

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"