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DAVY CROCKETT

Davy Crockett did many great things in his life. He was a frontiersman and an explorer. He became a leader in the Creek Indian War. He was later a congressman in the United States House of Representatives. Davy was born into a poor family, but he did not let that stop him from accomplishing many things.

Davy's life began in a small cabin on August 17, 1786. He was the fifth of nine children. They moved many times when he was young. At the age of 13, Davy ran away from home to avoid getting in trouble by his father. While on his own, he went from town to town and learned many skills through the jobs he took and as a hunter and trapper. After almost three years, he returned home. His family was surprised but happy to see him. Davy worked for a year for men to whom his father owed money. Later, he was able to save his earnings and buy things for himself.

In 1806, Davy married Polly Finlay, and they had three children. She died, and he married Elizabeth Patton. She was a widow with two children.

Davy died fighting for freedom. He died at the Battle of the Alamo in Texas in 1836. Through the years, Davy has been the subject of songs, books, TV programs, and movies.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. How old was Davy Crockett when he died?
 - a. 46
 - b. 60
 - c. 45
 - d. 50
2. Why did Davy run away from home?
 - a. because he wanted to go live in the woods
 - b. because he was worried about getting in trouble
 - c. because he was afraid of getting married
 - d. because he had to work for his father
3. What conclusions can you draw about Davy Crockett?
 - a. He worked hard and did many important things.
 - b. He was lazy and didn't do much with his life.
 - c. He became a famous explorer.
 - d. He didn't like politics.
4. Which statement does **NOT** explain how Davy Crockett made our country a better place?
 - a. He died fighting at the Alamo.
 - b. He served in the House of Representatives.
 - c. He could hit the center of any target with his rifle.
 - d. He was a leader in the Creek Indian War.