

# PECOS BILL

## and the Mountain Lion

a tall tale of the Old West



- 1 Almost everybody knows about Pecos Bill. He was born in Texas a long time ago. He grew up with a pack of coyotes. He was one of the toughest cowboys in the West.
- 2 Pecos Bill had a horse named Flash. He treated Flash like his best friend. But Bill didn't just ride horses. He could ride anything that came along.
- 3 One day, Bill was riding Flash through the mountains. A giant mountain lion jumped out in front of them. The big cat growled and showed its sharp teeth. Bill jumped off Flash and sent him home so he was safe.
- 4 Was Bill scared? Of course not! He grabbed a rattlesnake and made it into a lasso. Then he threw the lasso over the mountain lion and pulled it in. The cat knew it was no match for big Bill, so it gave up. Quickly, Bill jumped onto its back. Then he rode the mountain lion all the way home.

### Close Reader Habits

What important events happen in the beginning, middle, and end of the story? As you reread, **underline** those important events.



The mountain lion is important to this story. I'm going to reread what happens when Pecos Bill first meets the mountain lion.

**Think**

- 1 Which sentence tells something that happens in the middle of the story?
  - A Bill grew up with a pack of coyotes.
  - B Bill was born in Texas a long time ago.
  - C Bill sends Flash home to keep him safe.
  - D Bill rides the giant mountain lion back home.
  
- 2 Why does Bill grab the rattlesnake?
  - A to use it like a rope to catch the mountain lion
  - B to save it from being hurt by the mountain lion
  - C to stop it from scaring his horse, Flash
  - D to try to scare away the mountain lion with it

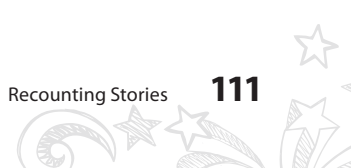
**Talk**

- 3 What does Bill do when the mountain lion jumps in front of him? Recount these events to your partner in your own words.

 **Write**

- 4 **Short Response** Recount the end of the story. Tell the most important events in order, using your own words. Write your answer in the space on page 113.

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**Write** Use the space below to write your answer to the question on page 111.

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### Check Your Writing

- Did you read the question carefully?
- Can you say the question in your own words?
- Did you use proof from the text in your answer?
- Are your ideas in a good, clear order?
- Did you answer in full sentences?
- Did you check your spelling, capital letters, and periods?

