

Quick Check

The History of House Cats

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Which of the following states the main idea of the section titled "An Unlikely Friend"?
 - (A) Cats like to hunt and live alone.
 - (B) Cats are cute and have strong senses.
 - (C) Cats are friendly and do many things that other animals do.
 - (D) Cats like to be alone and don't need people.
2. Cats are different from other tame animals because _____.
 - (A) they don't need help
 - (B) they live indoors
 - (C) they work for humans
 - (D) they are cute
3. People in _____ first tamed cats.
 - (A) the United States
 - (B) the Middle East
 - (C) Europe
 - (D) China
4. How did the Egyptian's show love and respect for cats?
 - (A) Some Egyptian gods looked like cats.
 - (B) Some Egyptians held shows where they showed beautiful cats.
 - (C) Some cats were allowed on Egyptian ships.
 - (D) Some cats traveled all over Europe.
5. Two thousand years ago in Asia, cats helped _____.
 - (A) protect people from evil people
 - (B) protect important papers from mice
 - (C) protect farms from mice
 - (D) protect mummies from mice
6. What type of book is *The History of House Cats*?
 - (A) historical fiction
 - (B) historical nonfiction
 - (C) realistic fiction
 - (D) realistic nonfiction

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7. How did cats in ancient Egypt compare to cats in Europe during the Middle Ages?
 - Ⓐ The cats in ancient Egypt were feared, but they were loved in the Middle Ages.
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 - Ⓒ The cats in ancient Egypt looked like wildcats, but they were striped in the Middle Ages.
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8. Why does the author tell readers to put a bell on the collar of an outside cat?
 - Ⓐ to enter a cat show
 - Ⓑ to decorate the cat with a nice bell
 - Ⓒ to scare away little animals the cat may kill
 - Ⓓ to help cats hunt
9. An example of a **superstition** is the belief that _____.
 - Ⓐ wicked people turned into cats
 - Ⓑ cats were made into mummies
 - Ⓒ cats killed off thirty-three types of birds
 - Ⓓ cats bring out a caring response by people
10. How did kitty litter allow cats to live indoors?
 - Ⓐ The litter gave a spot for cats to hunt indoors.
 - Ⓑ The litter gave cats a safe spot, scaring off other animals from coming inside.
 - Ⓒ The litter gave cats a place similar to the outdoors to sleep.
 - Ⓓ The litter gave cats a place to bury their waste indoors.
11. **Extended Response:** How has the way cats look changed throughout history?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

1. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓑ *Identify Genre*
7. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
8. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
9. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Answers will vary. Sample: *Cats once looked like wildcats. They have been bred over time to look less wild, with smooth fur and a smaller body.*