



Jack London State Historic

The



The Cottage

Find the correct answer to the following questions by viewing the video, visiting the Cottage, and referring to the handouts.

1. When did Jack and Charmian London live in the Cottage?

- a. 1876-1896
- b. 1911-1916
- c. 1903-1905
- d. 1945-1955

2. In what year did Jack London move to the Valley of the Moon?

- a. 1903
- b. 1911
- c. 1905
- d. 1945

3. Where did the name Valley of the Moon come from?

- a. It came from Jack
- b. The Spanish in 1823.
- c. The Native Americans
- d. The forty-niners

4. How many acres did Jack London own at his Beauty Ranch?

- a. about 700 acres
- b. about 850 acres
- c. about 1400 acres
- d. about 2000 acres



5. What room is this?
- a. A guest bedroom b. Ranch boss's office
c. Jack's smoking room d. Jack's study
6. In relation to this room, where is Charmian's bedroom?
- a. Down the hallway b. across the hall
c. Near the kitchen d. In the back
7. In what year did Jack expand the cottage?
- a. 1905 b. 1911
c. 1914 d. 1945
8. What did Jack London do on his ranch?
- a. He made fine wines b. He harvested timber
c. He planted oats, hay, and vegetable crops d. He loafed and told stories



9. This was the room that Jack London died in.
What room is this?

- a. Jack's sleeping porch
- b. Charmian's sun porch
- c. One of the guest-rooms
- d. Jack's smoking room

10. What was the cause of Jack London's death?

- a. liver disease
- b. suicide
- c. kidney failure
- d. cancer

11. How old was he when he died?

- a. 39
- b. . 60
- c. 45
- d. 40

12. When did he die?

- a. June 16, 1918
- b. . Nov. 22, 1916
- c. Oct 20, 1915
- d . Apr. 1, 1917



13. In this room there is a rope tied to a bed.
Why is this important?

- a. It might fly away!
- b. For tying knots.
- c. It's the earthquake bed
- d. To confuse the guests

14. Jack London liked to play jokes on his guests.
What do you think was done in this room?

- a. A whoopi cushion was put in the bed
- b. The bed would move.
- c. Jack would pour water on them
- d. The lights would flicker on and off

15. Which one of these books was written at the cottage?

- a. *The Call of the Wild*
- b. *White Fang*
- c. *The Valley of the Moon*
- d. *The Sea Wolf*



16. Use your imagination. Why was this gramophone used on Jack's South Sea adventures?

- a. So he wouldn't be lonely
- b. He liked to boogie
- c. Music to win over the natives
- d. To entertain his many guests

17. Where did Jack and Charmian entertain their many guests?

- a. In the cottage
- b. At the House of Happy Walls
- c. In the Stone Building
- d. At the Wolf House

18. In the video Jack is in a wagon doing something to his fields? What is he doing?

- a. giving hay rides
- b. showing off
- c. spreading manure
- d. planting crops

19. What was determined to be the cause of the Wolf House fire?

- a. arson
- b. spontaneous combustion
- c. lightning
- d. A disgruntled employee

20. What was the first thing that was built at the Beauty Ranch?

- a. The Carriage House
- b. The Pig Palace
- c. The Wolf House
- d. The Lake

21. Jack London was called the '*Sailor on Horseback*'. Why was that?

- a. He liked adventure
- b. He liked to joke around
- c. It came from one of his stories
- d. He felt most alive on a horse or at sea.

22. How many children did Jack London have?

- a. One son, Jack Jr.
- b. Two daughters
- c. Three sons
- d. He had no children

**Answer Key is available
at the Cottage.**



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Jack and Charmian moved to the Cottage in 1911. Jack purchased his sixth of seven parcels. This twelve acre parcel included the cottage and all the winery buildings. It enabled the London's to move into the cottage as a temporary home while the Wolf House was being built, The adjacent stone building was used as a living room, dining room, and kitchen.



Jack and Charmian London