Dances with Wolves

Directions: Answer the following questions while watching the film.

1. When the film opens what is about to happen to Dunbar?

2. Why do you think the General views the soldier’s suicide attempt as an act of heroism?

3. Dunbar is awarded the choice of any post he desires. He chooses to be sent to the western frontier, and awaits his orders at which frontier fort?

4. What is the name of the 'peasant', equipped with a mule cart, that will lead Lt. Dunbar to his post out on the prairie?

5. What ill-omen does Dunbar see along the way across the prairie that reminds him of the presence of potentially unfriendly natives?

6. Describe the state of Ft. Sedgwick when Lt. Dunbar arrives.

7. What Native American tribe is the man Dunbar scares away from the fort a part of?

8. What item does Dunbar use to mark the spot where he buried his rifles and ammunition?

9. A strong, young warrior suggests that Dunbar be killed. What is this brash fellow’s name?

10. What does he decide to call his wolf friend?

11. Dunbar is surprised to discover that a member of the tribe speaks English. What are the first words spoken by Stands With a Fist?

12. How did Stands With A Fist become part of the native tribe?
13. During this first diplomatic visit, Dunbar is able to learn his first Sioux word, 'tatanka'. What does this word mean in the Lakota language?

14. How does Dunbar’s impression of the natives change?

15. Dunbar joins the tribe on a genuine buffalo hunt. Before they encounter the main herd, the Lieutenant, along with the Sioux tribe members, witnesses a field of carcasses left behind by some fur traders. According to Dunbar, along with the hides, what is the only other body part taken by the fur traders?

16. What device does Dunbar produce that fascinates his friend Kicking Bird?

17. Following the buffalo hunt, the tribe celebrates with a feast. Dunbar notices during the festivities that a member of the tribe is wearing an item from his wardrobe that he had previously lost. What item of Dunbar’s clothing has this man claimed as his own?

18. Who are the Sioux’s enemies?

19. How does the oft-heard Sioux name 'Shumani Tutonka Ob Wachi' translate into English?

20. How was the battle between the Sioux and Pawnee different from any other Dunbar ever participated in before?

21. What can you conclude from Ten Bears’ reaction to Dunbar’s revelation of the coming of white men?

22. What does Dunbar find upon returning to the soldier fort?

23. Why do you think the soldiers call Dunbar a traitor?

24. What does the journal floating down the river symbolize?