

Daily Schedule for Book 3: The Last Ride

*indicates an optional activity found in the *Circle C Milestones* lapbook.

(Lapbook activities can be skipped or purchased from www.CircleCMilestones.com)

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Story Synopsis: *The Last Ride* opens just before Andi turns sixteen. At long last she can start helping Chad manage the ranch and have time to train Taffy's colt Shasta. A wrinkle appears when Chad hires Riley Prescott to work with the young stock, but Andi sets aside her annoyance when Cousin Daniel arrives from New York City. His parents have sent him to the Circle C in hopes that family out west can help turn the boy around. Welcoming Daniel turns Andi's world upside down. He hates everything about the ranch, comes and goes as he pleases, and exasperates Andi, who has agreed to teach him ranch skills. When Andi discovers a secret Daniel is harboring, he forces her to remain silent. Daniel's actions climax in a life-shattering accident that threatens to tear the Carter family apart. Is forgiveness even possible?

The character quality/theme for *The Last Ride* is "forgiveness." In your best handwriting, copy Colossians 3:13 from page 3 in the book. Color, cut out the poster, and memorize this verse during your study.

FORGIVENESS:

A DELIBERATE DECISION TO LET GO OF RESENTMENT TOWARD AN OFFENDER

The Last Ride: Chapters 1–5

Show how well you understand the story by answering the following questions:

CHAPTERS 1-3

1. Receiving a letter in the 1800s was a big event. What is the origin of this particular letter?
_____ Who is the letter from? _____
2. The letter from New York introduces the reader to a line-up of characters in the story. Match the characters with their descriptions.

_____ Lydia	A. I am a new baby boy, born at Thanksgiving time last year.
_____ Benjamin	B. I am one of Taffy's twins foals.
_____ Rebecca	C. I am Andi and Melinda's oldest sister. I live in San Francisco.
_____ Justin	D. I live with my family in New York. Rebecca is my older sister.
_____ Daniel	E. I am happily married and live in town with my wife and son.
_____ Lucy	F. I have never married but involve myself in my family's lives.
_____ Samuel	G. My husband and I are concerned about our son's welfare.
_____ Katherine	H. I am very happy to have married into the Carter family.
_____ Shasta	I. I am a cousin the Carter family has hardly ever see.
3. Sid McCoy greets Andi with some unwelcome news. What is it? _____

4. What is the name of the new wrangler Chad has hired? _____
5. According to Melinda, how many years has it been since Aunt Lydia, Uncle Benjamin, and Daniel visited the ranch? _____ What was the reason for that visit?

6. Name three things Daniel did as a young boy to harass his girl cousins:

CHAPTERS 4-5

7. Circle the brother whom Daniel resembles: Justin • Chad • Mitch
8. Circle the two things Aunt Rebecca always seems to badger Andi about.
not wearing long skirts • not protecting her skin • always running
her nickname, Andi • not wearing a corset • for being disrespectful
9. Andi hopes she and Daniel have something in common enough to be friends? What is it?

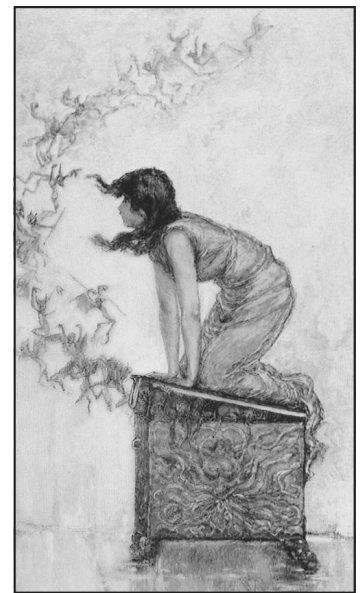
10. Andi's father died ten years ago. How was he killed? _____
11. What is another name for a "cotillion"? _____

PANDORA'S BOX: WHY IS THERE EVIL IN THE WORLD?

On pages 23 and 24, Andi says, "I can't help it. I reckon I'm just like that Pandora character in the Greek mythology book Mr. Foster assigned. I've got too much curiosity for my own good."

What did Andi mean by her statement? Who is Pandora? And what does she have to do with curiosity?

Like so many ancient cultures that abandoned the truth of God's Word, the Greeks (and Romans) made up their own stories (myths) to explain what they saw in the world around them. They had a story for everything, and some are quite interesting and fun to read. Did you ever wonder how the constellation of Orion got its name? The Greeks had a story to explain how the mighty hunter ended up in the sky. Even the planets are named after various gods and goddesses of Greek and Roman myths.



The story of Pandora is their explanation for how evil (or sin) entered the world.

The story of Pandora dates back to about 700 or 800 BC (before Christ). After mankind received the stolen gift of fire from Prometheus (a story for another time), an angry Zeus (the chief god) gave them a punishing gift to compensate for this great gift of fire they now had. From clay was molded the first woman, a "beautiful evil," whose descendants would torment the human race. The other gods and goddesses on Mount Olympus gave her gifts: Aphrodite gave her beauty, Apollo bestowed on her the gift of music, Athena presented silver gowns and necklaces. Hera gave the woman a curious nature. Hermes gave her the name Pandora, meaning "all-gifted."

Pandora eventually married, and Zeus gifted her with a locked box as a wedding present (the Greek word should really be translated "jar"). He told her she should *never* open that box, but Pandora's curiosity overruled her good sense. Every time she walked by the beautiful box, she wondered what was inside. Clothes? Jewelry? She begged her husband for the key, but he always said no. She so longed to see what was inside that one day when her husband was sleeping, she stole the key and sneaked a peek.

Instantly, out sprang all kinds of evil to infect the world: sickness, famine, hate, envy, and every wickedness one could imagine. And death. Pandora cried out and slammed the lid shut, but it was too late. Death and evil had entered the world. The "golden age" was over. But to her surprise, there was one good thing that trailed out of the box last: hope.

Was there ever really hope? The story never says. Unlike the Bible, which is full of hope, there is no happy ending for mankind in the story of Pandora's Box.

SOMETHING EXTRA: If you are interested in learning more about the stories from ancient Greece, copy this link into your browser. Disclosure: This is an official National Geographic site, but I have not read everything there. Parents should oversee their children's use of the Internet.

www.ngkids.co.uk/history/Greek-Myths

GOD'S WORD: THE SOURCE OF ALL TRUTH

It's astonishing how people will make up their own version of the truth rather than accept God's instructions laid out in the Bible. Do they really think they can avoid facing the Creator one day if they simply refuse to believe He is the "I AM," the one, true God?

Read Genesis 3 (yes, the whole chapter) to learn the real reason sin entered the world. Not only does the Genesis account give the sad, hard facts, but Genesis 3:15 also gives mankind a hope the ancient Greeks did not have.

Although the Bible tells the true story, the two accounts do share similarities. This makes it likely that after the fall and the flood, ancient people groups took the creation account and the fall of man with them as they spread out over the earth (like they took the Flood account with them). But that knowledge was clearly twisted as the years went by, and much was forgotten.

Using the Scriptures given in parentheses and the story from the previous page, find the similarities between the two accounts and fill out the chart.

THE ACCOUNTS	GREEK MYTH	SCRIPTURE
Who was the first woman?		(Genesis 3:20)
How was she created?		(Genesis 2:22)
What command was given to each of them?		(Genesis 2:16-17)
Whom did each disobey?		(Genesis 3:13)
How did each disobey?		(Genesis 3:6)
What was the result of disobedience?		(Romans 5:12)
What hope was given for mankind?		(Colossians 1:27)

VOCABULARY & GRAMMAR

For each underlined word below, write the part of speech (noun, verb, or adjective) on the line. Then choose the best definition for how the word is used in the sentence.

1. Melinda prattled on about shopping for fashions in Paris. _____ VERB

A. bragged

C. chattered

B. complained

D. gossiped

2. Andi loved her sister, but sometimes Melinda could be maddening. _____

A. exasperating

C. impatient

B. pleasing

D. impolite

3. Charges had been brought over an alleged assault. _____

A. confirmed

C. dangerous

B. supposed

D. intended

4. Andi laughed at her colt's antics. _____

A. jumps

C. beauty

B. moves

D. tricks

5. Andi stared at Riley, dumbstruck.

A. scared half to death

C. angry as all get-out

B. speechless with surprise

D. full of sorrow

6. "You tore into the letter, which planted uncharitable thoughts in your mind." _____

A. unkind

C. generous

B. loving

D. unapologetic

7. Daniel had caught her. Andi *had* meant to be a tad saucy. _____

A. a passing

C. a little bit

B. a lot more

D. a touch put off

8. Andi yearned to sit up front in the surrey, chattering nonstop with Justin. _____

A. preferred

C. begged

B. greatly desired

D. appealed

9. Daniel's loud guffaw caused Aunt Rebecca to turn around.

A. laugh

C. roar

B. complaint

D. protest



SNIPPETS FROM ANDI'S JOURNAL:

During the hour-ride home, I learned more than I needed to know about my cousin. Inside I was screaming "Take me back to town, Justin. Let me stay with you and Lucy and the baby." But with Aunt Rebecca sitting there, I kept my mouth shut.

FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA: THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD



In an age when we can hop on a plane and fly 3,000 miles across the United States in less than a day, it's hard to imagine how long it took to travel from New York to California in the 1800s. Before 1869, it took weeks to cross the rivers, mountains, and vast plains by wagon or stagecoach. The trip was full of danger, hunger, and boredom. Thanks to the relatively new transcontinental railroad, however, Aunt Rebecca and Daniel were able to make the trip from New York City to Fresno, California, in six days rather than six weeks. They were no doubt grateful for such "speedy" travel and owed their thanks to two companies' vision.

About ten years after California became a state in 1850, two railroad companies—the Central Pacific (based in California) and the Union Pacific on the other side of the country—dreamed of linking the United States from sea to sea. The two companies decided to "race" to see who could lay the most track, and they would meet in the middle. Governor Leland Stanford broke ground for the Central Pacific's eastbound tracks in January 1863 in Sacramento, the capital of California. And the race was on!

The Central Pacific got a two-year head start, and they needed it. Tunneling through the mighty Sierra Nevada range would take many, many months. It was a breeze to lay track in the flat Central Valley, but construction slowed down in the foothills, and nearly came to a standstill in the mountains. Tunnels were constructed the hard way: workmen drilled holes



with sledge hammers, stuffed blasting powder into the holes, and blew the rocks and boulders up—about a foot a day. Many people died from avalanches and explosions. The Central Pacific hired thousands of Chinese laborers. They were steady, untiring workers, and worked for between one and three dollars a day doing *very* dangerous work. The Chinese blasted fifteen tunnels for the Central Pacific. The longest was the Summit Tunnel, about 1,600 feet long.

The Union Pacific's westbound tracks began slower. They had to compete with the War Between the States for workers, rails, railroad engines, and other supplies. They basically ended up waiting until the war was over in 1865 to begin their race from Omaha, Nebraska, but the flat plains were an easier place to lay tracks.

The east coast already had a fine collection of train routes stretching all the way to Nebraska, so Omaha was the Union Pacific's starting point. Many of the workers were Irish immigrants, and most of the work consisted of laying track and driving the spikes. Other men strung telegraph lines. Cooks prepared meals, and clerks kept the accounts. Engineers, carpenters, blacksmiths, and surveyors were busy day and night. All work was done by hand: shovels, picks, axes, black powder, and wheelbarrows, ropes, mules, and horses.

On May 10, 1869, in Promontory, Utah, Leland Stanford drove the "golden spike" that connected the Union Pacific and Central Pacific RR tracks. A train traveling from the west met the train traveling from the east, and the transcontinental railroad was born. After completing their four-to-six years' work on the railroad, the laborers returned to their previous lives. Many Chinese worked for other railroads, some took their money and returned to China, and others sent for their families and settled in California.

THE GREAT RAILROAD RACE: THE ROUTE

On the map below, the route of the transcontinental railroad is laid out.

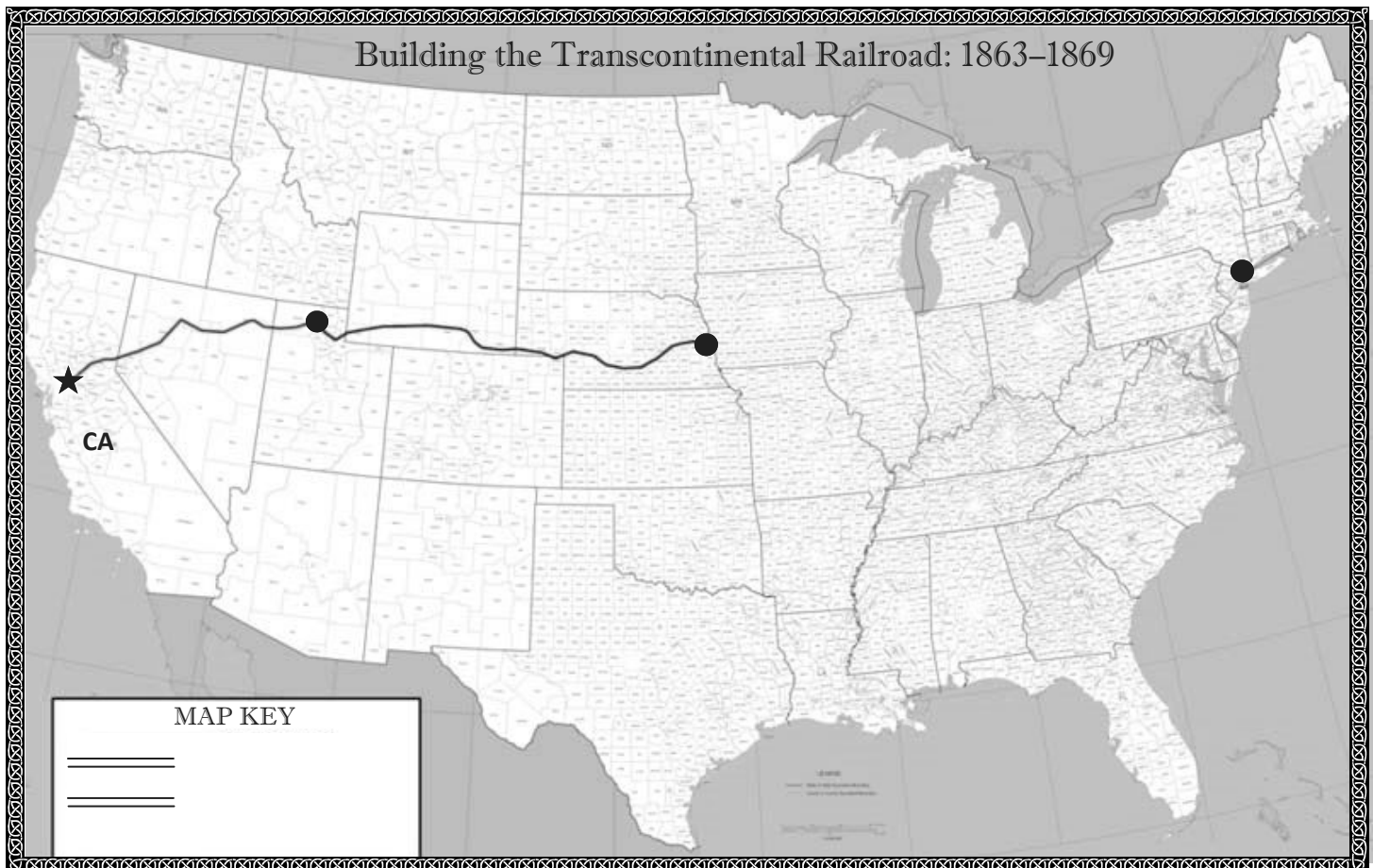
Using an atlas or Internet resource:

1. Label the states the new transcontinental railroad race passed through.
(Use postal abbreviations. See example for California.)
2. Label Sacramento (in California).
3. Label New York City (in New York).
4. Label Omaha (in Nebraska).
5. Label Promontory (in Utah).
6. Use a BROWN colored pencil to shade the location of the Sierra Nevada range.
7. Use a RED pencil to color the Central Pacific Railroad's route.
8. Use a BLUE pencil to color the Union Pacific Railroad's route.
9. Using blue and red pencils, label the Map Key with the Central Pacific route and the Union Pacific's route.



WEB FUN: Follow the route of the transcontinental railroad by copying this link into your browser to this interactive PBS site:

www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/flash-interactive/tcrr/



THE GREAT RAILROAD RACE: THE MATH

The race to lay track was a serious one for the Union and Central Pacific railroads. The U.S. government gave the companies land and money based on how much track they laid over the land. Each railroad company rushed to lay track and “claim” their miles.

1. The **Union Pacific** laid 1,087 miles of track. The **Central Pacific** laid 690 miles of track. Who “won” the great railroad race? _____
By how many miles did they win? _____

2. The new transcontinental railroad stretched from Omaha, Nebraska, to Sacramento, California. Using the miles from #1 above, how many **total miles** did the new route stretch?
_____ miles

3. The original plan stated that fifty miles of track must be laid the first year. If they had continued with this “fifty miles of track per year” plan, about how many years would it have taken the Union and Pacific railroads to build the transcontinental railroad?
_____ years. (Use the total miles of track from problem #2 and divide by fifty.)

4. In reality, how long did it take to finish the unbroken line of track from east to west?
_____ years. (Look back on the information page to find out when the Central Pacific broke ground and when the final golden spike was driven to complete the line. Subtract the two dates to find the number of years.)

5. On an “easy day,” the railroad companies could lay a mile or more of track a day. The Central Pacific railroad went a little crazy toward the end of the race. They laid ten miles of track in *one day*! If they could have kept this up, how many miles of tracks could they have laid in seven days?

_____ miles of track



The Last Ride: Chapters 6–9

Show how well you understand the story by answering the following questions:

CHAPTERS 6–7

1. Match the Spanish words with their English meanings:

_____ <i>Gracias</i>	A. Is there a problem?
_____ <i>De nada</i>	B. Welcome.
_____ <i>señor</i>	C. I don't know.
_____ <i>Bienvenido</i>	D. sir / mister
_____ <i>Hay un problema?</i>	E. You're welcome.
_____ <i>No sé.</i>	F. Thank you.

Spanish Lesson

"Jesus loves me. The Bible says so"
goes like this in Spanish:

Cristo me ama. (*Creés-toe may ah-ma*)

La Biblia dice así.

(*Lah Beé-blee-ah deé-say ah-seé*)

2. "Continental manners" is a term used when referring to how people greet one another on the European continent (across the Atlantic Ocean). Which aspect of these manners does Andi feel silly for overreacting to earlier? (Circle your answer.)
A. bowing and curtsying B. hugs and cheek-kissing C. bowing and hand-kissing
3. What is one of Andi's worst "sins"? _____
4. Circle the two things Daniel believes one must have to find a good place in high society.
A. money and charm B. beauty and a good name C. money and intelligence
5. When Aunt Rebecca collapses and Mother asks Andi to send somebody for the doctor, what recent invention does Andi wish her family had access to? _____

CHAPTERS 8–9

6. Nitroglycerin is an unstable explosive. However, in tiny doses, even today it works miracles for people with a heart condition. Circle the effects a nitroglycerin tablet has:
lowers blood pressure • speeds up a sluggish heart • dilates blood vessels
keeps the heart from working too hard • prevents dizziness • stops the heart
7. Why does Andi control her tongue and quietly submit to Aunt Rebecca's demands at breakfast the next morning? _____
8. Andi quotes part of a Bible verse to Daniel about charm being deceptive.

Look up Proverbs 31:30 and copy the verse in the box below.



VOCABULARY: LOTS OF SYNONYMS

For each underlined word below, circle **all** of the synonyms for that word. Cross out any words that are *not* synonyms. (See example.)

1. "I apologize for my boorish behavior those many years ago," Daniel said.

rude ill-mannered crude mean ~~polite~~ discourteous ~~boring~~

2. "You must be exhausted after that grueling train ride," Mother told Aunt Rebecca.

relaxing strenuous tiring easy difficult scenic refreshing

3. Andi wanted to run to the barn to get away from Aunt Rebecca's constant harping.

whispering pestering tormenting bothering giggling coughing badgering

4. Her brothers and a few ranch hands converged on Andi from the corrals and buildings.

joined met ran away from gathered around irritated

5. "It dilates the blood vessels and lowers pressure so the heart doesn't have to work hard."

enlarges contracts narrows opens widens expands

6. "The trouble is," Andi wrote, "everything I do seems to agitate Aunt Rebecca."

bother calm excite stir up irritate soothe annoy

7. Rebecca lowered her teacup and scrutinized Andi's attire.

glanced at inspected examined waved away looked closely at

8. Mother pursed her lips but did not contradict her sister-in-law.

compressed opened puckered squeezed relaxed tightened

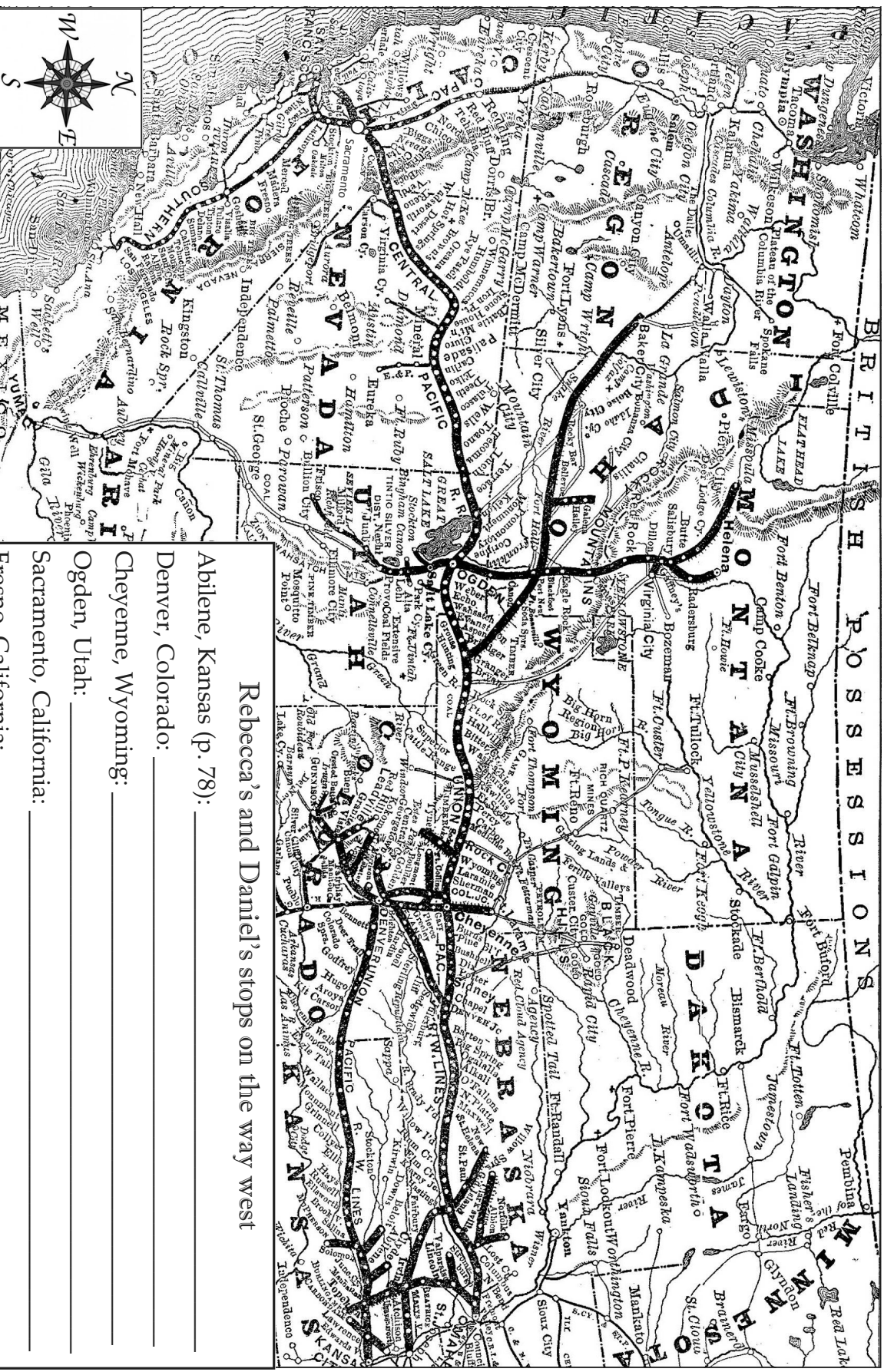
9. "Doctor Weaver was adamant yesterday. We must keep Aunt Rebecca quiet."

confused firm worried insistent unyielding unbendable

10. "I don't suppose your provincial village has electricity yet," Daniel scoffed.

simple rural advanced backward up-to-date modern

GEOGRAPHY: 1882 RAILROAD ROUTES By 1884, the transcontinental railroad had expanded to many routes, connecting a good portion of the populated western states with the Atlantic states back east. On the map, circle the stops the Carters made on their trip out West. (See stops in the white box below). At each stop, they have to make a decision to either stay on the train or board a new route in a new direction. Sometimes they buy something. Write what they do at each stop. Use compass directions.



Rebecca's and Daniel's stops on the way west

- Abilene, Kansas (p. 78): _____
- Denver, Colorado: _____
- Cheyenne, Wyoming: _____
- Ogden, Utah: _____
- Sacramento, California: _____
- Fresno, California: _____

NEW YORK CITY

Uncle Benjamin, Aunt Lydia, and their son, Daniel, live in the largest city in the United States: New York. Originally called "New Amsterdam," it began as a Dutch trading post in 1624 on the island of Manhattan. The English took control of the post in 1664 and renamed it "New York." Later, from 1785 until 1790, New York served as the capital of the United States.



New York City is made up of five boroughs: **Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, The Bronx,** and **Staten Island**. Until they were combined in 1898, these five boroughs were five separate, distinct cities. The East River Bridge (Brooklyn Bridge) was completed in 1883 and connected the city of Brooklyn to that of Manhattan (where Daniel and his family live). Manhattan is the busy, skyscraper section of New York City and also home to Central Park.

GEOGRAPHY

Use an atlas or the Internet to familiarize yourself with the geography of New York state and New York City. On the map of the United States, find and label your state (if you live in the Continental U.S.). Find New York state and color it green. List the states that border New York:



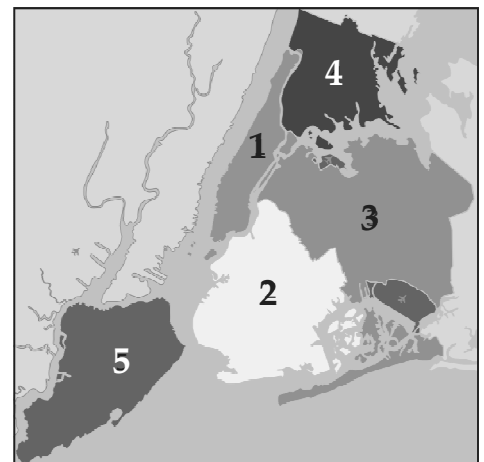
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Below is a close up of the five boroughs of New York City. Identify them on the lines to the left of the map.



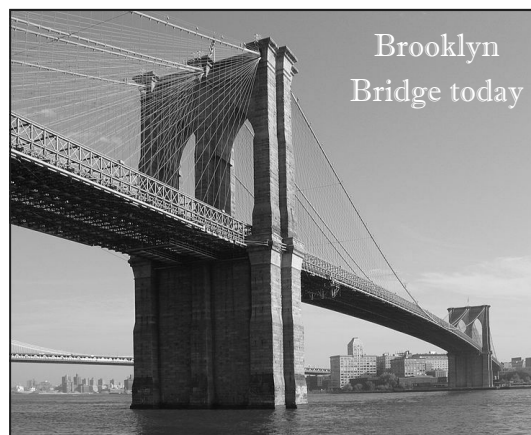
On this map of New York, mark the location of New York City and label it.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

Daniel bragged to Andi about watching the East River Bridge go up. Construction began in 1869 and was completed in 1883—fourteen years later. It is one of the oldest bridges in the United States and full of passageways and compartments. The bridge connects the city of Brooklyn with Manhattan. The day it opened, President Chester Arthur was on hand for the ceremonies, along with 150,000+ people who crossed the bridge. The bridge was a huge accomplishment for the American people and the longest suspension bridge in the world at that time.



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The bridge carried horse-drawn traffic and rails (trains), as well as a separate, elevated walkway for pedestrians and bicycles. Six days after the bridge opened, rumors went around that it was going to collapse. People panicked, and twelve were killed in the stampede to get off the bridge. A year later, P.T. Barnum of circus fame squashed doubts about the bridge's safety by leading his most famous elephant, Jumbo, along with twenty-one other elephants across the bridge.

Because of its excellent design, the Brooklyn Bridge (officially so named in 1915) is still standing, when other bridges built at that time have vanished into history.

WEB FUN: Ride the train with Thomas Edison over the Brooklyn Bridge from Brooklyn to New York City in this two-minute, 1899 video (copy the link carefully): https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/2d/New_Brooklyn_to_New_York_via_Brooklyn_Bridge%2C_no._2%2C_by_Thomas_A._Edison%2C_Inc.ogv



The East River Bridge (Brooklyn) Bridge

The Last Ride: Chapters 10–13

Show how well you understand the story by answering the following questions:

CHAPTERS 10–11

1. What does Daniel do that throws Andi into a panic? _____

2. At first, Andi decides to hang onto her seat and trust God to hold the buggy together. What changes her mind and prods her into taking action to stop the ride?

3. True or False (circle your answer): Andi wins the wrestling match for control of the buggy.
4. Circle the results of Andi and Daniel's wild ride: • Andi nearly loses her breakfast • Daniel is apologetic • Andi is thrown from the rig • the buggy's axle cracks • they have to walk to town • Andi receives cuts • the buggy crashes into a peach tree
5. Before Andi can say a word, Justin asks, "What's the trouble?" Two clues give away the fact that he knows something is troubling his sister. What are they?

6. Who hauls the buggy out of Mallards' orchard and back to town? _____
7. What do Johnny Wilson and Daniel have in common? _____

8. Chad and Justin scold Andi and Daniel for the buggy mishap. Then Chad assigns Daniel to work with Diego. What does he tell Andi to do? _____

CHAPTERS 12–13

9. Riley recognizes Daniel from when the two of them were little boys. What does Riley remember doing to Daniel? _____
10. Why is Andi angry when she catches Daniel in Taffy's stall? _____

11. What does Andi try to teach Daniel to lasso? _____
12. True or False: Daniel abandons his lassoing lesson and goes to town without permission.
13. Aunt Rebecca announces she's ready to go home to San Francisco. Who offers to accompany her? A. Daniel B. Justin C. Melinda D. Mother

VOCABULARY: MATCHING

Match the underlined word in each phrase with the correct meaning. Page numbers where the word is first used are given so you can find the meaning using the context of the sentence. The first one has been done for you.

SECTION A:

- | | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. <u>D</u> the <u>frenzy</u> of a thrill seeker (p. 65) | A. thrilling; exciting |
| 2. _____ <u>exhilarating</u> (p. 66) | B. to brush off; ignore |
| 3. _____ to <u>cower</u> in a corner (p. 66) | C. overconfidence; self-importance |
| 4. _____ to <u>snub</u> someone (p. 68) | D. passion and emotion |
| 5. _____ to <u>infuriate</u> someone (p. 74) | E. to remember; to ponder |
| 6. _____ to <u>reminisce</u> (p. 77) | F. to make angry |
| 7. _____ to look <u>contrite</u> (p. 79) | G. to shrink away; to cringe |
| 8. _____ his high-handed <u>superiority</u> (p. 83) | H. a sick person |
| 9. _____ to <u>muff</u> the toss (p. 86) | I. to be skillful; expert |
| 10. _____ to be <u>adept</u> (p. 86) | J. sorry; regretful |
| 11. _____ an <u>invalid</u> (p. 88) | K. to miss; to mess up |

DIGGING DEEPER

The Carter family has made a commitment to help set Uncle Benjamin’s son, Daniel, on the right path and turn him around. It was a common practice in the 19th century to send rebellious children to relatives for a fresh start and a new vision. Sometimes it worked. Sometimes it didn’t. How far do you think families should go to help one another? Is there a point where it is okay to say “enough is enough” and stop helping? Give at least one reason for your answer.

Andi had no say in the decision to bring Daniel to the ranch for the summer. Do you agree with her family that the adults only should decide if a relative comes to live with you? Or should all members of the family have a say in such an important decision? Give a reason for your answer:

CHARACTER CLUES

Can you identify the characters from *The Last Ride* by the following clues?

1. I cannot understand why my family does not display proper manners and behavior. It's embarrassing to be seen in public with my youngest niece.

When will she grow up? _____



2. I've had to grow up mighty fast the past eight years.

Roaming around the country from fort to fort, I've seen

more than my fair share of trouble and drama. I hope to stay on the Circle C a long time. _____

3. I'm not excited *at all* to be staying on the Circle C. _____

4. I run the ranch for my bosses, Chad and Mitch. _____

5. I know how to soothe our aunt when she gets on her high horse about proper behavior: _____

6. I've met my match as far as getting someone to pull their weight around the ranch. I'm ready to pack a certain young man up and send him home.

7. I want nothing more than to help manage the Circle C ranch. I'm not sure I can do it, though. I can't even manage one cousin. _____

8. I've recently been born into the adventurous Carter family. _____



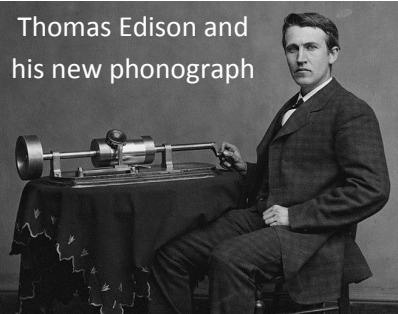
CHARACTER SKETCH

Choose one of the characters from the activity above and write a brief character sketch about them. A character sketch includes physical and personality traits (quiet, outgoing, loving, shy, etc.) as well as character traits (hardworking, boastful, honest, etc.).

Character: _____

WORLD'S FAIRS

At the end of chapter 9, Daniel asks Andi why her family did not travel to the recent International Exposition in Paris so she could see “all



things electric.” If Andi had gone to Paris, she would have seen the telephone, Thomas Edison’s new phonograph, electric street lights, and the newly finished head of the Statue of Liberty on display!



Lady Liberty’s head at the 1878 Paris world’s fair.

World’s fairs—or International Expositions as they are sometimes called—have been around since the early 1800s. The first one was held in 1844 in Paris, France. The rest of Europe soon began hosting the fairs. England put on “The Great Exhibition” in 1851. During the 19th century (and even into the 20th century), world’s fairs were famous for displaying technological inventions (like the telephone, electric lights, and even solar power) and bringing science and technology from around the world together in one location.

The United States has hosted a number of world’s fairs: New York (1853 & 1939), Philadelphia (1876), Chicago (1893 & 1933), New Orleans (1884 & 1984), St. Louis (1904), San Francisco (1915 & 1939), and Seattle (1909 & 1962) to name a few.

After 1939, expositions began to depart from their original focus on technology. Inventions and scientific advancements were not the primary displays. Instead, many expositions showcased cultural themes like “Building the World of Tomorrow” and “Peace Through Understanding.”



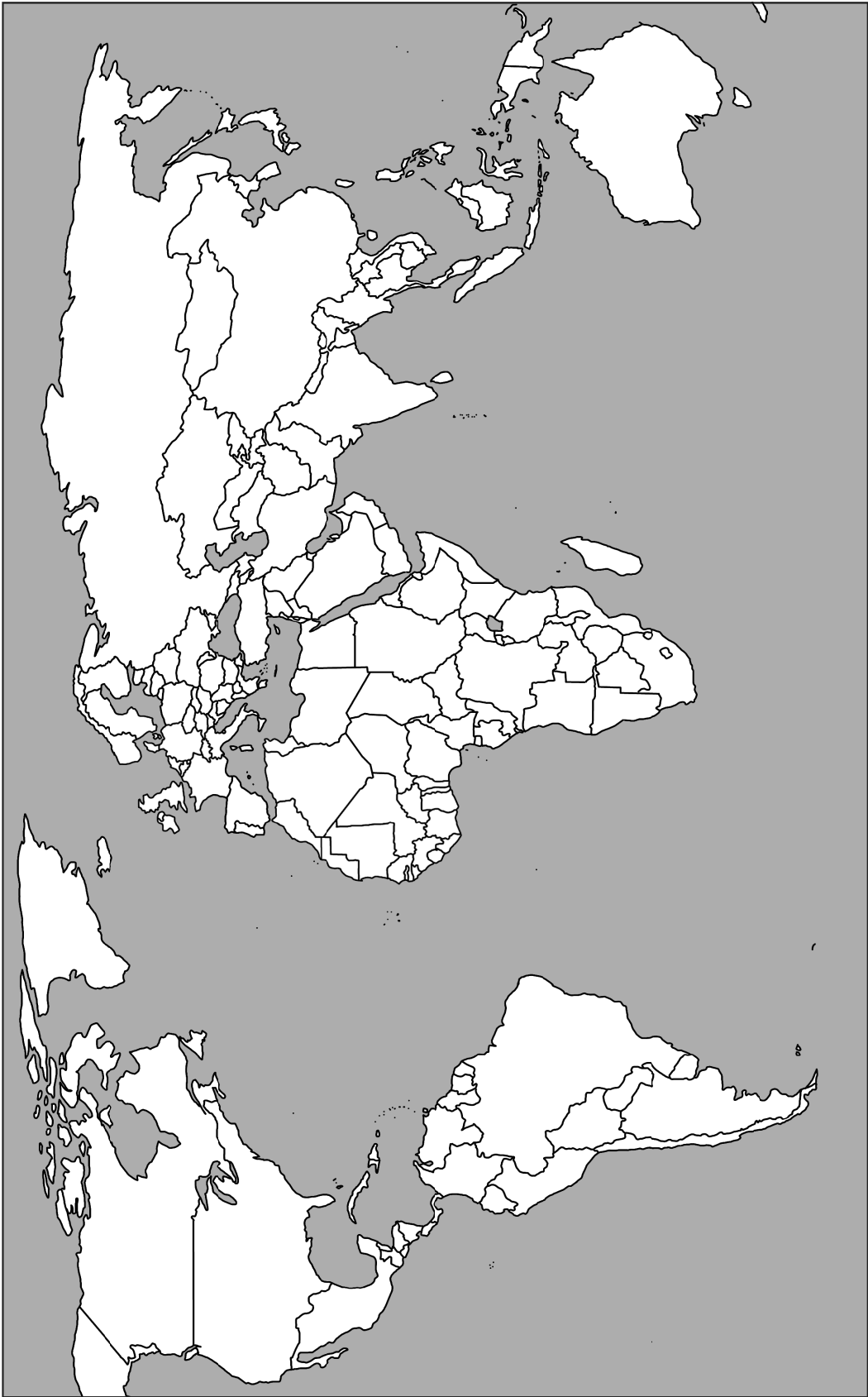
When a city hosts a world’s fair, it can have long-lasting effects on the community. For example, the 1962 world’s fair (Century 21 Exposition) was held in Seattle, Washington. The race for the moon was in full swing, and the Expo’s motto was “Living in the Space Age.” A monorail and “Space Needle” were specially constructed for the Expo. To this day, Seattle is known for its space needle left over from the world’s fair.

New Orleans hosted the last world’s fair in the United States in 1984. Since then, world’s fairs continue to exhibit around the world, but not in the U.S. Astana, Kazakhstan, will host the 2017 world’s fair, and Dubai, United Arab Emirates, is scheduled to host the exposition in 2020.

Attending a world’s fair is a memorable experience. Mrs. Marlow, the author of the Circle C Milestones, attended the Seattle World’s Fair in 1962, and she has never forgotten it. Going to the top of the space needle and riding the monorail are still exciting experiences for visitors.

WHERE IN THE WORLD?

World’s fairs are held all over the world. Below is a map of the world. Using the Internet or an atlas, locate and color the COUNTRIES that have hosted a world’s fair. See list below the map.



London, England (1851): BLACK	New York, U.S. (1853): RED	Paris, France (1855): LAVENDAR
Porto, Portugal (1865): BROWN	Vienna, Austria (1873): BLUE	Sydney, Australia (1879): GRAY
Barcelona, Spain (1888): PURPLE	Milan, Italy (1906): GREEN	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (1922): TAN
Montreal, Canada (1967): YELLOW	Osaka, Japan (1970): ORANGE	Hannover, Germany (2000): PINK

FRANK AND JESSE JAMES

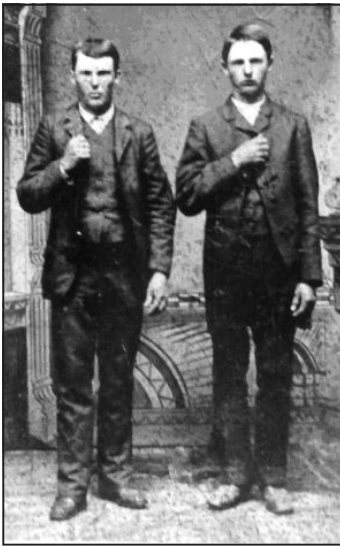
Andi mentions the outlaws Frank and Jesse James at the end of chapter ten and compares her cousin Daniel and her former classmate, Johnny Wilson, to them. By the time 1884 rolled around, Jesse James had been dead two years, and Frank James had given himself up. They never robbed or killed in California, but Andi knows all about them, as probably did everyone else in the country. They were among the most notorious outlaws of the American West and the first to rob a bank in broad daylight (1866).



Jesse James

Who were these brothers? Frank James was the elder, born in 1843. Jesse came along four years later in 1847. Brought up on a Missouri farm, the boys shared their family's sympathy for the Southern "cause" when the War Between the States broke out in 1861 (Jesse was only 14 at the time). During the war, Frank joined a band called "Quantrill's Raiders," a group thought to have massacred two hundred men and boys in Lawrence, Kansas, a center of abolitionists (people who wanted to free the slaves). Apparently, William Quantrill and the James boy didn't like this idea of freeing the slaves.

After the war, the James boys formed their own gang, which lasted about ten years (from 1866 to 1876). Jesse James didn't become well-known until 1869, when he and Frank robbed a bank in Gallatin, Missouri. They didn't get much money, but Jesse shot and killed the cashier. Not good! This robbery and killing marked Jesse for the first time as an "outlaw," and the governor of Missouri offered a reward for his capture.



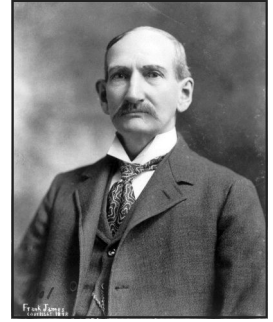
Frank & Jesse James

The James gang might have lasted longer, but an attempted bank robbery in Minnesota went bad, and several members of their outlaw band were captured or killed. They continued their crime wave, recruiting fresh members, but the law was hot on their trail by this time. So they had to do a lot of hiding and sneaking around. They robbed trains, as well, but rarely robbed the passengers. They preferred to get right to the Express safe in the baggage car.

Unfortunately, Jesse James's outlaw days were numbered. On April 3, 1882, he was killed by Robert Ford, a member of his own gang. Apparently, Robert wanted to cash in on the reward money being offered. It came as a complete surprise to Jesse. He had just finished eating breakfast and was getting ready to travel to Platte City for a planned robbery. Jesse walked across the living room to lay his revolvers on a sofa. He turned around to brush off a dusty picture. Robert Ford drew his pistol and shot the unarmed Jesse in the back of the head. Upon his death, Jesse James—who was already a celebrity in life—became a legendary figure throughout the Midwest and the West.

FRANK AND JESSE JAMES—CONTINUED

A few months after his brother was killed, Frank James gave himself up to the law. He was tried for murder in Missouri and, amazingly, was found not guilty. He was tried for robbery in Alabama. The verdict: not guilty. Once again he was tried for armed robbery in Missouri and again released. A free man at last, Frank retired to a quiet life on his family's old farm, where he lived until his death in 1915, dying in the room in which he was born.



Frank James, 1898

Frank & Jesse James Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS:

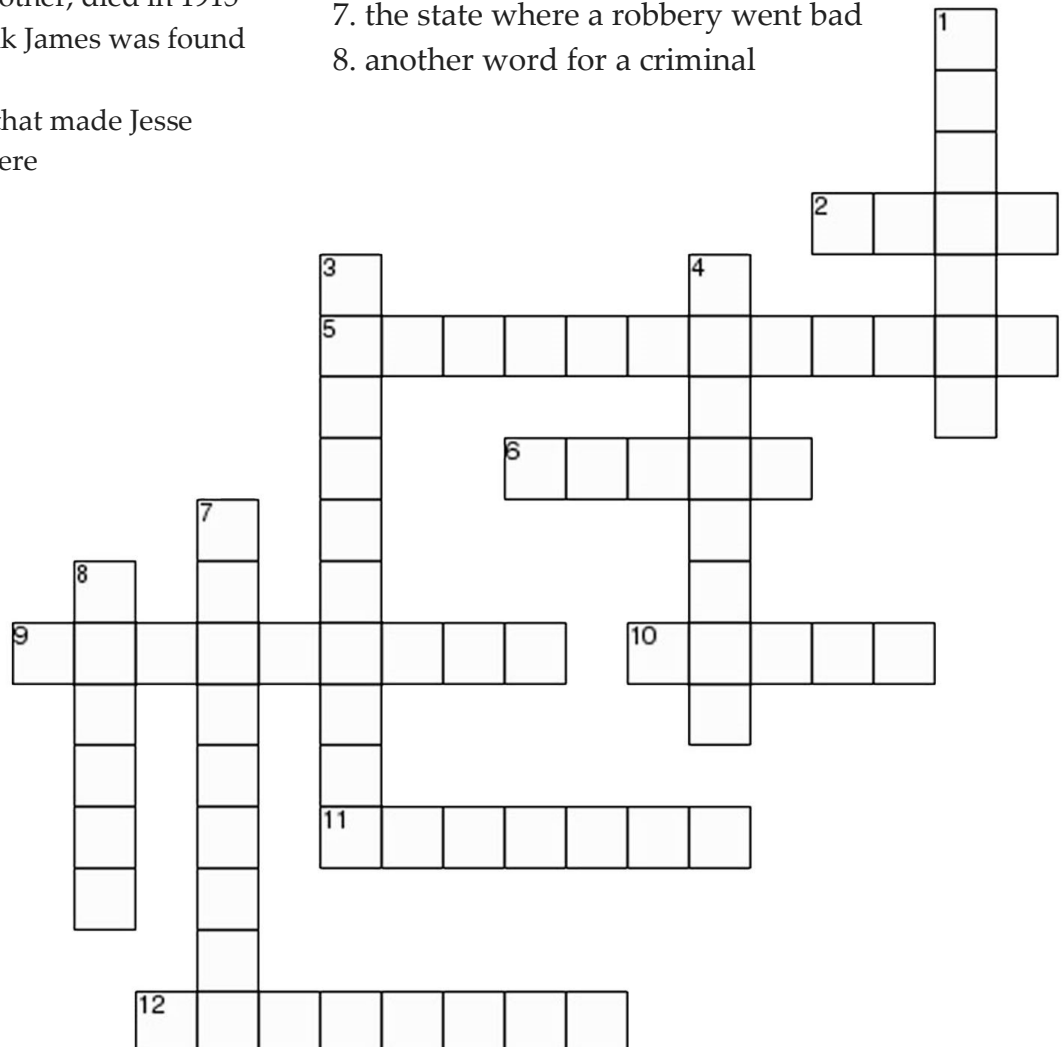
2. the man who killed Jesse James
5. one who supports freedom for slaves
6. the younger James brother, killed in 1882
9. the leader of a raider gang during the War Between the States
10. the older James brother, died in 1915
11. a state where Frank James was found not guilty
12. the bank robbery that made Jesse famous occurred here

DOWN:

1. the name of a kind of safe kept in the baggage car on a train
3. the state where the James gang never committed a crime
4. the James brothers were born in this state
7. the state where a robbery went bad
8. another word for a criminal

Word Bank

outlaw
Express
Gallatin
California
Alabama
Quantrill
Jesse
Frank
Missouri
Minnesota
Ford
abolitionist



The Last Ride: Chapters 14–17

Show how well you understand the story by answering the following questions:

CHAPTERS 14–15

1. What bad news do Andi and Justin learn when they pick up Daniel from the train depot?
A. He is battered and disheveled. B. He's not there. C. He has brought home a friend.
2. Circle the family members who would like to leave Daniel in the city. Draw a box around those who feel he needs to be brought back. ~~Cross out~~ the family members who appear to have no opinion about the matter:
Mother • Justin • Chad • Mitch • Melinda • Andi • Lucy
3. List four terrible things that could have happened to Daniel in San Francisco (pp. 92–93):

4. What are the two parts to Daniel's punishment? A) _____
B) _____
5. Why does Andi praise God with *Your works are marvelous indeed* the next Sunday?

6. What does Cory accuse Daniel of doing? _____

CHAPTERS 16–17

7. What is the secret Andi can't tell anybody? _____
8. What does Daniel threaten to do if Andi tells? _____
9. Name some of the items Andi discovers in Daniel's "loot": _____

10. Each morning Andi is filled with resolve to tell Chad about Daniel. What happens every afternoon to keep her from following through?
A. Daniel threatens her daily. B. She sees Daniel and fears him. C. She is kept too busy.
11. True or False: Andi plans to tell Melinda her secret during their Saturday ride.
12. What outrageous request does Daniel ask of the girls? _____

13. Why is Andi riding so closely to the edge of the deep gully? _____

14. Why doesn't Andi jump off Taffy when Melinda yells at her to jump? _____

VOCABULARY: LEARNING MEANINGS FROM CONTEXT

For each underlined word below, circle the closest definition for its meaning. Then use the word in a sentence of your own.

1. Justin had tried to find their sister all those years ago, but to no avail.

limits success improvement happiness

She tried to make the recipe turn out, but to no avail.

2. It appeared Justin had scoured all the places where a youth could find trouble.

searched scrubbed rubbed listed

3. Daniel appeared subdued at last.

hushed serious happy submissive

4. No respectable person knew anything about the vile pastime of cockfighting.

dangerous interesting disgusting entertaining

5. Remorse that Andi had accused Johnny for the thefts washed over her.

guilt anger joy disgust

6. The town could revel in its gossip, but no one would ever suspect a Carter of theft.

yell mourn take pleasure gather

7. For all his surliness, Andi never thought Daniel would actually strike her.

friendliness wavering indecisiveness hostility

8. How would Daniel retaliate if Andi and Melinda abandoned him in the hills?

behave get even get home feel

9. "You can stay and pamper Daniel if you want to," Melinda told Andi. "I'm going home."

baby visit with argue with look for

GIANTS IN THE LAND!

At the beginning of chapter seventeen, Andi is scared. As much as she would like to tell somebody about Daniel's secret thefts, she's too frightened at what he might do. She compares herself to the **Israelites**, who wanted to enter the Promised Land but were too frightened of the "giants" to follow through.

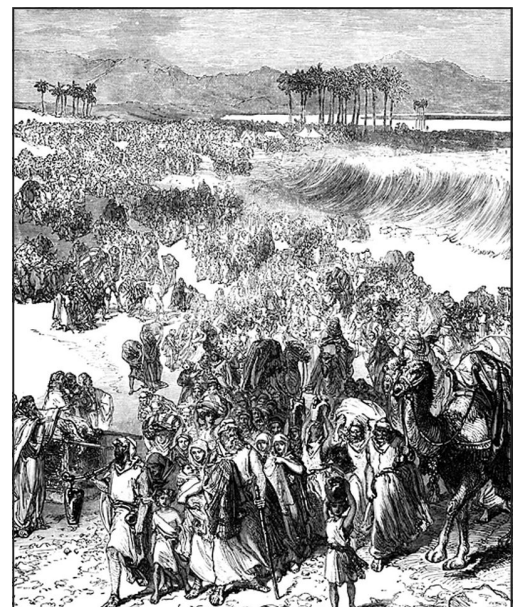
The account of the Israelites' failure to take the land is recorded in **Numbers** 13 and 14. This is an astonishing account, considering it was the people already dwelling in the land who were, in reality, scared to death of the people of God. **Forty** years later, when **Joshua** led the people across the Jordan, a couple of spies in Jericho heard it for themselves: "I know the Lord has given you the land, and that the terror of you has fallen on us. For we have heard how the Lord dried up the Red Sea before you [forty years ago, and they still remember!] when you came out of Egypt. When we heard it, our hearts melted and no courage remained" (Joshua 2: 9–11).

If only the spies Moses had sent out forty years earlier to spy out Canaan had heard such words. One man from each of the twelve tribes was chosen as part of the delegation to check out the land. Was it a rich land? A mighty people? Weaknesses? Fortified cities or open cities? In other words, bring back word so we'll know how to conquer it. They spent forty days doing their job thoroughly. They even cut huge branches of grapes. This place was a paradise!

The people eagerly awaited the spies' **report**. After all, they'd left **Egypt** two years before and no doubt eagerly looked forward to finally entering what four hundred years before had been their own land, the land God had originally given to Abraham and all his descendants (Genesis 15:18).

Imagine the wailing and disappointment when the **spies** gave their report: It's a grand land, flowing with "**milk and honey**" (an idiom for richness). But there's one slight problem: the men of this land are huge (**giants**). And strong. Their cities are like fortresses. "We became like **grasshoppers** [a simile] in our own sight, and so we were in their sight" (Numbers. 13:33).

Two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, recognized the danger. After all, that's what they had been sent into the land to do—scout it out. But **Caleb** insisted they could take the land. "Do not fear the people of the land, for they will be our prey" (Numbers 14:9). But ten of the spies felt like Andi. They were overcome with fear (clearly forgetting the whole Red Sea event and the destruction of Pharaoh's army). They gave a bad report to the people, and the unofficial "vote" went out: "Let's find ourselves a new leader and hightail it back to Egypt!"



The Israelites cross the Jordan River

GIANTS IN THE LAND—CONTINUED

Moses, God’s chosen leader over His people, was appalled at the people’s uproar (all two million of them). He fell on his face before the congregation. Joshua and Caleb tore their clothes and pleaded with the people to trust God. The people were so discouraged and terrified that they threatened to stone the two spies to shut them up. (How dare they tell us to trust God when things look bad!)

God was not exactly happy, either. He’d had enough of these rebellious people and told Moses He would strike them with a plague and make a great nation out of Moses instead. Moses begged God for the lives of the people, and the Lord repented (changed His mind) about wiping them out. Instead, He gave them a punishment to fit their crime of unbelief: They would wander around in the wilderness one year for each day the spies had scouted the land: forty years.

After forty years, the Israelites who had not died of old age had learned their lesson. They followed Joshua without hesitation and proceeded to conquer the land. I bet they were surprised to see how the people of Canaan had been watching and waiting and trembling in fear for all of those forty years.

WORD SEARCH

Use the clues to find 12 words that have to do with giants in the land. Words can be across, down, diagonal, forward, or backward: (the 12 words are in **BOLD** on these two pages)

- 1. the leader of God’s people
- 2. the number of years spend wandering in the wilderness
- 3. Moses sent these to look over the land.
- 4. Ten brought back a bad _____
- 5. & 6. the names of two of the spies
- 7. the book in the Bible that records this account of spying out the land
- 8. ten spies brought back reports of these huge people
- 9. the land Moses led the people out of
- 10. God’s people are called _____
- 11. The people felt like _____ next to the people of the land.
- 12. a name that describes the richness of the Promised Land (three words; no spaces between the words)

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The Last Ride: Chapters 18–21

Show how well you understand the story by answering the following questions:

CHAPTERS 18–19

1. Chapter 18 is the only chapter in the book without a journal entry. Why do you think there is no entry for this chapter? _____
2. Circle the four people who join Andi and Melinda at the bottom of the draw:
Mother • Justin • Chad • Mitch • Daniel • Dr. Weaver
3. Which two from the list above are not at the gully? Explain why they are not there.

4. List Andi's injuries: _____

5. What promise does Andi want to hear from Chad? _____
6. Who jumps in and makes a promise of his own? _____
7. Why do you think Dr. Weaver doesn't want Mother to tell Andi the extent of Taffy's injuries? _____

CHAPTERS 20–21

8. Why are Uncle Benjamin and Aunt Lydia proud of Daniel? _____

9. What does Andi want to do right after supper? _____
10. Who breaks the awful news to Andi that Taffy had to be put down? _____
11. True or False: Andi thinks Mitch's promise to not let Chad shoot Taffy was nothing more than a mean trick to lead her to believe her mare would not be shot.
12. When Benjamin and Lydia go back to New York, Daniel will not be with them. Why not?

13. What book is Andi absorbed in reading? _____
14. Andi knows deep inside she's hurting her family, but she is far from healing at this point. What words does she use to describe herself? _____
15. True or False: Andi gives Riley permission to drop the "Miss Carter" nonsense.

VOCABULARY: LEARNING MEANINGS FROM CONTEXT

For each of the underlined words below, write a definition in your own words. Use a dictionary for help if needed. (See example.)

1. Deep lacerations crusted with dirt traversed Taffy's flank and rump.

"lacerations" are . . . deep cuts; scratches

2. Andi lay in the dim world between awareness and oblivion.

"oblivion" means . . . _____

3. The sun had dropped behind the gully's sides, but the air was still stifling.

"stifling" means . . . _____

4. "Taffy will need a travois," Andi said.

"a travois" is . . . _____

5. A sliver of doubt about Taffy's well-being threatened to shatter Andi's optimism.

"optimism" means . . . _____

6. Mother enfolded Andi's good hand in her own.

"enfolded" means . . . _____

7. In spite of Andi's resolve to get well soon, she found herself confined to bed a long time.

"confined" means . . . _____

8. The wheelchair included the added luxury of a chamber pot.

"a chamber pot" is . . . _____

9. It was doubly mortifying for strangers to see her helpless and trussed up like a mummy.

"mortifying" means . . . _____

10. Baby Sammy banged his spoon on his high chair tray and squalled for his supper.

"squalled" means . . . _____

11. Andi's heart closed tight against the despicable young man.

"despicable" means . . . _____

12. Andi stroked the dog's head, suppressing a smile.

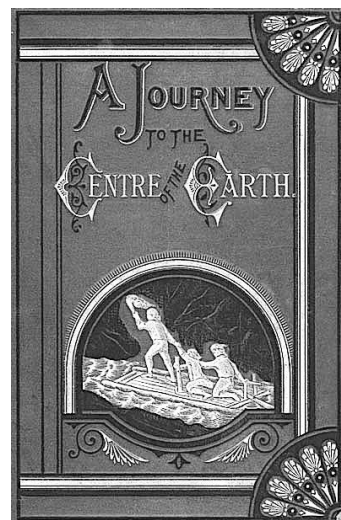
"suppressing" means . . . _____

13. The dime novel had terrified Andi as much as it had captivated her as a little girl.

"captivated" means . . . _____

A JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH

When chapter 21 opens, Andi is reading a book Justin dropped by for her, hoping to spark her interest. It does! *A Journey to the Centre of the Earth* is a science fiction novel written by Jules Verne and first published in French in 1864 (Andi read the 1871 English version). The story revolves around a German professor, Otto Lidenbrock, who believes there are volcanic tubes going down toward the center of the Earth. He cracks a secret code to find the entrance through a certain crater in an Icelandic volcano. He, his non-adventurous nephew Axel, and their guide Hans descend into the earth and encounter many dangerous adventures: an underground ocean, prehistoric animals, and even giant humans. They eventually return to the surface through a vent in the Stromboli volcano in Italy. The professor is hailed as a great, scientific genius for discovering so many new wonders.



Through the years, millions of readers have thrilled to Jules Verne's astonishing imagination. To download and read a copy of this exciting book for yourself, go here: <http://manybooks.net/titles/vernejul1885718857-8.html#> Most of the early classics are in public domain and free for the taking.

WEB FUN: Many movie versions of *A Journey to the Centre of the Earth* have been produced. Copy this link into your browser and watch the official movie trailer for the 1959 version starring Pat Boone: www.youtube.com/watch?v=WF8Bf1d_crk



Besides *A Journey to the Center of the Earth*, Jules Verne wrote other books with which you may or may not be familiar: *Five Weeks in a Balloon*, *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*, *The Mysterious Island*, *From the Earth to the Moon*, and *Around the World in Eighty Days*. Some of his scientific ideas about outer space and undersea exploration in the 1800s seemed outrageously unbelievable at the time. However, today we have traveled to the moon and under the sea in quite a similar manner as he wrote.

Jules Verne is considered one of the foremost authors responsible for launching the science fiction genre of novels, along with H.G. Wells (*The Time Machine* and *War of the Worlds*). Unfortunately, his masterful works lost quite a bit when translated into English. The American and British publishers also marketed the books to a younger audience, which hurt Jules Verne's reputation by limiting him as a "children's" author in most English-speaking countries.

THE FIVE ELEMENTS OF A FICTION STORY

A good fiction story includes these five essential elements: interesting CHARACTERS, a creative SETTING, an intriguing STORY PROBLEM, exciting PLOT EVENTS, and a satisfying STORY RESOLUTION. Jules Verne created excellent stories using these elements. Let's explore the five story elements for *A Journey to the Centre of the Earth*.

CHARACTERS:

Professor Otto Lidenbrock: a man of science and astonishing impatience

Axel: Professor Lidenbrock's nephew; a cautious and unadventurous student

Hans Bjelke: an Icelandic who becomes their guide

Grauben: Professor Lidenbrock's goddaughter, with whom Axel is in love

SETTING:

Germany, Iceland, under the earth, an underground ocean, volcanoes, Italy

STORY PROBLEM:

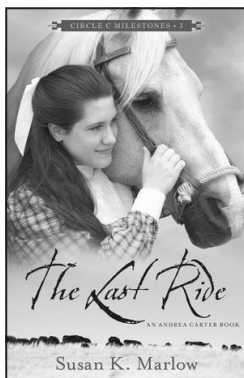
Professor Lidenbrock must crack a code to discover a secret way into the bowels of the earth so he can explore what no man has ever seen before.

PLOT EVENTS:

Lidenbrock finds the runes in code and deciphers them; he and Axel go to Iceland, hire a guide, and find the secret entrance into the crater; Axel tries to talk his uncle out of descending; they run out of water; they tap into an underground stream and encounter an ocean; they narrowly avoid colossal monsters; they discover a beach full of bones; the sea rushes into a seemingly bottomless pit; their raft gets swept up into a volcanic vent; they come out in Italy

STORY RESOLUTION:

Professor Lidenbrock and Axel return to Hamburg, Germany, where the professor is hailed as a great scientist. He has accomplished what he set out to do. Axel marries his sweetheart, Grauben, and Hans returns to Iceland, none the worse for wear.

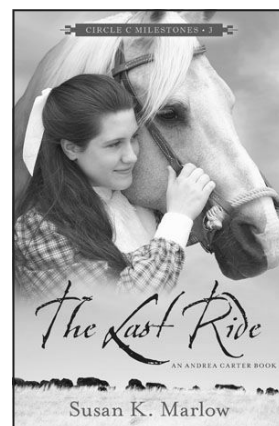


IT'S YOUR TURN:

On the next page, use what you have learned about the five elements of a fiction story by filling out the information asked for regarding the novel, *The Last Ride*. The page is too limited to include every character or every plot event in the book, but remember what you can. Also, for the story ending, write how you think it will end (unless you have read ahead and know).

THE FIVE ELEMENTS OF *THE LAST RIDE*

CHARACTERS:



SETTING:

STORY PROBLEM:

PLOT EVENTS:

STORY RESOLUTION:

The Last Ride: Chapters 22–26

Show how well you understand the story by answering the following questions:

CHAPTERS 22–24

1. What is Riley Prescott's "jim-dandy" idea? _____

2. Riley says, "That fall took part of your family down with you, didn't it?" None of the other Carters actually fell down into the gully. Riley is speaking figuratively. What does he mean?

3. Riley has taught Shasta a trick that shocks Andi and makes her gasp. What trick is it?
A. He stands up on his hind legs. B. He bows on command. C. He counts with his hooves.
4. Name two things Shasta does to show Andi he misses her and doesn't like her absence:

5. After Riley says his "piece," Andi bursts into tears. Why do you think she does this?

6. How long has it been since Andi's accident? _____
7. What happens on "graduation day"? _____
8. Why will Andi be sore after riding today? _____

CHAPTERS 25–26

9. Where has Riley brought Andi? _____
10. Andi asks, "Why have you brought me here?" What is Riley's answer? _____

11. True or False: Andi "fires" Riley on the spot for talking to her in such a manner.
12. Why can't Andi leave? _____
13. What is the name of the horse Riley owned as a child? _____
14. Why is Andi moved by Riley's story? _____
15. How does she respond (two ways)? _____

16. What awaits Andi at home? _____
17. Why do you think Andi is glad that Riley is not her brother? _____

VOCABULARY: SYNONYMS AND ANTONYMS

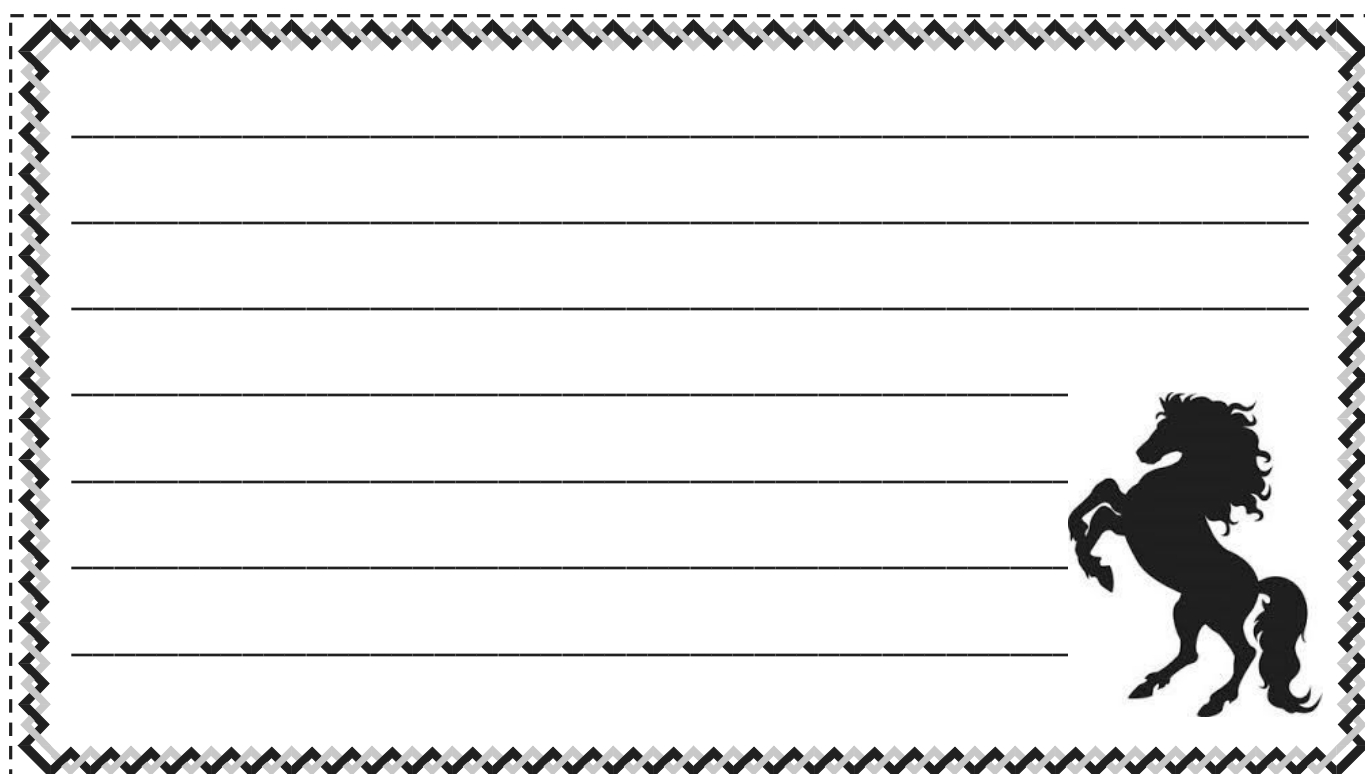

Synonyms are words that have the same (or nearly the same) meaning as the original word. *Antonyms* have the opposite meaning. Below each sentence are four words. Write the **synonym** for each underlined word on the line to the right. One of the words is the **antonym**. (Circle the antonym for each underlined word. (The first one has been done as an example.)


1. Andi felt like a prissy old lady. prim & proper
sick & weak casual *prim & proper* *sad*
2. Andi stiffened and clammed up. _____
shut her mouth *listened* *slept* *talked a lot*
3. "I've just acquired another brother," Andi told herself. _____
purchased *lost* *seen* *gained*
4. Not that I have any place special to go, Andi mused sourly. _____
quietly *bitterly* *agreeably* *unknowingly*
5. Riley cajoled Andi into watching him work with the colts. _____
sweet-talked *forced* *lured* *tickled*
6. The staccato of approaching hoof beats urged Andi faster. _____
loud sounds *blurred sounds* *happy sounds* *clipped sounds*
7. Shasta slowed in response to Andi's nonverbal command. _____
shouted *pleading* *urgent* *unspoken*
8. "You won't feel fine tomorrow," Riley said ominously. _____
sadly *encouragingly* *jokingly* *threateningly*
9. Andi never wanted to see the disreputable young man again. _____
disgraceful *mean* *honorable* *shoddy*
10. Sid McCoy often berated Andi for one thing or another. _____
praised *teased* *loved* *criticized*
11. Andi laughed at Riley's antics. _____
adventures *clowning* *seriousness* *laziness*
12. It took all of Andi's resolve to look at the rocky mound. _____
weakness *character* *determination* *honor*

SCRIPTURE MINI-POSTERS

Andi loves horses! The Bible mentions horses numerous times. Here are a few verses. Look them up and choose two that spark your interest. Copy them onto the cards below and cut them out:

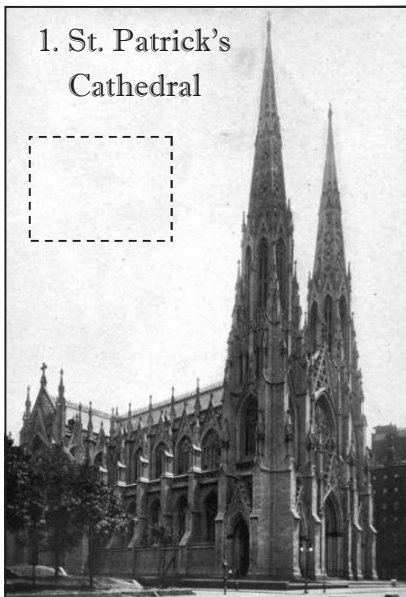
Job 39:19–20; Psalm 20:7; Proverbs 21:31; Habakkuk 1:8; Revelation 19:11





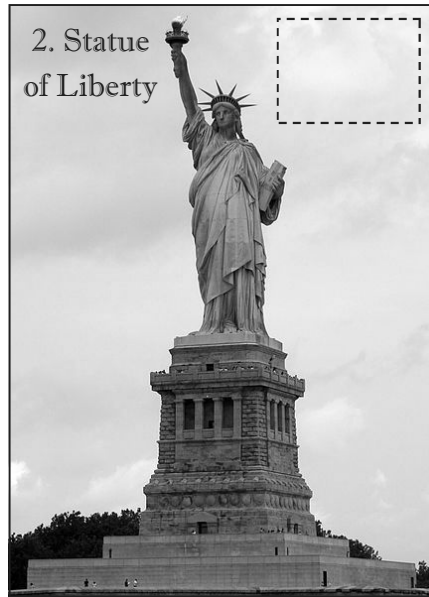
NEW YORK CITY TRAVEL TRIVIA

What would Andi see if she visited New York City? Use the Internet to explore these important New York City landmarks. Fill in the facts, then write “YES” or “NO” in the box if the landmark is something Daniel could show Andi in 1884 (if he ever gets out of jail).



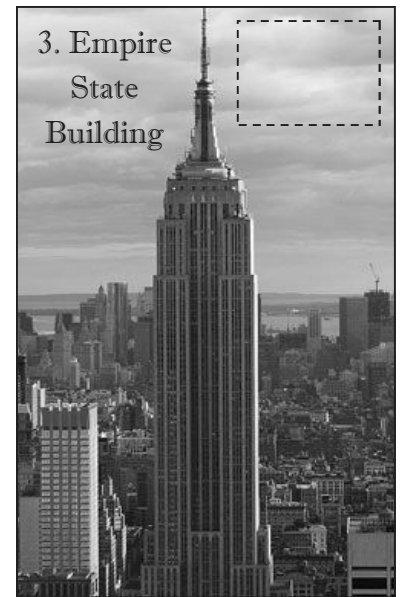
1. Year it opened: _____

Catholic or Protestant church? (circle your answer)



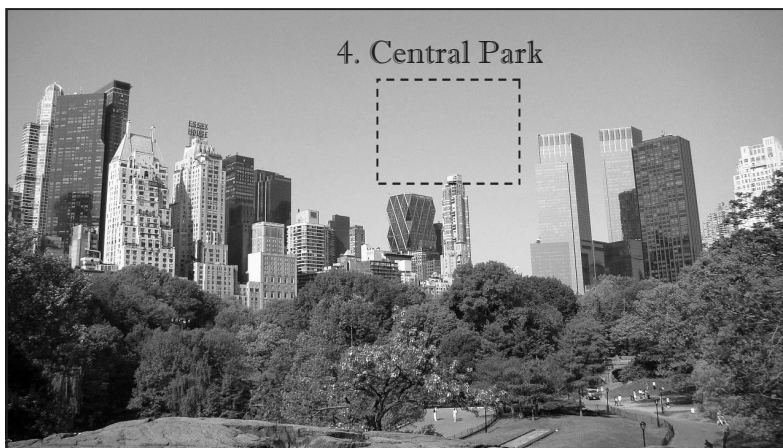
2. Year it opened: _____

Construction began in what year? _____



3. Year it opened: _____

How many stories high is the Empire State Bldg.? _____



4. Year established: _____

True or False: Central Park is the second most visited city park in the U.S.



5. Year it opened: _____

The real name of this triangular-shaped building is the _____ Building.

It was named “Flatiron Building” because it looks like an _____.

Answer Key: *Heartbreak Trail* - 4

Page 72: Chapters 21-25

Chapters 21-23

1. Santa Monica Mts. are to the north of LA. The pass is in the middle of the mountains. Los Angeles is the dot.
2. C
3. No. Toledo whistles; his horse comes running.
4. "Get out the six-shooters." "Let's chase after him." "We need our beef back." "We should round up some men."
5. **CC hands**: Wyatt, Diego, Flint, Cook, Joselito
Temporary: Toledo, Huey, Kirby, Tripp, Seth, Bryce
6. Toledo shows up with his band of thieves and kidnaps Andi and Levi.

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7. A livery stable
8. A
9. Have a party with music, dancing, and a pretty dress.
10. B

Page 73: Spanish Part 4

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|------|------|-------|
| 1. I | 5. C | 8. G |
| 2. J | 6. H | 9. F |
| 3. E | 7. D | 10. B |
| 4. A | | |

Page 73: Story Problem and Plot Events

1. Andi wants to go on the cattle drive. Once on the drive, she must overcome the problem that she has "bitten off more than she can chew."
2. A. down; B. up; C. down; D. up; E. up; F. down; G. down; H. up; I. up; J. down; K. up; L. down; M. up

Page 74: Los Angeles

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Butterfly | 7. Riverview |
| 2. The Tar | 8. Holy Faith |
| 3. The Cats | 9. The Crosses |
| 4. Sacramento | 10. Mountain of the King |
| 5. Holy Cross | 11. Saint Matthew |
| 6. Saint John the Baptist | 12. Blood of Christ |

Answer Key: *The Last Ride* - 1

Page 79: Chapters 1-5

Chapters 1-3

1. New York City; Aunt Lydia Carter
2. G, D, F, E, I, H, A C, B
3. Chad has hired a young wrangler to work with the colts.
4. Riley Prescott
5. Ten years; the funeral for Andi's father, James.

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6. Any of these: pinched Melinda; put snakes in Melinda's bed; swiped eggs from the henhouse; nearly drowned the cat; bullied the girls; let the horses loose from their stalls
7. Mitch
8. Not protecting her skin; her nickname, Andi.
9. Horses
10. Thrown from his horse in a roundup accident.
11. A square dance.

Page 81: God's Word

GREEK MYTH	SCRIPTURE
Pandora	Eve
from clay	from Adam's rib
Don't open the box.	Don't eat from the tree.
Zeus	God
She opened the box.	She ate from the tree.
Sin entered the world.	Sin entered the world.
no hope	Jesus Christ

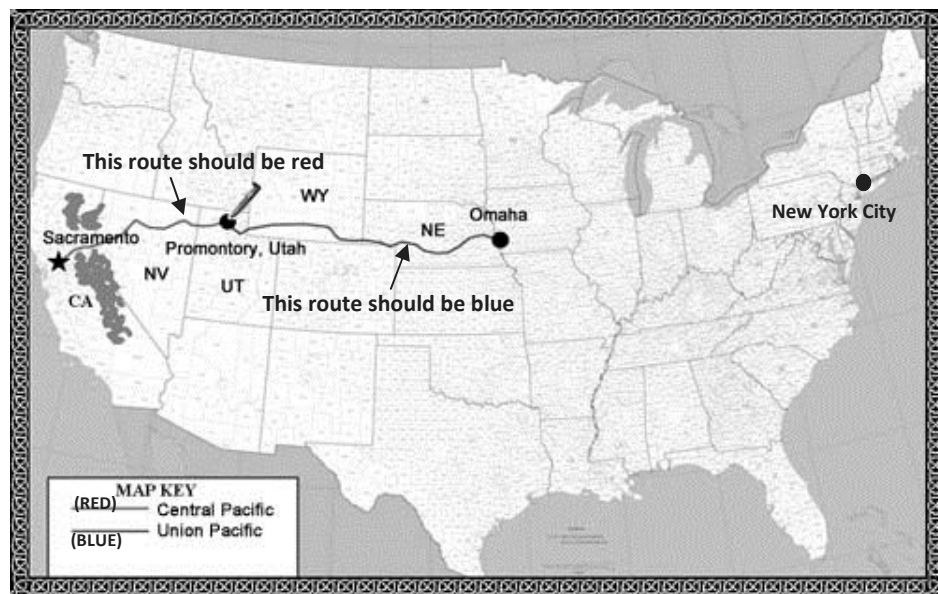
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Vocabulary & Grammar

1. C verb
2. A adjective
3. B adjective
4. D noun
5. B adjective
6. A adjective
7. C adjective
8. B verb
9. A noun

Answer Key: *The Last Ride* - 2

Page 84: The Route



Page 85: The Math

1. Union Pacific RR won the race by 397 miles ($1,087 - 690 = 397$).
2. Total length of track laid: 1,777 ($1,087 + 690 = 1,777$)
3. It would take about 35 ½ years. ($1,777$ divided by 50 miles a year = 35.54).
4. 6 years. (1869–1863)
5. They could lay 70 miles in 7 days (10 miles a day x 7 days = 70 miles of track).

Page 86: Chapters 6–9

Chapters 6–7

1. F, E, D, B, A, C
2. C
3. eavesdropping
4. A
5. the telephone

Chapters 8–9

6. lowers blood pressure, dilates blood vessels, keeps the heart from working too hard
7. She doesn't want Aunt Rebecca to get upset and have another spell.
8. Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

Page 87: Chapters 6–9:

Synonyms (circle all except the crossed-out words)

1. rude, ill-mannered, crude, mean, ~~polite~~, discourteous, ~~boring~~
2. ~~relaxing~~, strenuous, tiring, ~~easy~~, difficult, ~~seemly~~, ~~refreshing~~
3. ~~whispering~~, pestering, tormenting, bothering, ~~giggling~~, ~~coughing~~, badgering
4. joined, met, ~~ran away from~~, gathered around, ~~irritated~~
5. enlarges, ~~contracts~~, ~~narrows~~, opens, widens, expands
6. bother, ~~calm~~, excite, stir up, irritate, ~~soothe~~, annoy
7. ~~glanced at~~, inspected, examined, ~~waved away~~, looked closely at
8. compressed, ~~opened~~, puckered, squeezed, ~~relaxed~~, tightened
9. ~~confused~~, firm, ~~worried~~, insistent, unyielding, unbendable
10. simple, rural, ~~advanced~~, backward, ~~up-to-date~~, ~~modern~~

Page 88: Geography: 1882

Railroad Routes to the West

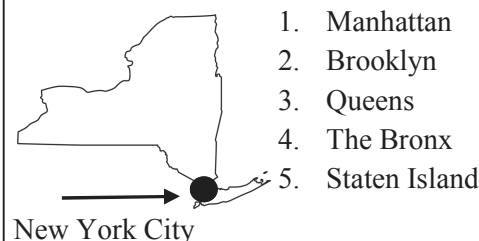
Abilene: Daniel buys cowboy clothes
 Denver: change trains NORTH
 Cheyenne: change trains WEST
 Ogden: stay on train WEST
 Sacramento: change trains SOUTH
 Fresno, California: ARRIVE!

Page 89: New York City

Bordering states (any order):

Vermont, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut

The five boroughs of New York City:



Answer Key: *The Last Ride* - 3

Page 91: Chapters 10–13

Chapters 10–11

1. He whips the horse and races full speed toward town.
2. Daniel is abusing Pal, their horse, with the whip and reins.
3. False
4. Andi nearly loses her breakfast; the buggy's axle cracks; they have to walk to town; Andi receives cuts
5. He can read her facial expression; He sees her rumpled appearance
6. Cory Blake
7. They both attended Hoover Military Academy in the past.
8. Change clothes (or) get Shasta (or) go work with Riley.

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9. Fighting Daniel
10. Daniel snooped and found her journal.
11. A couple of young cattle.
12. True
13. A

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Vocabulary Matching

- | | |
|------|-------|
| 1. D | 7. J |
| 2. A | 8. C |
| 3. G | 9. K |
| 4. B | 10. I |
| 5. F | 11. H |

Digging Deeper:

Answers will vary.

Page 93: Character Clues:

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|-------------------|------------|
| 1. Aunt Rebecca | 5. Melinda |
| 2. Riley Prescott | 6. Chad |
| 3. Daniel Carter | 7. Andi |
| 4. Sid McCoy | 8. Sammy |

Page 97: Jesse James Crossword

ACROSS:

2. Ford
5. Abolitionist
6. Jesse
9. Quantrill
10. Frank
11. Alabama
12. Gallatin

DOWN:

1. Express
3. California
4. Missouri
7. Minnesota
8. Outlaw

Page 101: Word Search

R B X R B E L A C A X U E S T
Q F R G E G F Y S C X S E J P
S D A S T X I M J Y B T X O Y
Y E N O H D N A K L I M S S G
Z Z S P O R P W N L D E R H F
S Q H O E L G Y E T I V E U P
P V P P M F K A O P S X P A Z
H F O R T Y R X S O J E P A A
U R Q R D S R X O C F B O Z M
T V Y M I U R P B L S O H J G
I X D W B H K X O C E G S V U
E N N M Z V V Z G V K U S N A
J R T C B A P X N A T L A O Q
I X V Z N U M B E R S W R M M
D L Z R V V V Q S C J V G R R

Page 98: Chapters 14–17

Chapters 14–15

1. B
2. **Circle:** Chad, Andi; **Box:** Mother, Justin
Cross out: Mitch, Melinda, Lucy
3. robbed; beaten, left to die; shanghaied; murdered
4. no pay; live in the bunkhouse
5. Daniel hasn't pestered Andi. (or) Daniel seems to have made a turnaround in his behavior.
6. cockfighting (or) robbing stores

Chapters 16–17

7. Daniel is the thief.
8. burn down the barn
9. whiskey, tools, door-knockers, doorknobs, knives, tobacco tins, brooches, pendants
10. B
11. true
12. He wants the girls to ask Chad for money (a loan).
13. She thinks Daniel may have fallen down there.
14. Andi would never abandon her horse.

Page 99: Chapters 14–17 Vocabulary

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|---------------|------------------|
| 1. success | 6. take pleasure |
| 2. searched | 7. hostility |
| 3. submissive | 8. get even |
| 4. disgusting | 9. baby |
| 5. guilt | |

Answer Key: *The Last Ride*- 4

Page 102: Chapters 18–21

Chapters 18–19

1. Andi is unconscious. (or) Andi is too sick to create an entry.
2. Justin, Chad, Mitch, Dr. Weaver
3. Mother: She is in Madera; Daniel: He went for help.
4. Cracked knee, dislocated shoulder, cracked ribs, concussion.
5. To not shoot Taffy.
6. Mitch
7. Andi is probably too weak to absorb this news; it's too hard of a blow to handle; she might get sicker; she might lose the will to live.

Chapters 20–21

8. They believe Daniel saved Andi's life by going for help.
9. She wants to go out to the barn (to see Taffy).
10. Chad
11. True
12. Daniel is in jail.
13. *A Journey to the Centre of the Earth*
14. Selfish, stubborn, unforgiving.
15. True

Page 103: Chapters 18–21:

Vocabulary

(other definitions possible)

1. deep cuts; scratches; gashes
2. unconsciousness
3. hot and airless
4. a litter for carrying someone
5. a hopeful outlook; confidence
6. Clapsed; enclosed
7. kept; restrained
8. a bedpan; portable toilet
9. humiliating; embarrassing
10. hollered; yelled
11. dreadful; disgraceful
12. controlling; squashing
13. fascinated; charmed

Page 106: Five Elements of *The Last Ride* (Sample Answers)

CHARACTERS:

Andi Carter: almost 16; loves Taffy; wants to help manage the ranch Chad: runs the ranch; Daniel Carter: almost-18 year old cousin from NYC; hates ranching; troublemaker; Riley Prescott: Circle C new wrangler; Elizabeth Carter: Andi's mother; Justin: Andi's oldest brother; married; has baby son, Sammy; Melinda & Mitch: Andi's siblings; Cory: Andi's friend

SETTING: Circle C ranch; spring & summer 1884

STORY PROBLEM: Andi has to learn to deal with a delinquent city cousin who endangers her life and the life of her mare, Taffy.

PLOT EVENTS (other answers are acceptable): Andi receives letter from NYC; Andi meets the new, young wrangler, Riley; Andi learns her colt Shasta will be trained by Riley; Andi learns Daniel is a troublemaker; Andi and Justin meet the train; Aunt Rebecca suffers from a weak heart; Andi must be considerate and do things she doesn't like to keep Rebecca from becoming ill; Daniel and Andi run the buggy into an orchard; Andi tries to teach Daniel lassoing and stall mucking; Daniel sneaks Andi's journal; Daniel disappears in San Francisco; Daniel steals from the town stores; Andi finds his cache; Andi is warned to keep quiet; Daniel causes Andi's accident; Taffy has to be put down; Andi is sick for a long time; Andi rejects her family when she learns of Taffy's death; Riley talks Andi into watching him work (end chapter 21)

STORY RESOLUTION: (answers will vary on how the student thinks Andi will resolve her problem)

Answer Key: *The Last Ride*– 5

Page 107 Chapters 22–26

Chapters 22–24

1. To take Andi with him to see the colts
2. By Andi's bitterness and unforgiveness, her family is sinking into gloom. (or) They are falling emotionally (in spirit).
3. B
4. Blows in her face; tosses his head; nickers; paws the ground
5. She feels guilty because Riley is right. She is hurting but she can't "let go."
6. Eight weeks (or) nine weeks
7. Andi rides Shasta for the first time with a saddle.
8. It's been so long since she's ridden. (or) She's not used to riding. (or) She hasn't ridden for over two months.

Chapters 25–26

9. Back to the gully where she fell and lost Taffy
10. It's time to stop running away. (or) It's time to face what happened and move on.
11. True
12. She can't mount Shasta because she's sore.
13. Midnight
14. It is very close to Andi's own experience.
15. She asks God to forgive her. She forgives brothers.
16. A birthday party.
17. She likes him.

Page 108: Ch. 22-26: Synonyms & Antonyms

(synonym first; antonym)

1. prim & proper; casual
2. shut her mouth; talked a lot
3. gained; lost
4. bitterly; agreeably
5. sweet-talked; forced
6. clipped sounds; blurred sounds
7. unspoken; shouted
8. threateningly; encouragingly
9. disgraceful; honorable
10. criticized; praised
11. clowning; seriousness
12. determination; weakness

Page 111: New York City Travel Trivia

1. YES. St. Patrick's Cathedral opened in 1879; Catholic church
2. NO; Statue of Liberty opened in 1886; Construction began in 1875 (so Daniel could have seen it going up, but not visited.)
3. NO; Empire State Building opened in 1931; 102 stories
4. YES; Central Park established in 1857; False (it is the most-visited park in the U.S.)
5. NO; Flatiron Building opened in 1902; real name is Fuller Building; it looks like an iron.

Answer Key: *Courageous Love* – 1

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Chapters 1–3

1. She's trick riding on Shasta.
2. Riley, he is teaching her and looking out for her.
3. It's too dangerous; her skirt can easily get caught; the falls are too bad.
4. A bloody nose; a cut over her eye
5. She has to go to Chad's engagement party tonight looking like this.
6. at college in Berkeley
7. It has been cut.
8. C
9. "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

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10. Ellianna (Ellie) Coulter
11. Aunt Rebecca
12. She doesn't want to make a scene at Chad's party.
13. B
14. Cory confesses he cares about Andi in a deep way.
15. Johnny bumps her elbow and coffee splashes down her dress.
16. Glass breaks and something flies through the window.