

## **Black Beauty Questionnaire Answer Key**

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### ***Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell**

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#### **My Early Home**

1. In the meadow, Black Beauty enjoyed running and playing with the other colts.
2. Black Beauty's mother's name was Duchess, but she was often called Pet.
3. Two things a horse must learn when it is broken in are: (1) to wear a saddle and a bridle, (2) and to carry a person on his back. (answers may vary)
4. We know Black Beauty's first master was kind because he took great care of him. He gave his horses good food, good lodging, spoke kindly to them, scolded Dick for throwing rocks at the colts, and insisted that he break Black Beauty in himself to ensure that Black Beauty would not be hurt.

#### **Birtwick Park**

5. Black Beauty moved to Squire Gordon's in early May, after he had been broke.
6. Beauty met Merrylegs and Ginger.
7. Squire Gordon and his wife. Squire Gordon's wife came up with Black Beauty's name, and Squire Gordon liked the name.
8. "The Birtwick horseballs", otherwise known as patience, gentleness, and kindness.

#### **A Stormy Day**

9. The storm uprooted an oak tree that came crashing down among other trees.
10. Black Beauty could sense, with the knowledge that God gave animals, the bridge was unsafe, and he would not take them across it.
11. John rewarded Black Beauty with a good supper of bran mash, beans and oats, as well as a thick bed of straw.

#### **The Fire**

12. James acted calmly, spoke in his cheerily voice, and gently tied a scarf around Black Beauty's eyes.
13. Ginger gained the courage to let James lead her out of the stable when she heard Black Beauty's whinny outside.
14. We knew Black Beauty was happy to see Ginger safe, because upon seeing her he gave a loud, joyful neigh.

### **Joe Green**

15. Three good things we learn about Joe in this chapter are that (1) Joe gains John's trust, (2) Joe had the ability to be a hard worker, and (3) we learn Joe feels the same way about animals as John, James, and his master. (answers may vary)

### **Going for the Doctor**

16. They got to the doctor's at 3:00 a.m.
17. After returning from fetching the doctor, a strong inflammation attacked Black Beauty's lungs. Beauty went at full speed to the doctors and back to Squire Gordon's. Black Beauty was told to be given a rest before coming back, but that wasn't possible, despite Black Beauty truly needing the rest. After his return, Joe thought he was doing the right thing by giving Black Beauty cold water and no hot towels, but his ignorance did not help Black Beauty.
18. They had to leave England because the mistress was ill and needed to go to a warm country for 2 to 3 years.

### **Earlshall**

19. Black Beauty was unhappy at Earlshall because (1) he was made to wear check-reins, and (2) York was not a friend to Black Beauty. (answers may vary)
20. Beauty and Ginger were split up because unlike Beauty, Ginger could not tolerate the rein and she would act up.

### **Reuben Smith's Downfall**

21. He drank.

### **True or False:**

22. False
23. True
24. True
25. True

### **Life as a Job Horse**

26. The home with Mr. Barry was good because there (1) he was no longer a Job Horse, (2) Mr. Barry was gentle with him, and (3) Mr. Barry ordered him good food. (answers may vary)
27. Black Beauty's food was being stolen and his health suffered because of it. The master was also inexperienced with horses and quite busy, so he was not aware that Beauty was not being tended to properly.

### **The Humbug** (answers will vary)

28. True or False: Alfred Smirk was very careful to groom Beauty thoroughly. (False)
29. True or False: Alfred Smirk exercised Beauty often. (False)
30. True or False: Mr. Barry was once again deceived. (True)

### **A London Cab Horse**

31. He was not used to London. There was so much noise, hurry, and so many crowds of horses, carts, and carriage, all of which made him feel anxious and harassed.
32. The best thing about Jerry's was that Sunday was a day of rest.
33. Jerry's cough became worse when he was made to wait for hours outside in harsh winter weather conditions, while the gentlemen he was to cabby finished at the card party. Jerry developed bronchitis due to this.
34. Jerry was offered a job as coachman at Fairstowe, Mrs. Fowler's place (Polly's old mistress) to start after he was better.

### **Farmer Thoroughgood and his Grandson**

35. First Joe notices Black Beauty's white star, then his one white foot on the offside, then comes upon the knot on Black Beauty's neck from when Beauty was bled the time Joe almost killed him, and finally Joe is sure after seeing the little patch of white on Black Beauty's back that was called "Beauty's three-penny bit".