

# KLONDIKE QUIZ

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Is this man: (a) Wondering why he's standing in the middle of a freezing river, harassed by mosquitoes, till the fool photographer gets the shot; (b) Panning for gold; (c) Keeping an eye out for the next steamboat home; (d) Fishing for minnows; or (e) Striking a manly pose for a photo to send home to his sweetheart?

Contestant name (if a team effort, indicate the leader's name):  
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Return to **Karen Bennett**, in person or to room \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Quad, by 7 p.m. Sunday. Prizes for the answers that are most (1) correct, or (2) laugh-inducing will be awarded at the refreshment break.

1. The Yukon is (circle as many as apply)

- (a) Way the heck up there somewhere
- (b) North of Alaska
- (c) South of Alaska
- (d) East of Alaska
- (e) West of Alaska
- (f) Allow me to counsel caution before answering, because indeed, if one takes the Panhandle into account, one has to answer (b), (c), (d) and (e). It would be my pleasure to point out the particulars in my brand-new atlas
- (g) Where Baked Alaska was *really* invented
- (h) A mythical place. The gold strike was actually *in* Alaska, but those dad-burned Mounties moved the border when nobody was payin' attention
- (i) Nowhere near Alaska, as I could show you if someone hadn't stolen my atlas.

2. Dawson City, Yukon, was known as the (circle as many as apply)

- (a) Paris of the North
- (b) San Francisco of the North
- (c) Armpit of the North
- (d) Town Paved with Gold
- (e) Last Stop before Bankruptcy

3. The milk of Dawson's first cow sold for \_\_\_\_\_ a gallon.

4. Such good order did the Mounties keep in the Yukon that a miner could lay a sack of nuggets on the trail and return to find \_\_\_\_\_ .



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5. Some trail partners who quarrelled on the journey to the Klondike divided their outfits in half, including stoves, tents, bags of flour and boats. Question: What could you do with half a boat? Give as many answers as possible (none of them involving drowning).

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6. Eccentrics abounded in the North. One old man carried 50 pounds of ancient newspapers around wherever he went; he said they were “handy to refer to when you get into an argument.” The walls of one prospector’s cabin were as thin as matchwood because he kept chopping away at the logs to feed his fire; he said he did it to let in the light. Another cabin contained three partners and a tame moose. Would you spend the winter with any of these men?

- (a) Not if I had even half a boat
- (b) Can the moose cook?
- (c) As long as the hooch holds out
- (d) I only room with porcupines
- (e) Any of those fellers play banjo? Tin pail? I’m tryin’ to get a band together
- (f) As long as they keep their cotton-pickin’ hands off my Eaton’s mail-order catalogue
- (g) \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Check off the name that you *don't* believe was the nickname of a real person.

- (a) Klondike Kate \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Limejuice Lil \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Evaporated Kid \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Snaggle-Tooth Susie \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Ham-grease Jimmy \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) Diamond-Tooth Gertie \_\_\_\_\_
- (g) Sourdough Sam \_\_\_\_\_
- (h) Two-Step Louie \_\_\_\_\_

For extra credit, make up your own colourful moniker:

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8. Pick out the title of a famous poem by Robert Service:

- (a) The Libation to Jupiter’s Knee
- (b) The Migration of Vikings by Sea
- (c) The Sensation of Sinking, O Gee
- (d) The Prostration from Bad Dentistry
- (e) The Cremation of Typhus O’Phee
- (f) The Gyration of Me Stung by Bee
- (g) The Translation for “Doofus” in Cree
- (h) The Salvation of Blasphemous Lee

- (i) The Sedation of Wild-Man Macnee
- (j) The Relation of Flap-jacks to Brie
- (l) The Cremation of Sam McGee
- (m) The Oration by Pompous Dupree
- (n) The Vibrations from Drilling in Scree
- (o) The Creation of Rhymes Just for Glee

For extra credit, write a poem title in the style above that does not repeat a major word already used:

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9. Was Robert Service even *in* the Klondike during the Gold Rush?

- (a) Yep
- (b) Nope
- (c) He was real close, though: Toronto
- (d) Nobody cares except the dod-gasted sadist who created this darn-fool quiz
- (e) I happen to know, but it’ll cost you a poke of gold to find out
- (f) Trying to tarnish Robert Service’s legend, are you? Wait till I call out the Daughters of the Klondike and the Boys of the Bonanza

10. Where was the next gold rush after the Klondike?

- (a) Alaska! So there!
- (b) Ontario
- (c) California
- (d) Australia
- (e) Colorado
- (f) the Transvaal. ■