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Unit 2

Study Guide for Pecos Bill Rides a Tornado

1. What is the author's purpose in writing this story? _____
2. Bill was raised by _____.
3. How old was Bill when Curly Joe found him? _____
4. Pecos Bill was a tyke when his family headed west. What is a **tyke**?

5. Which of these events could really happen? _____
 - a. Pecos Bill was four when his family headed west.
 - b. Bill threw a trunk through the roof of the wagon.
 - c. Bill, a small child, loaded heavy furniture.
 - d. Bill was as strong as three bulls.
6. Which part of the story must be fantasy? _____
 - a. The family reached Texas after weeks of traveling.
 - b. Bill fished in the Pecos River.
 - c. Bill caught a tornado with his lasso.
 - d. All of the above
7. What convinced Bill he wasn't a coyote? _____

8. The author uses this tall tale to explain the creation of _____

9. Why were the outlaws afraid of Bill? _____
 - a. He had a live rattlesnake around his neck.
 - b. He had no clothes on.
 - c. Bill was tall and tough.
 - d. Curly Joe was protecting him.

10. Which of these events could really happen?
- Bill tamed the horse Widow-Maker by staying on her back for three days and nights.
 - Bill lassoed the horns of a toad.
 - Bill lassoed a tornado.
 - Bill became friends with Curly Joe.
11. A pioneer was _____.
- European
 - Mexican
 - Native American
12. Embers are _____.
- a fire not yet lit
 - flames
 - glowing coals
13. You would not use a lasso to catch a (bull, butterfly, horse).
14. If you dread an activity, you would prefer to (make it a habit, never do it).
15. A bronco is a type of _____.
16. When young animals romp, they are _____.
- trying to hide
 - having fun
 - looking for food
17. We poured water over the hot _____ to make sure the fire was out.
18. A _____ is a horse that is likely to buck.
19. Young children may _____ their first day of school if they've never been away from home before.
20. It's fun to watch bear cubs _____ together.
21. The _____ traveled to the western United States in a covered wagon.
22. It took the cowboy quite a while to learn to use a _____ and to rope cattle.