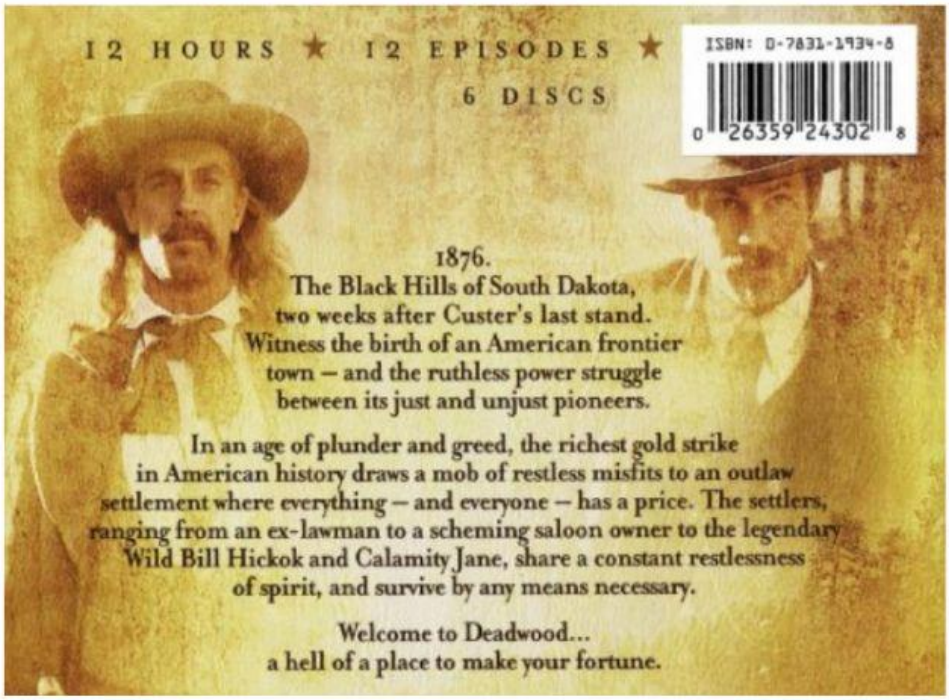
HBO's Deadwood – Fact & Fiction

Doc n° 1



1°) Who stars as Calamity Jane in HBO's Deadwood?

_____ stars as _____

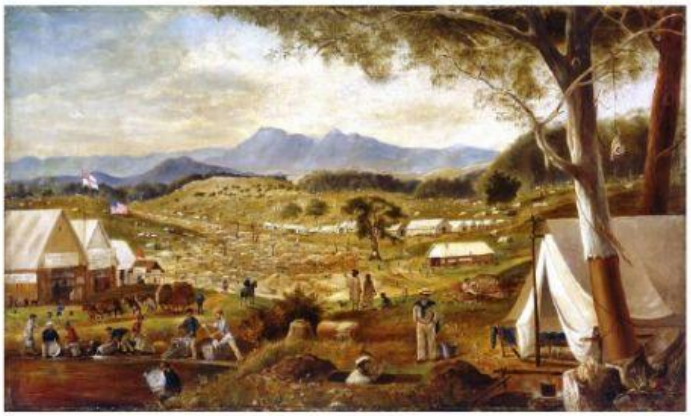
2°) What does the title of the TV series refer to?

_____

3°) Where is it located? (US State) It is located in _____

4°) When does the story take place? The story takes place in _____

5°) Look at the painting and find words (see DVD cover) to describe the scene



Where?

Who?

What?

6°) Who are Deadwood's most famous residents (and real people)?

_____ _____

7°) What adjective is used to describe them? They're _____

8°) Is Deadwood a nice place? Justify by quoting from the text

Doc n° 2

Calamity Jane & Smallpox in the Wild West

Childhood immunity allowed Jane to care for stricken miners during the 1878 outbreak in Deadwood, S.D.

1°) Today there's the Covid-19 pandemic ; . At that time, there was another pandemic known as the "speckled monster," and it was one of the deadliest and most contagious of all known diseases. What is this disease?

2°) True or false?

1. The epidemic started in 1878
2. She was immune to the disease
3. She refused to help the victims of the epidemic

Doc n° 3 : Watch the document

1°) Listen to the first part and complete Calamity Jane was also very _____, although tracking down the facts is tricky.

Biographer and Dakota Wesleyan University professor James D. McLaird says her life was probably not _____ _____, summing her up as having a, quote, "uneventful daily life interrupted by _____ binges.

There are, however, some pretty _____ episodes in the _____ of the woman born Martha Canary. One happened in_____, when a _____ plague swept through the town. She had already survived_____ as a child and was_____.

2°) from 0:30 to 1:00 : True or false?

We can see Calamity Jane working as a nurse

She is taking care of war casualties

She saved the lives of _____ patients

She was described as "a perfect saint/ angel sent from heaven"

We can see that she was addicted to alcohol

3°) Lis cet extrait du script et réponds en français

There are less angelic episodes in her life, too.
McLaird says she was a dance hall girl for at least some time of her life, and was one of **Swearengen**'s Gem girls in the early days of Deadwood.
According to the testimony of Deadwood bartenders, she graduated from painted lady to recruiter, sent by **Swearengen** to neighboring areas to bring back girls for him.
On one trip, she was said to have returned to Deadwood with 10 Nebraska girls, tricked into working for **Swearengen** with stories of wealth and adventure.

(**Albert "Al" Swearengen** is the proprietor of the Gem Saloon. The character of the TV series is based on the real-life **Al Swearengen,** who owned the Gem Theater in Deadwood)

1°) Qu'est ce que le Gem ?

2°) Que racontent les barmans de Deadwood sur la carrière de Calamity Jane ?

3°) Qu'est ce qu'elle a convaincu 10 filles originaires du Nébraska de faire ?

4°) Quels arguments a-t-elle utilisé ?