

Grade 5 Theme 6 Story 5 “Black Frontiers”

LA.A.2.2.1 Main Idea pg. 703 #2

1. What was one disadvantage of sod houses?
 - A. They were not very warm.
(plausible but incorrect based on text)
 - B. They were not very comfortable.
(plausible but incorrect based on text)
 - C. They were prone to leaks in heavy rain. *
 - D. They had tough root systems that held the dirt.
(plausible but incorrect based on text)

LA.A.1.2.3 Vocabulary pgs. 702-707

2. Which words have almost the SAME meaning?
 - A. region, crop
(incorrect meaning of words)
 - B. bondage, settlement
(incorrect meaning of words)
 - C. youngsters, settlers
(incorrect meaning of words)
 - D. homesteader, pioneer *

LA.E.2.2.1 Cause and Effect pgs. 704-707

3. Why was loneliness a part of being a black pioneer?
 - A. because there was a great exodus
(incorrect cause)
 - B. because they were born into slavery
(incorrect cause)
 - C. because the winters were long and cold
(incorrect cause)
 - D. because there were few black homesteaders *

Grade 5 Theme 6 Story 5
“Black Frontiers”

LA.A.2.2.1 Main Idea pgs. 704-707

4. What did Benjamin Singleton do to make life better for black homesteaders?
- A. He built adobe houses for settlers.
(plausible but incorrect based on the text)
 - B. He created a community for black families. *
 - C. He raised money to bring the Israelites out of bondage.
(fact/detail from passage not supported by text)
 - D. He created handbills to encourage black pioneers to read.
(plausible but incorrect based on the text)

LA.A.2.2.8 Reference and Research pgs. 707 #9

5. What was Benjamin Singleton’s MAIN purpose for printing the flyer shown on page 707?
- A. to give fellow homesteaders cheaper land
(incorrect conclusion based on stimulus)
 - B. to persuade black pioneers to move to Kansas *
 - C. to show the dates of the homesteaders meeting
(incorrect conclusion based on stimulus)
 - D. to warn homesteaders of speculators and adventurers
(incorrect conclusion based on the stimulus)

Grade 5 Theme 6 Story 5
“Black Frontiers”

LA.A.2.2.7 Compare and Contrast pg. 708

6. How did farming in Nicodemus for the black farmers change after they borrowed tools from the white farmers?
- A. Farming was easier and the crops were successful. *
 - B. Farming was no different than before they borrowed the tools/
(incorrect identification of contrasted elements)
 - C. Farming was more difficult because it was hard to control the oxen.
(incorrect identification of contrasted elements)
 - D. Farming was more difficult because they did not know how to use the tools.
(incorrect identification of contrasted elements)

LA.A.2.2.8 Reference and Research pgs. 702-710

7. What is the purpose of the photographs shown in this selection?
- A. to encourage readers to become professional photographers
(incorrect generalization based on stimulus)
 - B. to provide readers with a glimpse of the Black Frontiers’ family unit
(incorrect conclusion based on stimulus)
 - C. to provide readers with a glance of what life was like in the “Old West.” *
 - D. To give examples of what early settlements in Thomas County, Kansas looked like
(incorrect generalization based on stimulus)