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DANIEL BOONE

Daniel Boone was an explorer. Many people say that he found the state of Kentucky. Daniel was born November 2, 1734. He learned farming, hunting, and other skills on the family farm. He liked to explore the woods. As a youngster, Daniel spent many days exploring plants and wild animals. The woods were his home.

When he turned nineteen, Daniel went into the army. He drove a supply wagon in the French and Indian War. On one military expedition, he met a man named John Finley. John was a great storyteller. He told Daniel many stories about travel and exploring. Daniel loved these stories. He wanted to explore, just like John.

Not long after he met John Finley, he went back to his parents' home. At this time, he married Rebecca Bryan, who was a neighbor of his parents. For a little while he stayed with Rebecca on a little farm.

But his need for adventure sent him on many trips. He traveled throughout the wilderness. He eventually helped pioneers travel and set up homes.

Throughout his life, Daniel traveled thousands of miles on foot or by horse. His dream to discover new places and new things became real. Many thrilling stories have been written about Daniel and his adventures.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What is the meaning of the word *youngster* from the passage above?
 - a. someone who is a child
 - b. a young cow
 - c. doctor
 - d. someone who doesn't like being young
2. From the passage above, we can infer that Daniel Boone was . . .
 - a. a nice man.
 - b. a dogsled racer.
 - c. an explorer.
 - d. an excellent shot with a rifle.
3. Another phrase for "military expedition" would be . . .
 - a. pleasure vacation.
 - b. journey with the armed forces.
 - c. presidential trip.
 - d. a trip back home.
4. How did John Finley influence Daniel Boone's life?
 - a. He taught him to shoot a rifle.
 - b. He filled his head with information about trees and plants.
 - c. He got him to camp in the woods.
 - d. He always told him stories of wild, interesting adventures and travels.