Buffalo Bill Scouting Mission

Scout out answers as you visit the Museum. Be sure to keep your eyes open! You may have to look for answers in more than one place.

Buffalo Bill’s Adventurous Childhood

Fill in the missing words. Answers can be found in the exhibit section “Life in the Outdoors.”

Cody lived in Kansas, but he always said he felt “more at home” in ________________.

As a young boy, Cody led a very exciting life. He met his first Indians in Leavenworth, __________. They were from the __________________ tribe and Cody thought they were very ______________.

When Cody was eleven years old he took a job as a ___________________ and saw that the country was “alive with ______________.”

Cody was a rider with the ______________ Express. This company carried mail across the country on speeding horses. He carried a ____________ revolver for protection and blew a ______________ to announce his arrival at each stop.

Cody’s father did not believe in _____________. Injured during an argument, he later died from his wounds.

Bill Cody: Buffalo Hunter

William “Buffalo Bill” Cody earned his nickname while hunting buffalo to feed workers building the railroad across the planes. Draw a line to match the numbers to the correct answers:

How old was Cody when he participated in his first buffalo hunt? 12
How many railroad workers did Cody need to feed every day? 18
How many buffalo were needed to feed that many people? 17
How many months did Cody work for the Railroad? 11
How many buffalo did Cody own in 1888? 16
On average, how many buffalo hides does it take to make a tepee? 1200

Buffalo Bill’s Famous Friends

Buffalo Bill and his friend, President _________________, used the same type of rifle.

Author Mark _____________ saw Buffalo Bill’s Wild West and suggested Cody take it to Europe.

Buffalo Bill considered General George ______________ a friend and was very upset when he was killed at the Battle of Little Big Horn.
**Buffalo Bill’s Wild West**

The video in the Showman exhibit shows horsemen from different countries. *Name three.*

_______________________  ________________________        __________________________

What famous female sharp-shooter joined the Wild West in 1885? __________________________

Cody created the “Old Glory Blowout” to celebrate which American holiday? __________________

Which British Monarch requested a “Command Performance” of the Wild West? __________________

Cody later had a partner who also went by “Bill”. What was his real name? __________________

Buffalo Bill’s Wild West traveled to many places. Where did the Wild West NOT perform?

Croatia        Scotland        Mexico        Spain

**Buffalo Bill and the Indians**

In his show posters, Buffalo Bill did not call Native Americans “Indians,” he called them ________________.

Many fictional stories about Cody’s life came from comic-book-like magazines called _______ novels.

*Check the items you see used for decoration on Native American clothes in the Museum.*

___silver bells  ___beads  ___ribbons  ___leather fringe  ___shells
___buttons  ___feathers  ___gold stars  ___porcupine quills  ___hair
___bones  ___teeth  ___Paint  ___zippers  ___lace

The model for the Indian Head nickel was in Buffalo Bill’s Wild West. His name was ________________.

The name of the famous Sioux leader who performed with Buffalo Bill’s Wild West for one summer was _________________________________. What famous battle did this Sioux Chief lead in 1876? ________________________________

**True or False**

Buffalo Bill did not want women to vote  T  /  F
Indians liked working in Buffalo Bill’s Wild West  T  /  F
Wild Bill Hickok and Buffalo Bill Cody were the same person  T  /  F
Buffalo Bill died on his ranch in Nebraska  T  /  F
Buffalo Bill did not want to be buried on Lookout Mountain  T  /  F
Buffalo Bill died of kidney failure  T  /  F
Cody included children as Wild West performers  T  /  F

Check your answers and learn more about Buffalo Bill on the Museum website:  www.buffalobill.org.

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