

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE PREP ENGLISH IA

The Red Pony **Comprehension Questions**

1. Who was Billy Buck?
2. What two chores did Jody have to do every night?
3. What surprise had Jody's father bought him?
4. What name did Jody give the pony?
5. After Jody got his pony, his friends regarded him differently. Why?
6. The pony spoke with which part of his body?
7. What were the three things in which Jody had to train the pony?
8. How did Gabilan become sick?
9. What kind of illness did Billy Buck say the pony had?
10. Why did Billy Buck cut a hole on the pony's neck?
11. How did the pony get out of the barn during the night?
12. The next morning when Jody found the pony in the clearing, what had happened to him?
13. Why was Jody so curious about the mountains?
14. Why had Gitano come to the ranch?
15. Who was Easter?
16. What did Gitano have wrapped up in a piece of deerskin?
17. Why do you think Gitano took Easter and rode around toward the mountains the next morning?
18. What did Jody use for a lunch pail?
19. What five kinds of "animals" did Jody put into his lunch pail?

20. What two pieces of mail did Jody retrieve from the mailbox?
21. What was Jody's mother making when he got home?
22. How was Jody to pay for the colt?
23. When did Billy Buck say the colt would be born?
24. What did the green tub and the black cypress tree symbolize to Jody?
25. When was Jody sure that Nellie was going to have a colt?
26. Why did Billy Buck say that he was "half horse" himself?
27. Why did Billy Buck have to kill Nellie?
28. What was in the old haystack that Jody planned to hunt?
29. From whom did Mrs. Tiflin receive a letter?
30. How did Grandfather travel to the ranch?
31. What stories did Grandfather like to tell?
32. What did Jody want to make for his Grandfather to drink at the end of the story?