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## Noting Details

Read the passage. Then read each question and fill in the circle next to the best answer.

### On Top of the World

Robert Peary and Matthew Henson wanted to be the first to reach the North Pole. They had spent eighteen years exploring the Arctic. On seven earlier tries, the two had not reached their goal. Once again, in March of 1909, they set out to reach the North Pole.

The men began their trip with twenty-three men and 133 dogs. They headed north on the frozen Arctic Ocean. At one point, they came to a 100-yard stretch of thin ice. Warmer weather had caused a break in the ice, and a new layer had formed. Peary was not sure that the thin ice would hold his team.

Peary went first across the ice, taking slow and gentle steps. Finally, he made it to thicker ice. He watched anxiously as the dogs and the other men worked their way across the ice.

Peary and his team pushed forward through the cold weather. At last they were within 35 miles of the North Pole. "This is it," Peary said to Henson. "Tomorrow we should reach the Pole."

On April 6, the team set out for the Pole. Henson went ahead of the group to break a trail. When Peary and the others caught up with him, they realized that Henson had reached the North Pole. After the long, hard journey, Peary could hardly speak. "Matt, we've reached the North Pole at last," he finally said. Then Henson placed an American flag in the snow.

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1. Which detail tells the reader that Peary and Henson were longtime explorers?
  - A. Peary and Henson wanted to be first to reach the North Pole.
  - B. Peary and Henson had spent eighteen years exploring the Arctic.
  - C. Peary and his team pushed ahead through the cold weather.
  - D. They set out to reach the North Pole in April of 1909.
  
2. Which detail best suggests that reaching the North Pole was difficult?
  - F. Warmer temperatures had caused a break in the ice.
  - G. Peary and Henson needed many dogs for the trip.
  - H. Peary and Henson had failed seven times before.
  - J. Henson had to break a trail through the snow.
  
3. Which detail suggests that Peary was unselfish and had courage?
  - A. He went first across the thin ice.
  - B. He wanted to reach the North Pole.
  - C. He did not give up easily.
  - D. He let Henson break the trail.
  
4. Which detail describes a feeling?
  - F. Peary went first across the thin ocean ice.
  - G. Peary watched anxiously as the men and dogs crossed the ice.
  - H. Peary and Henson spent years exploring the Arctic.
  - J. Henson went ahead of the group.
  
5. Which detail tells you that Henson and Peary were the first to reach the North Pole?
  - A. Twenty-three men traveled with Peary and Henson.
  - B. The team took 133 dogs on their journey.
  - C. They headed north on the Arctic Ocean.
  - D. Henson placed an American flag in the snow.

