

Directions: Read the passage below and answer the question(s) that follow.

## Gold Rush Supplies

Read the following passage and answer the question(s).

### Text 1

*The following is from the diary of a miner, William Z. Walker from 1849.*

Mon. Sep. 10<sup>th</sup>

The amount collected by the miners on Bear River was from \$4 to \$16 and sometimes even \$50 per day. Each according to the luck of the miner. Supplies were very high here. Flour \$40. per hundred, Pork and Bacon \$1. per lb. Other things in proportion Gold-rockers were worth \$40. Shovels \$10. Picks \$10. and so on.

*Walker, William Z.. Diary, 1849. September 1849, pages 135 – 137.*

### Text 2

*The following is from a textbook chapter on the California Gold Rush.*

During the California Gold Rush, some miners were more successful than others. Most miners earned \$6 to \$10 per day. But some miners in 1849 could dig \$2000 a day! After striking it rich, some miners had a lot of money. This gave Sam Brannan, a store owner, an idea. He raised the cost of supplies for miners. In his greed he became rich without mining. He did not struggle like the miners. In his store, mining pans that were just 20 cents started to sell for \$15.

In different parts of the state, prices were high too. Miners paid different prices for flour. In September, flour was \$50 per 100 pounds. A month later, miners paid \$30 for the same flour, but in a different city. The difference was \$20 less for the same supplies. This high cost of supplies made life difficult for miners.

Directions: Answer the following question(s) relating to the passage titled "Gold Rush Supplies".

**1 TEACHER READS:**

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

**Read the sentences from the textbook chapter on the California Gold Rush.**

In September flour was \$50 per 100 pounds. A month later, miners paid \$30 for the same flour, but in a different city.

**How does that information help the reader understand William Walker's experience in his diary?**

- A. William Walker was in Bear River so his flour must be a different price.
- B. William Walker should have waited until October to buy flour because the price was cheaper.
- C. William Walker did not know that other miners were paying different prices.
- D. William Walker's flour prices were different in Bear River and he still paid a high price.

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Correct: **D**

Rationale:

- A. Student(s) may have misinterpreted the relationship between texts.
- B. Student(s) may have formed erroneous conclusions about the author's point of view.
- C. Student(s) may have used faulty reasoning when specifying a comparison between the two texts.
- D. Correct answer

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**2 TEACHER READS:**

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

**Both authors include information about high prices of supplies. What do the differences between the information included show about the focus of the diary entry?**

- A. William Walker wrote about his own experience with high prices
- B. William Walker did not know why people were paying \$50 for flour when he was only paying \$40
- C. William Walker did not make that much money so he could not pay for flour
- D. William Walker wanted to let people know how much he paid so they can compare prices

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Correct: **A**

Rationale:

- A. Correct answer
- B. Student(s) may have misinterpreted the relationship between texts using both text as the same piece of information.
- C. Student(s) may have formed erroneous conclusions about the author's diary entry.
- D. Student(s) may have used faulty reasoning when specifying a relationship or comparison.

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Directions: Answer the following question(s) relating to the passage titled "Gold Rush Supplies".

3 What happened to the prices during the Gold rush and how did that impact Sam Brannan?

Write your answer on the lines below.

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Rubric: 2 Point(s)  
2 The response needs to include that the prices increased during the Gold Rush and that Sam Brannan also increased his prices at his store.  
1 The response includes either that the prices increased OR that Sam Brannan increased his prices in the store.  
0 No correct response was written.  
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CCSS.LA.4.RI.4.3

Directions: Read the passage below and answer the question(s) that follow.

## How the Leaves Came Down

*by Susan Coolidge*

I'll tell you how the leaves came down.  
The great Tree to his children said,  
"You're getting sleepy, Yellow and Brown,  
Yes, very sleepy, little Red;  
It is quite time you went to bed."

"Ah!" begged each silly, pouting leaf,  
"Let us a little longer May;  
Dear Father Tree, behold our grief,  
'Tis such a very pleasant day  
We do not want to go away."

So, just for one more merry day  
To the great Tree the leaflets clung,  
Frolicked and danced and had their way,  
Upon the autumn breezes swung,  
Whispering all their sports among,

"Perhaps the great Tree will forget  
And let us stay until the spring  
If we all beg and coax and fret."  
But the great Tree did no such thing;  
He smiled to hear their whispering.

"Come, children all, to bed," he cried;  
And ere the leaves could urge their prayer  
He shook his head, and far and wide,  
Fluttering and rustling everywhere,  
Down sped the leaflets through the air.

I saw them; on the ground they lay,  
Golden and red, a huddled swarm,  
Waiting till one from far away,  
White bed-clothes heaped upon her arm,  
Should come to wrap them safe and warm.

The great bare Tree looked down and smiled.  
"Good-night, dear little leaves" he said;  
And from below each sleepy child  
Replied "Good-night," and murmured,  
"It is so nice to go to bed."

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Directions: Read the passage below and answer the question(s) that follow.

**4 TEACHER READS:**  
Read and complete the task that follows.

**How would this poem be different if it were written as a story? Use details from the poem to support your answer.**

Write your answer on the lines below.

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Rubric: 3 Point(s)

- 3 The response:
- Fully explains how the poem would be different if written as a story
  - Uses relevant details to support the ways the poem would be different as a story
  - Includes sufficient details to support how the poem would be different as a story

The poem, "How the Leaves Came Down," would be quite different if it were written as a story. First, it would not have lines, verses, or stanzas. Instead, there would be a narrator telling the story. This narrator would explain how he or she overheard the great Tree talking to the leaves. The Tree and the leaves would both have dialogue and appear as characters in the story. The story would be set in the woods during fall. At the end of the story, winter would be arriving. As you can see, "How The Leaves Came Down" would be quite different if it were a story.

- 2 The response:
- Partially explains how the poem would be different if written as a story
  - Uses somewhat relevant details to support the ways the poem would be different as a story
  - Includes two to three details to support how the poem would be different as a story

The poem, "How the Leaves Came Down," would be different if it were written like a story. First, there would be no lines and stanzas. A narrator would tell the story. The leaves and the Tree would be characters in the story. They would talk to each other. The story would take place in fall and end in winter. There are several ways the story would be different than the poem.

- 1 The response:
- Minimally explains how the poem would be different if written as a story
  - Uses few details to support the ways the poem would be different as a story
  - Includes limited details to support how the poem would be different as a story

The poem, "How the Leaves Came Down," would seem different as a story. The leaves and the Tree would be characters. They would talk. The story would be set in fall. The poem would be much different as a story.

- 0 A response receives no credit if it shows an incomplete understanding of the way the poem would be different as a story and includes no details to support the ways the poem would be different as a story.

The poem, "How the Leaves Came Down," would make an unusual story. There would be trees and leaves. The story would take place outside. It would be cold and leaves would fall.

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Directions: Read the passage below and answer the question(s) that follow.

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Directions: Read the passage below and answer the question(s) that follow.

## Yosemite National Park

### SAMPLE 1: Yosemite Waterfalls

#### The Waterfalls of Yosemite National Park

Yosemite is home to countless waterfalls. The best time to see waterfalls is in the spring. The biggest runoff typically occurs in May or June, with some waterfalls (including Yosemite Falls) often only a trickle or completely dry by August. The most famous among them are:

- **Yosemite Falls (2425 ft)** flows from winter through early to mid–summer. It is usually dry by sometime in August. Look for the ice cone at the base of the upper fall during winter and for roaring peak runoff in May or June. Yosemite Falls, the world's fifth tallest, is actually made up of three separate falls: Upper Yosemite Fall (1430 ft), the middle cascades (675 ft), and Lower Yosemite Fall (320 ft). You can walk to Lower Yosemite Fall in just a few minutes. A hike to the top of Upper Yosemite Fall is a strenuous, all–day hike.
- **Bridalveil Fall (620 ft)** flows all year and is often the first waterfall seen by visitors entering the park. In spring it thunders; during the rest of the year look for its characteristic light, swaying flow. You can walk to the base in just a few minutes.
- **Vernal Fall (317 ft)** flows all year, though by mid– to late–summer it narrows and separates into one, two, or three falls as water flows decrease. It is best seen from Glacier Point, or by hiking up alongside it via the Mist Trail.
- **Nevada Fall (594 ft)** flows all year and is best seen from Glacier Point or by hiking up alongside it. Nevada Fall is located above Vernal Fall in an area known as the "giant staircase."
- **Ribbon Fall (1612 ft)** flows during the spring only. It is located just west of El Capitan and is best seen from near the bottom of Bridalveil Fall.
- **Horsetail Fall (1000 ft)** flows in the winter and early spring. It is famous for appearing to be on fire when it reflects the orange glow of sunset in mid–February. It falls off of the east side of El Capitan and is best seen from just east of El Capitan.
- **Staircase Falls (1300 ft)** flows in spring, cascading down various ledges from near Glacier Point to Curry Village.

### SAMPLE 2: Yosemite Lodging

There are several places to stay inside the Yosemite National Park, ranging from camping to luxury hotels. Please see our website for information on lodging that you do not find below.

#### CURRY VILLAGE

Curry Village is the biggest place to stay inside of the Yosemite National Park. Sometimes it is called "Camp Curry" because not only does it have cabins to stay in with private restrooms, it also has tent cabins, making it look similar to a campground. Curry Village is the most popular place to stay inside the park due to its location and affordable prices. Campers and families should keep this in mind when planning trips to Yosemite, as it is the first place to sell out. This is especially true in the summer months; sometimes Curry Village sells out a year in advance. Price per night: \$65–\$110

#### YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

The Yosemite Valley Lodge is the closest to Half Dome, Glacier Point, and many trails. Keeping in tradition with the National Park, Yosemite Valley Lodge rooms do not have televisions or air conditioning. Because of its price and location, it is difficult to find rooms available. For this reason, it is important to plan ahead and make reservations early. Yosemite Valley Lodge is known to sell out over a year in advance. Price per night: \$115–\$175

#### THE AHWAHNEE

Directions: Read the passage below and answer the question(s) that follow.

The Ahwahnee is a luxury hotel located in the center of Yosemite Valley. It was built in 1927, making it a historic site that you should be sure not to miss. Its location gives spectacular views of Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, and Glacier Point. If you are looking for the best, you will not be disappointed with the five-star restaurant, special events, and beautifully decorated rooms at the Ahwahnee. Price per night: \$350–\$400

**SAMPLE 3: Journal Entry**

May 17, 2004

**My Trip to Yosemite**

I had a great time on my trip to Yosemite National Park. Flowers were in bloom everywhere you looked. My brother and I hiked to the top of Bridalveil Fall. That was my favorite part of the trip. The waterfall is so beautiful up close. Mist from the waterfall gets you wet as you hike. Some people made ponchos out of garbage bags so they would not get wet. As you walk up the steep rocks, you have to be careful not to slip. From the top of the waterfall, you can see miles away.

Another thing that was great about Yosemite was seeing all of the animals. Everywhere you looked, you would find either deer or squirrels. I hope we can go back again next year.



Directions: Answer the following question(s) relating to the passage titled "Yosemite National Park".

**5 TEACHER READS:**

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

**Sample 1 of the passage indicates that the MOST runoff from the waterfalls typically occurs during May and June. Which statement from Sample 3 is explained by the seasonal information provided in Sample 1?**

- A. The waterfall is so beautiful up close.
- B. Mists from the waterfall get you wet as you hike.
- C. Another thing that was great about Yosemite was seeing all of the animals.
- D. The best time to see waterfalls is in the spring.

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Correct: **B**

Rationale:

- A. Student(s) may have recognized this detail from Sample 3; however, student(s) may not have understood that this observation would be valid even if the waterfall was not flowing as strongly.
- B. Correct answer
- C. Student(s) may have attributed the abundance of wildlife to the spring season. Student(s) may not have realized that Sample 1 does not mention the significant amount of wild animals described in the journal entry.
- D. Student(s) may have understood this information to be validated by the details regarding runoff. Student(s) may not have realized, however, that the question indicates the correct answer should be located in Sample 3.

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**6** Where can you stay and what can you do in Yosemite National Park?

Write your answer on the lines below.

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Rubric: 2 Point(s)

- 2 The response should include info. about a place to stay, i.e. Curry Village, Yosemite Valley Lodge, or The Ahwahnee, and to go see the numerous waterfalls.
- 1 The response includes either where to stay OR what to do.
- 0 No correct written response.

Standards:

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