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## Frontier Heroines

**Directions:** Read the passage and answer the comprehension and opinion questions that follow.

### Annie Oakley: A Sharpshooter's Legacy

In the late 1800s, Annie Oakley became one of the most famous performers in the United States. She grew up in Ohio and learned to shoot at a young age to help support her family by hunting game. Her talents led her to join Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, where audiences watched her perform incredible tricks, such as shooting targets behind her back or hitting small objects from long distances. Annie challenged expectations about what women could do, proving that skill and determination were not limited by gender. She later supported causes that helped women learn to defend themselves and encouraged equal opportunities for girls.

1. Where did Annie Oakley grow up, and what skill did she learn early in life?

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2. What show helped make Annie Oakley famous across the country?

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3. Give one example of a shooting trick Annie Oakley performed.

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4. How did Annie Oakley challenge beliefs about women during her time?

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5. Opinion: Why do you think people admired Annie Oakley? Explain using two pieces of evidence from the passage.

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6. Annie Oakley encouraged equal opportunities for girls. Write one modern-day example of how women continue to break barriers.

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