

BIRTWICK PARK

COMPREHENSION CHECK

Choose the best answer.

1. Darkie went to Squire Gordon's farm in the
 - a. spring.
 - b. summer.
 - c. winter.
 - d. fall.
2. The barn master was
 - a. Ginger.
 - b. Merrylegs.
 - c. Mrs. Gordon.
 - d. John.
3. Darkie's new name was
 - a. Ginger Gordon.
 - b. John Merrylegs.
 - c. Black Beauty.
 - d. Blackie Gordon.
4. Ginger liked to bite people because
 - a. she was always hungry.
 - b. her saddle did not fit well.
 - c. she thought it was a fun thing to do.
 - d. she had not been treated well in the past.
5. Black Beauty
 - a. was easy to get along with.
 - b. was a mean, fresh horse.
 - c. always wanted things done his way.
 - d. was not really very happy anywhere.
6. When Ginger and Black Beauty pulled the wagon,
 - a. Merrylegs tried to come between them.
 - b. they worked well together.
 - c. Ginger did not do her part.
 - d. Black Beauty was always tired and hot.
7. Most of all, Black Beauty missed
 - a. chasing rabbits.
 - b. his favorite apple tree.
 - c. his friends at the old farm.
 - d. being free.
8. Mrs. Gordon
 - a. liked to ride Black Beauty.
 - b. enjoyed riding Ginger.
 - c. did not ride very well.
 - d. wanted to get a new horse.
9. Another name for this story could be
 - a. "A New Home and a New Name."
 - b. "Ginger and Merrylegs."
 - c. "Working Very Hard."
 - d. "Thinking of Home."
10. This story is mainly about
 - a. learning to work on a farm.
 - b. making new friends.
 - c. getting used to a new home.
 - d. living on a farm.

Preview Answer:

- a. the young horse's new home seemed to be a nice place.

Check your answers with the key on page 67.