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Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart was born in 1897, in Atchison, Kansas. Amelia spent much of her childhood living with her grandparents due to her parents' unstable financial situation. Perhaps it was this lack of stability as a child that made Amelia determined to succeed on her own. She became extremely independent and wanted to be able to take care of herself rather than relying on anyone else.

During World War I, Amelia volunteered for the Red Cross. Tending to the wounded, she met many pilots. During this period of her life, she became extremely interested in aviation. Then, at an air show in 1920, she took a plane ride. It is at this point she became certain she wanted to become a pilot. By 1923, she was given a pilot's license and was only the sixteenth woman to be issued such a license to fly.

Amelia Earhart would eventually become the first female pilot to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. After her famous flight, she was honored by a reception given for her where she would meet President Coolidge. After this experience, Amelia wanted more of flying. Unlike her first trip, she wanted to fly across the Atlantic Ocean solo. By 1932, she had reached her goal.

Amelia Earhart's love of flying would eventually lead to her death. In 1937, a flight across the Pacific would be her last. Her plane went down somewhere in the Pacific Ocean. Millions of dollars were spent in rescue attempts, but no rescue was ever made. On January 5, 1939, Amelia Earhart was declared legally dead, although her body was never found.

Text Questions

1. Summarize the text in two complete sentences.

2. Which event seems most likely to have made Amelia Earhart extremely independent?

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| a. being first-born in her family | c. having a financially unstable childhood |
| b. learning to fly | d. learning to read at an early age |

3. The word *aviation*, as it is used in the second paragraph, most likely deals with which of the following?

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| a. the study of birds | c. the study of weather patterns |
| b. the study of ancient artifacts | d. the study of flight |

4. Using information from the text, list in sequential order three things that happened to Amelia Earhart.

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b. _____

c. _____

5. Based on information from the text, if Amelia Earhart had not died on her last flight, which of the events would have most likely occurred?

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| a. She would have never flown again. |
| b. She would have continued flying. |
| c. She would have begun designing airplanes. |
| d. She would have started a school for airplane mechanics. |

Name _____

Elvis Presley

Elvis Presley was born on January 8, 1935, in Mississippi. Elvis had a twin brother who was stillborn. Elvis eventually became one of the biggest names of all time in music and is often referred to as the king of rock 'n' roll.

Elvis grew up poor but was raised by parents who loved him. As a child, he attended church regularly, and the gospel music he heard there had a great influence on him. By the age of ten, he already owned his first guitar. Later, he would win a talent show at the high school he attended in Memphis, which continued to encourage his love for music. His dream of being a musician became his main goal, and he worked many odd jobs while trying to pursue his dream. He

eventually cut his first record, and he was able to begin touring and recording his music. His first single came in 1954. By 1956, he was on his way to being a singing star and a movie star as he signed a contract with Paramount Pictures.

In 1957, he was drafted and served in Germany for a little over a year. It was in Germany that he would meet his future wife, Priscilla Beaulieu. They would eventually be married in 1967 and would have a daughter, Lisa Marie. Sadly, the marriage would not last.

On August 16, 1977, Elvis Presley passed away from heart failure. To this day, Elvis Presley has remained one of the biggest names in music history.

Text Questions

1. According to the text, what are two interests Elvis Presley had as an adult?
 - a. acting in movies and singing
 - b. writing and dancing
 - c. gospel singing and winning talent shows
 - d. cutting records and cooking
2. Which event had an early influence on Elvis Presley's musical career?
 - a. listening to gospel music at church
 - b. attending many different schools
 - c. being drafted into the army
 - d. meeting other famous musicians
3. Which events are listed in the correct sequential order?
 - a. Elvis won a talent show and received a guitar as a gift.
 - b. Elvis was drafted into the army and met Priscilla Beaulieu.
 - c. Elvis made his first movie and then recorded his first record.
 - d. Elvis's daughter was born, and Elvis recorded his first movie.
4. What was the author's purpose in writing this text?
 - a. to entertain
 - b. to persuade
 - c. to inform
 - d. to compare and contrast
5. Which is a synonym for the word *pursue* as it is used in the second paragraph?
 - a. hide
 - b. follow
 - c. stalk
 - d. remind

Name _____

Laura Ingalls Wilder

Laura Ingalls Wilder was born in 1867. She and her family lived in Wisconsin at the time of her birth. Her father moved the family often but would eventually settle the family for quite some time in Walnut Grove, Minnesota. Laura and her family were true pioneers of the West. As they moved about, she had many adventures and learned to do many chores that were vital to survival.

Laura had three sisters. She and her sisters learned to do many things to help their father. Despite moving so often, it was important to her family that she receive a good education. Laura's mother had been a schoolteacher, and when they did not live near a school,

she made sure the girls were still learning. Whenever possible, though, Laura and her sisters attended school regularly.

When Laura turned sixteen, she became a teacher just as her mother had been. A year later, she married Almanzo Wilder. Their daughter Rose would eventually grow up and work in the publishing industry. Her knowledge of writing would help her mother bring her stories to print in a series of books about her life on the prairie. A television series would later be made based on her popular book series, helping solidify Laura Ingalls Wilder's name as one of the most famous American pioneers.

Text Questions

1. According to the text, which event happens first?
 - a. Wilder has a daughter named Rose.
 - b. Wilder has a series of books published.
 - c. Laura Ingalls marries Almanzo Wilder.
 - d. Wilder's books are the basis for a television series.
2. What is one likely result of Laura Ingalls Wilder's education?
 - a. She becomes a pioneer.
 - b. She marries Almanzo Wilder.
 - c. She becomes an author.
 - d. She moved a lot as a child.
3. Why was education most likely important to Mrs. Ingalls?
 - a. She had been a schoolteacher.
 - b. She did not know how to read, and she wanted her children to be able to read.
 - c. Her father was a professor at a university.
 - d. Her grandmother had been a schoolteacher.
4. Which is a synonym for the word *pioneer* as it is used in the first paragraph?
 - a. explorer
 - b. immigrant
 - c. inventor
 - d. parent
5. Which item below is something Laura Ingalls Wilder might have done as a teenager?
 - a. She might have churned butter.
 - b. She might have published books.
 - c. She might have driven a car.
 - d. She might have played women's soccer.