The Dionne Quintuplets

Reading

1. Annette, Cecile, Emilie, Marie, and Yvonne Dionne were sisters. They were born on May 28, 1934, in Ontario, Canada, during the Great Depression. Their parents were very poor and already had five children. The sisters soon became internationally famous as the first surviving quintuplets. The quintuplets’ doctor, Dr. Dafoe, also became famous.

2. The Ontario government and Dr. Dafoe took the children away from their parents. Dr. Dafoe put the baby girls in a special hospital of their own across the road. Their new “home” was called Quintland. It was more like a theme park. At Quintland, as many as 6,000 visitors a day came to watch the girls play. The girls’ story inspired three Hollywood movies. The Dionne Quintuplets became Canada’s number one tourist attraction during the late 1930s.

3. But the quintuplets’ father wanted his daughters back. Finally, after nine years of fighting the Ontario government, the girls went to live with their parents again. At home, life was not easy for the sisters. Today, only two of the sisters survive. They have written a book called We Were Five. The book tells about their lives, Quintland, and their abusive father.
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Easy Readers

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. Were Annette, Cecile, Emilie, Marie, and Yvonne brothers?

8. Did visitors come to watch the girls eat?

2. When were they born?

9. Were the Dionne Quintuplets Canada's number two tourist attraction?

3. Where were they born?

10. How many years did Mr. Dionne fight the Ontario government?

4. Why did the sisters become internationally famous?

11. Was life enjoyable for the sisters at home?

5. Who also became famous?

12. Today, how many of the sisters survive?

6. Who took the children away from Mr. and Mrs. Dionne?

13. What is the name of the book the sisters wrote?

7. Where were the baby girls put?

14. What is the book about?
# Vocabulary Review

## A. Unscramble the Words

Unscramble the words below from the story. Then write one original sentence for each word.

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## B. Find the Words

Now find the words from the exercise above in the word search to the right.