

The Story of Johnny Appleseed

Read the story of Johnny Appleseed and answer the questions at the end. All the answers can be found in the story! Good Luck!

One of America's legends is that of Johnny Appleseed, an apple farmer in the 1800's. There really was a Johnny Appleseed and his real name was John Chapman. He was born in Leominster, Massachusetts in 1774. His dream was to produce so many apples that no one would ever go hungry. Although legend says that Johnny was walking through the country and planting apple seeds on the way, the truth is that he was an organized businessman who bought land and planted thousands of apple trees.



His adventure began in 1792, when John was eighteen years old. He and his eleven-year-old half brother, Nathaniel, went to the west of the USA but years later he began traveling alone. Legend says started in the east in Pennsylvania and each year he planted an apple seed on his way to the west. He had apple seeds in a leather bag. The truth is that Johnny created numerous nurseries with fences around the fields and later sold his apple trees. He did not want money but traded for food or clothing. He wanted many more people to plant apple trees. Soon people called him the "apple seed man" and later he became known as "Johnny Appleseed". He was friends with the Indians and he only ate food from the nature.

Legend says Johnny rarely wore shoes even in the winter and he liked to sleep outside in the forest and on the ground. In 1842 after walking through the country for 50 years, Johnny moved into the home of Nathaniel. On March 18 1845, he died of pneumonia at the age of seventy-one.

Questions

1. What is Johnny Appleseed's real name?

2. Why did Johnny plant apple trees?

3. What did Johnny want to get when he sold apple trees instead of money?

4. Is it true that Johnny walked around and planted seeds everywhere he went?