

Frontier Heroines Answer Key

1. She grew up in Ohio and learned to shoot at a young age.
2. Buffalo Bill's Wild West show.
3. Answers will vary: shooting behind her back, hitting small targets from long distances, etc.
4. She proved women could be just as skilled and capable as men, especially in activities like sharpshooting.
5. Answers will vary; teacher checks for two accurate reasons supported by the passage.
6. Answers will vary; teacher checks for examples that show women challenging stereotypes or barriers.

Teacher's Guide

- Model how to use text evidence by highlighting a sentence from the passage to support answers.
- Provide sentence stems for students who need support: "People admired Annie because..."
- Encourage discussion about gender roles in different historical eras to build context and understanding.
- Optional extension: Students research another Western woman such as Calamity Jane, Stagecoach Mary, or Belle Starr and create a short profile to present.
- For advanced learners, challenge them to compare the portrayal of women in Wild West entertainment to the realities women faced on the frontier.