

A Cheyenne Odyssey Prologue & Part 1

Exit Ticket Answer Key

Exit Questions

1. Which of the following is part of the story of the Northern Cheyenne that is told in the Prologue?
 - a) The Cheyenne were skilled seafarers.
 - b) The Cheyenne have lived in the same place for their entire history.
 - c) The Cheyenne fought alongside the Union against the Confederacy during the Civil War.
 - d) The Cheyenne were once farmers, but later became hunters of buffalo.**

Answer explanation: The Cheyenne farmed corn in riverside settlements before they moved west and acquired horses. Horses enabled them to become buffalo hunters, which greatly shaped their life on the Plains.

2. Which of the following is NOT true about Little Fox when you first meet him?
 - a) He is 12 years old.
 - b) He is a member of the Crazy Dog Soldiers.**
 - c) His duty is to tend to the horses.
 - d) All of the above.

Answer explanation: The Crazy Dog Soldiers are one of several Cheyenne warrior societies, but Little Fox is too young to join any of them. Black Moon, the Southern Cheyenne suitor of Calling Bird, is a Crazy Dog Soldier, while Little Fox's father belonged to the Elk Warriors.

3. Which of the following is true about Little Fox's family?
 - a) They are Northern Cheyenne.
 - b) His father died, so his uncle is like a father to him.
 - c) His sister Calling Bird is being courted for marriage by Black Moon and Many Horses.
 - d) All of the above.**

Answer explanation: Little Fox tells us in the prologue that his father died, and in Part 1 we see Little Fox's acting in place of his father, making decisions on behalf of the family, which is Northern Cheyenne. Little Fox meets both Black Moon (Southern Cheyenne) and Many Horses (Lakota), who are competing to become Calling Bird's husband. Ultimately, Little Fox's uncle will make the choice.

4. Why does Little Fox get an unsettled feeling in his stomach after he races the group of Cheyenne and Lakota boys up the hill?

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- a) Some of the Lakota boys insulted the Northern Cheyenne when they lost the race.
- b) He ate too much before the race.
- c) He spots a group of white soldiers riding along the ridge in the distance.**
- d) His feelings are hurt because Crooked Rabbit told him he was doing baby work.

Answer explanation: After Little Fox finishes the race, he sees a group of white soldiers riding along the ridge ahead of him. There are not many of them, but they make Little Fox feel apprehensive about the changes they are likely to bring for him and his people.

5. Which of the following is true about relations between Northern Cheyenne (Little Fox's tribe) and other Native American tribes such as the Southern Cheyenne, Crow, and Lakota?
- a) All of the tribes get along, trade with each other, and fight together against white men.
 - b) The Northern Cheyenne have a friendly relationship with the Southern Cheyenne and the Lakota, but they are hostile with the Crow.**
 - c) None of the tribes are friendly with each other and they live separately.
 - d) The Northern and Southern Cheyenne fight with each other and compete for the support of the Lakota and Crow.

Answer explanation: Students should understand that tribes are distinct entities and aren't always friendly with one another. In this case, the Northern Cheyenne were friendly with the Southern Cheyenne and Lakota. This is demonstrated in the game by the fact that these tribes trade with each other and especially by the fact that Calling Bird's two suitors are Southern Cheyenne and Lakota. On the other hand, Little Fox and Crooked Rabbit's suspicion that the Crow had stolen their missing horses shows that the Northern Cheyenne and Crow were not friendly.