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Reading Explorer Foundations

Nat Love

In the 1800s, moving livestock from ranch to ranch was big business in the United States. Many young men headed out west to find work as cowboys. One of these men was Nat Love. He was one of the first African-American cowboys.

Love was born a slave on a plantation. His father was the slave foreman and his mother managed the kitchen. When slavery ended after the Civil War, Love's family tried starting their own farm. But his father died soon afterwards. Love had to look for other work to help his family.

With great horse-riding skills and the ability to use a firearm, Love became a cowboy. He competed in rodeos and outshone white cowboys. One time, he was captured by a Native-American tribe. According to the story, the Native Americans would not kill him because of his great fighting skills.

In 1890, Love changed jobs and began working for the railroad. He wrote a book about his life experiences and was quite the storyteller. It was hard to tell whether his stories were true or made up. He died in 1921 after a lifetime of adventure.

Questions

Read and choose the correct answers.

1. What could be another title for the passage?

a. An African-American Cowboy

b. Slavery before the Civil War

c. Working on the Railroad d. Cowboys and Indians

2. Which event happened first?

a. The Civil War ended.

b. Love's father died.

c. Love's family started a farm.

d. Love's mother managed the kitchen.

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3. In the second paragraph, what does the word *slave* mean?

a. the youngest child in a family

b. a person who has to work without pay

c. a person who comes from another country

d. a very small child that will not grow much

4. What is NOT true about Nat Love?

a. He worked as a cowboy all his life.

b. He was very good at horse riding.

c. He was a good fighter.

d. He liked to tell stories.

5. Which sentence from the passage gives the main idea?

a. Love had to look for other work to help his family.

b. He was one of the first African-American cowboys.

c. In 1890, Love changed jobs and began working for the railroad.

d. With great horse-riding skills and the ability to use a firearm, Love became a cowboy.

True or False Statements

Put T for True and F for False in the box

6. _____ Nat Love was born free and became a cowboy later in life.

7. _____ Love's family started their own farm after the Civil War.

8. _____ Nat Love was captured by a Native-American tribe but was not killed.

9. _____ Love worked for the railroad before becoming a cowboy.

10. _____ Nat Love wrote a book about his life experiences.

Write your answers here.

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Thanks

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