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“Lost in a Blizzard” Quiz

Directions: Read the nonfiction article “Lost in a Blizzard” in the September 2008 issue of *Storyworks*. Then fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

1. This article describes how the Blizzard of 1888 affected which part of the country?

- (A) the Northwest
- (B) the Southeast
- (C) the Northeast
- (D) the Great Plains

2. What was the weather like in the morning before the blizzard hit?

- (A) dangerously cold
- (B) surprisingly warm
- (C) very windy
- (D) snowy and icy

3. What is a prairie?

- (A) a large, flat, grassy area
- (B) a mountainous region
- (C) an area with many lakes and rivers
- (D) a small house

4. When Walter Allen looked out his schoolroom window, he could tell that

- (A) the sky had turned dark.
- (B) three feet of snow had already fallen.
- (C) the wind had blown the shutters off.
- (D) he saw his brother wandering in the snow.

5. Why did Walter jump out of the sled in front of the school?

- (A) He was a disobedient child.
- (B) He wanted to help his teachers get home.
- (C) He was scared of riding in the sled.
- (D) He forgot his treasured perfume bottle.

6. How was this blizzard different from other snowstorms in the region?

- (A) It lasted for days.
- (B) It included snow and wind.
- (C) It arrived suddenly and unexpectedly.
- (D) It covered a widespread region.

7. Who ended up saving Walter?

- (A) his father
- (B) his brother Will
- (C) a search party
- (D) his teacher

8. What does the word “jubilation mean” in the sentence “They arrived home to the jubilation of their parents”?

- (A) worry
- (B) joy
- (C) anger
- (D) disbelief

Critical Thinking

Directions: On a separate piece of paper, write your answers in well-organized paragraphs. Make sure you support your answer with information and details from the article!

9. What did Walter realize at the end of the story?

10. What does this article teach you about nature?