

Nonfiction History Stories

Use what you learned from the nonfiction history stories to answer each question.

1. What happened at the Boston Tea Party? _____

2. Where did the first Americans come from? _____

3. Name two states that were part of the Dust Bowl. _____

4. When was gold discovered in California? _____
5. Name one reason why people came to the United States from the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s.

6. What did the transcontinental railway do? _____

7. Explain how the Trail of Tears got its name. _____

8. What was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech about?

9. Why did new laws have to be made at the turn of the century? _____

10. What side of the slavery issue were the North and the South on? _____

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Shade in the circle next to the correct answer.

- Where did John Marshall find gold?
 (A) Ellis Island
 (B) Sutter's Mill
 (C) the Trail of Tears
- Which word means "100 years"?
 (A) decade
 (B) annual
 (C) century
- The _____ was between England and the American colonies.
 (A) Revolutionary War
 (B) Civil War
 (C) Equal Rights Fight
- Which state were the Cherokee Indians forced to leave?
 (A) California
 (B) Georgia
 (C) Oklahoma
- Women gained the right to _____ in 1920.
 (A) get jobs
 (B) attend universities
 (C) vote
- The _____ Railroad Company built west from Nebraska.
 (A) Union Pacific
 (B) Central Pacific
 (C) United States
- What was the main U.S. immigration station from 1892-1954?
 (A) Sutter's Mill
 (B) the Statue of Liberty
 (C) Ellis Island
- _____ was President of the Union during the Civil War.
 (A) Robert E. Lee
 (B) Ulysses S. Grant
 (C) Abraham Lincoln
- What objects were found in Clovis, New Mexico?
 (A) spearheads
 (B) bones of animals
 (C) cave art
- A long period of time without rain is a _____.
 (A) monsoon
 (B) drought
 (C) famine

Fiction History Stories

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1. **Who** is the narrator's best friend in *Being Mermaids Together*? _____

2. **Who** rides on the horse in *Leaving Home*? _____

3. **What** does the narrator's father have visions of in *Gathering Firewood*?

4. **What** do the Sons of Liberty talk of forming in *The Fight for Freedom*?

5. **When** does the busy town in *Moving On* start to grow quiet? _____

6. **When** did the narrator in *An Exciting Journey* decide to go on a train ride?

7. **Where** does the runaway slave in *Escape to the North* hide? _____

8. **Where** do the boys in *Going to School* have to go now instead of work?

9. **Why** do the children have to stay overnight at the schoolhouse in *A Wall of Dust*?

10. **Why** are the narrator and his father going to America in *Coming to America*?

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1. What is up the road from the narrator's farm in *Escape to the North*?
 - (A) a church
 - (B) a school
 - (C) a plantation
2. Who gives the family her blanket in *Leaving Home*?
 - (A) the tribe chief
 - (B) an old woman
 - (C) the narrator's friend
3. What protected the rights of workers in *Turn of the Century*?
 - (A) labor unions
 - (B) the Pure Food and Drug Act
 - (C) national parks
4. What do the colonists call the English soldiers in *The Fight for Freedom*?
 - (A) Red Patrollers
 - (B) Lobsterbacks
 - (C) Sons of Liberty
5. The family in *Moving On* loaded their belongings into a _____.
 - (A) car
 - (B) wagon
 - (C) boat
6. The teacher has the students place _____ over their faces in *A Wall of Dust*.
 - (A) wet rags
 - (B) their jackets
 - (C) blankets
7. What do the narrator and her brother always look for in *Gathering Firewood*?
 - (A) huge creatures with large, white wings
 - (B) whale spouts
 - (C) oak tree seeds
8. The narrator and Suzy meet up at the _____ in *Being Mermaids Together*.
 - (A) schoolhouse
 - (B) public pool
 - (C) library
9. The narrator in *An Exciting Journey* likes to read about _____.
 - (A) bank robberies
 - (B) airplane rides
 - (C) trains
10. Who was going to America in *Coming to America*?
 - (A) the narrator and his dad
 - (B) the narrator and his mom
 - (C) the narrator and his little brother

Nonfiction & Fiction History Stories

Use what you learned from the nonfiction and fiction history stories to answer each riddle.

1. I am a person who leaves the country in which I was born.

Who am I?

2. I am where the narrator works in *Going to School*.

What am I?

3. I am the war between two groups of states in the United States. I was fought over slavery.

What am I?

4. I am what the narrator and his father travel on in *Coming to America*.

What am I?

5. I came to California in 1849 in search of gold.

Who am I?

6. I am who the narrator in *Escape to the North* finds hiding.

Who am I?

7. I am the area hit hardest by the dust storms of the 1930s.

What am I?

8. I am the event that the narrator witnesses in *The Fight for Freedom*.

What am I?

9. I am the people who walked along the Trail of Tears.

Who am I?

10. I am what the narrator and her brother see in *Gathering Firewood*.

What am I?

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1. The Sons of Liberty dumped \$75,000 worth of English tea into the Boston harbor.
2. Nobody knows for sure.
3. Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado
4. 1848
5. They were poor and wanted a better life. They had family in the U.S.
6. connect California to the rest of the states
7. The Cherokee Indians cried over their pain and sadness while marching from Georgia to Oklahoma.
8. his dream of a time when all people would live together as equals
9. There were a lot of changes going on.
10. **North**—against slavery; **South**—for slavery

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1. b
2. c
3. a
4. b
5. c
6. a
7. c
8. c
9. a
10. b

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1. Suzy
2. the narrator's mother
3. huge boats carrying men
4. a new nation
5. when there isn't much (or any) gold left; when the miners leave
6. when he realized he was lonely and wanted to see things he'd never seen before
7. in the narrator's barn
8. school
9. They are caught in a huge dust storm.
10. so they can earn money for the rest of the family to come over and start making a better life

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1. c
2. b
3. a
4. b
5. b
6. a
7. b
8. b
9. c
10. a

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1. immigrant
2. textile mill
3. Civil War
4. boat
5. Forty-Niners
6. slave boy
7. Dust Bowl
8. Boston Massacre
9. Cherokee Indians
10. huge creatures with large, white wings

Performance Objective Correlations:

- Answer questions based on information given
- Compare and contrast ideas
- Demonstrate understanding of words and ideas
- Expand vocabulary
- Find relevant facts
- Locate the answer
- Read for details
- Understand cause and effect
- Understand the meaning of words and ideas