

Cyrus McCormick Test

1. Cyrus McCormick grew up _____.
 - A. in Germany
 - B. on a farm in Virginia
 - C. in the state of Maryland
 - D. in the city of New York
2. His goal was to _____.
 - A. become the best farmer in the county
 - B. become a great inventor
 - C. earn a million dollars
 - D. have a large family
3. In those days a worker earned _____.
 - A. \$50 a day
 - B. 25 cents an hour
 - C. \$5 a day
 - D. a nickel an hour
4. Cyrus, when he became rich, _____.
 - A. shared with others
 - B. was very stingy
 - C. wanted to put all the money in the business
 - D. financed other inventors
5. McCormick's invention was called _____.
 - A. the easy worker
 - B. the reaper
 - C. the module builder
 - D. the cotton stripper
6. Previous to his invention farmers harvested using a _____.
 - A. hoe
 - B. shovel
 - C. scythe
 - D. pitchfork
7. With his invention two men could harvest _____.
 - A. 3 acres a day
 - B. 12 acres a day
 - C. 12 acres an hour
 - D. 100 acres a day
8. Cyrus perfected the invention started by _____.
 - A. his father
 - B. Thomas Edison
 - C. Alexander Graham Bell
 - D. his uncle
9. He perfected the invention by _____.
 - A. drawing plans on paper
 - B. reading books
 - C. talking to other farmers
 - D. observing the operation of the machine
10. A tool used for mowing grass or grain by hand is called _____.
 - A. a mechanical reaper
 - B. an international harvester
 - C. a scythe
 - D. a curved handle
11. He invited farmers to _____.
 - A. come and watch him harvest
 - B. watch him invent
 - C. come for a dinner
 - D. buy his invention

12. The farmers thought it was _____.

- A. a great timesaver
- B. just entertainment
- C. a very good invention
- D. something they would use

13. They compared his demonstration to _____.

- A. the efforts of Henry Ford
- B. a trip to the movie theater
- C. a circus
- D. something seen at the fair

14. Cyrus tried to convince the farmers to _____.

- A. pay him to harvest their crops
- B. let him use their fields for a demonstration
- C. let him pay them to demonstrate it
- D. give out brochures about his invention

15. In 1843 another man with a reaper _____.

- A. challenged him to a contest
- B. sued him for patent infringement
- C. asked to become partners with him
- D. tried to steal his reaper

16. On the day of the contest the weather was _____.

- A. bright and sunny
- B. cold and snowing
- C. hot and windy
- D. damp and rainy

17. The other man's reaper _____.

- A. won the contest
- B. broke down when the wheels came off
- C. jammed because of the weather
- D. caused it to end in a tie

18. After the demonstration Cyrus sold _____ reapers the first year.

- A. 500
- B. 3,000
- C. 29
- D. 50

19. By 1850 he was selling _____ reapers a year.

- A. 5,000
- B. 20,000
- C. 600
- D. 250

20. McCormick's company became the _____ Company.

- A. John Deere
- B. International Harvester
- C. McCormick Harvester
- D. Cyrus Combine