"Louis Braille: A Life of Light in the Dark"

Choose the correct answer.

1.Where was Louis Braille born?

A)In Paris, in the center of the city

B)In a small town called Coupvray, near Paris

C)In a city called Lyon, in southern France

D)In a village near the French border

2.How did Louis Braille lose his sight?

A)He was born blind

B)He became ill with a serious disease

C)He injured his eye in his father's workshop

D)He was hurt in an accident at school

3.What was the original purpose of Charles Barbier's night writing system?

A)To help blind students read books more easily

B)To allow soldiers to send messages in the dark

C)To replace the raised-letter books at the school

D)To teach deaf children how to communicate

4.How many raised dots did Louis Braille use in each pattern of his system?

A)Four B)Eight C)Ten D)Six

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5.When was the Braille system officially recognized in France?

A)When Louis was fifteen years old

B)While Louis was still teaching at the school

C)Two years after Louis Braille died

D)On the day Louis Braille died

Fill in the blank

1.Louis Braille's father worked as a leather craftsman, making saddles and harnesses for .....

2.Louis received a scholarship to attend the Royal Institute for Blind Youth at the age of .....

3.The system of night writing was invented by a French soldier named Charles .....

4.Louis Braille died on January 6, 1852, at the age of .....

Match.

1.Coupvray

2.Charles Barbier

3.The Royal Institute for Blind Youth

4.Age fifteen

5.Six raised dots

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4. ( ) 5. ( )

A.The town where Louis Braille was born

B.The age at which Louis completed his dot system

C.The school in Paris where Louis studied and later taught

D.The soldier who invented night writing

E.The number of dots used in each pattern of the Braille system

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True or false

1.Louis Braille was born blind.

☐ True ☐ False

2.The Royal Institute for Blind Youth was one of the few schools in the world that educated blind students.

☐ True ☐ False

3.Charles Barbier was a teacher at the Royal Institute for Blind Youth.

☐ True ☐ False

4.The Braille system is used around the world today.

☐ True ☐ False

Answer the following questions.

1.Why do you think the Braille system was better than the raised-letter books used at the school before Louis invented his system?

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2.How do you think Louis Braille felt when his system was not adopted by the school during his lifetime? Use details from the passage to support your answer.

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