

## Where the Red Fern Grows

### Multiple-Choice Test

Read each question below. Then, mark the letter of the answer you have chosen.

- The setting of *Where the Red Fern Grows* is—
  - a city in California
  - the Ozark Mountains
  - a farm in Florida
  - a fern farm in the mountains
- The story of Billy Colman and his dogs is told by—
  - Billy as an adult
  - an unknown narrator
  - Billy's father
  - Billy's mother
- At the start of the story, Billy wants to—
  - leave the mountains
  - go to school
  - get two coon hound pups
  - get money to help his family
- To get what he wants, Billy—
  - takes out a loan from the bank
  - sells a valuable piece of jewelry
  - asks his mother for money
  - works for two years and saves money
- Which of the following is not one of Billy's conflicts?
  - He has to face bullies in town.
  - He has to fight the Pritchards.
  - He has to struggle against his fear of guns.
  - He has to rescue a dog from the river.
- Which forces of nature is Billy in conflict with?
  - Blizzards and wild animals
  - Tornadoes and wild seas
  - Deserts and jungles
  - Hurricanes and floods
- Which statement *best* describes Billy's dogs?
  - Both dogs are fearful of Billy.
  - The dogs can read Billy's mind.
  - The dogs are good hunters but give up easily.
  - Both dogs are big and powerful.
- The title of this novel refers to—
  - the new town that the family is moving to
  - Billy's mother's garden
  - a dream Billy once had
  - an old Native American legend
- In the novel, Billy learns that—
  - love has the power to help us triumph over troubles and lasts forever
  - death comes to everyone and is not as bad as it seems
  - the world is full of bad people
  - he should not question the workings of fate
- Which passage states a theme of this novel?
  - "people have been trying to understand dogs ever since the beginning of time"
  - "my prayers have been answered"
  - "at one time or another, everyone suffers"
  - "It's a shame that people all over the world can't have that kind of love in their hearts"