beef cattle look like huge bricks of muscle
 - Ⓒ the smell of sizzling steak drifts out of restaurant doors
 - Ⓓ quills, fringe, and feathers follow a dancer's every move
2. Which of the following is the definition of **grandstand**?
 - Ⓐ a really big place to stand
 - Ⓑ the most amazing characteristic of a cowboy
 - Ⓒ a compartment in which you store a costume
 - Ⓓ the main seating area at a stadium or racetrack
3. What happens after the final winner of the bareback bronc riding event is announced?
 - Ⓐ The winner is awarded a \$100,000 check.
 - Ⓑ The crowd watches the Grandstand Show.
 - Ⓒ The parade begins.
 - Ⓓ Calgary Stampede is over.
4. Which of the following is a fact about the history of the Calgary Stampede?
 - Ⓐ The first fair was called the Calgary Exhibition.
 - Ⓑ It started in 1886 and was a fair to show off crops, animals, and crafts.
 - Ⓒ It was a huge success with the locals, right from the start.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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5. What is this book mainly about?

- Ⓐ The Calgary Stampede has been held each year since 1886.
- Ⓑ The Calgary Stampede celebrates history, brings people together, and shows the world what the Canadian West is all about.
- Ⓒ The Championship Rodeo is the biggest and most famous event of the Calgary Stampede.
- Ⓓ The city spirit is a big part of what makes the Calgary Stampede so special.

6. How are saddle bronc riding and bareback bronc riding different?

- Ⓐ In saddle bronc riding, the horse leaps, jumps, and twists, trying to shake off the rider.
- Ⓑ In saddle bronc riding, the rider tries to stay atop a bucking horse for eight seconds.
- Ⓒ In saddle bronc riding, the cowboy tries to control the horse using reins and stirrups.
- Ⓓ There are no differences between saddle bronc riding and bareback bronc riding.

7. What skills do people display at a **rodeo**?

- Ⓐ skills related to handling cattle and horses
- Ⓑ skills related to being the strongest cowboy
- Ⓒ skills related to handling pigs and sheep
- Ⓓ skills related to being the best farmer

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8. What makes this book a descriptive nonfiction text?
 - Ⓐ It is a true story about a person's life.
 - Ⓑ It is about something that happened in the past.
 - Ⓒ It includes sensory details and creates a mental picture for readers.
 - Ⓓ It is a story written from the writer's imagination.
9. Why did the author write this book?
 - Ⓐ to inform and entertain readers about the Calgary Stampede
 - Ⓑ to persuade people to visit Calgary, Alberta
 - Ⓒ to explain how to organize a rodeo
 - Ⓓ all of the above
10. Who competes in barrel racing events?
 - Ⓐ women only
 - Ⓑ men and women
 - Ⓒ men only
 - Ⓓ children only
11. **Extended response:** In addition to participating in most of the regular events at the Calgary Stampede, Native Americans also hold many special events of their own. Describe two of these events.
12. **Extended response:** How does the town of Calgary prepare for the festival known as the Stampede?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Elements of Expository Text

1. Ⓒ Identify Genre
2. Ⓓ Vocabulary
3. Ⓐ Sequence Events
4. Ⓓ Fact and Opinion
5. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
6. Ⓒ Compare and Contrast
7. Ⓐ Vocabulary
8. Ⓒ Identify Genre
9. Ⓐ Author's Purpose
10. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
11. Answers will vary but should include valid supporting information from the text.
Example: *Groups from American Indian nations parade in beautiful beaded costumes on Friday morning; they welcome visitors into their beautiful tipi homes; they share about their traditions, foods, and culture; a native dance competition is part of the Calgary Stampede; teams race each other at the Stampede to see who can set up and take down a sturdy tipi the fastest.*
12. Answers should include the following: *store windows are decorated, colorful banners line the street to announce the events, souvenir stands line the streets.*