

LESSON 4

Read this information from a website about Sovereign Hill, Victoria.
Read the information. Then choose the best answer for Numbers 1 to 12.

Sovereign Hill Where History Comes Alive!

Imagine going back over a century to Victoria's gold rush days and reliving the history and excitement of the era. You can at Sovereign Hill! Built on a site linked with the richest alluvial gold rush in the world, Sovereign Hill faithfully depicts Ballarat's first ten years after the discovery of gold in 1851. It's where Australia's history comes to life!

The Diggings are alive with miners panning for real gold. Main Street bustles with characters dressed in costume of the period. And you can take a ride through the streets in a horse-drawn carriage! There are shops, hotels, schools, a theatre, crafts, steam-driven machinery, a working plant and an underground mine, all known to have existed in Ballarat during the 1850s. At Sovereign Hill you'll experience life as it was. It's just like stepping back in time.

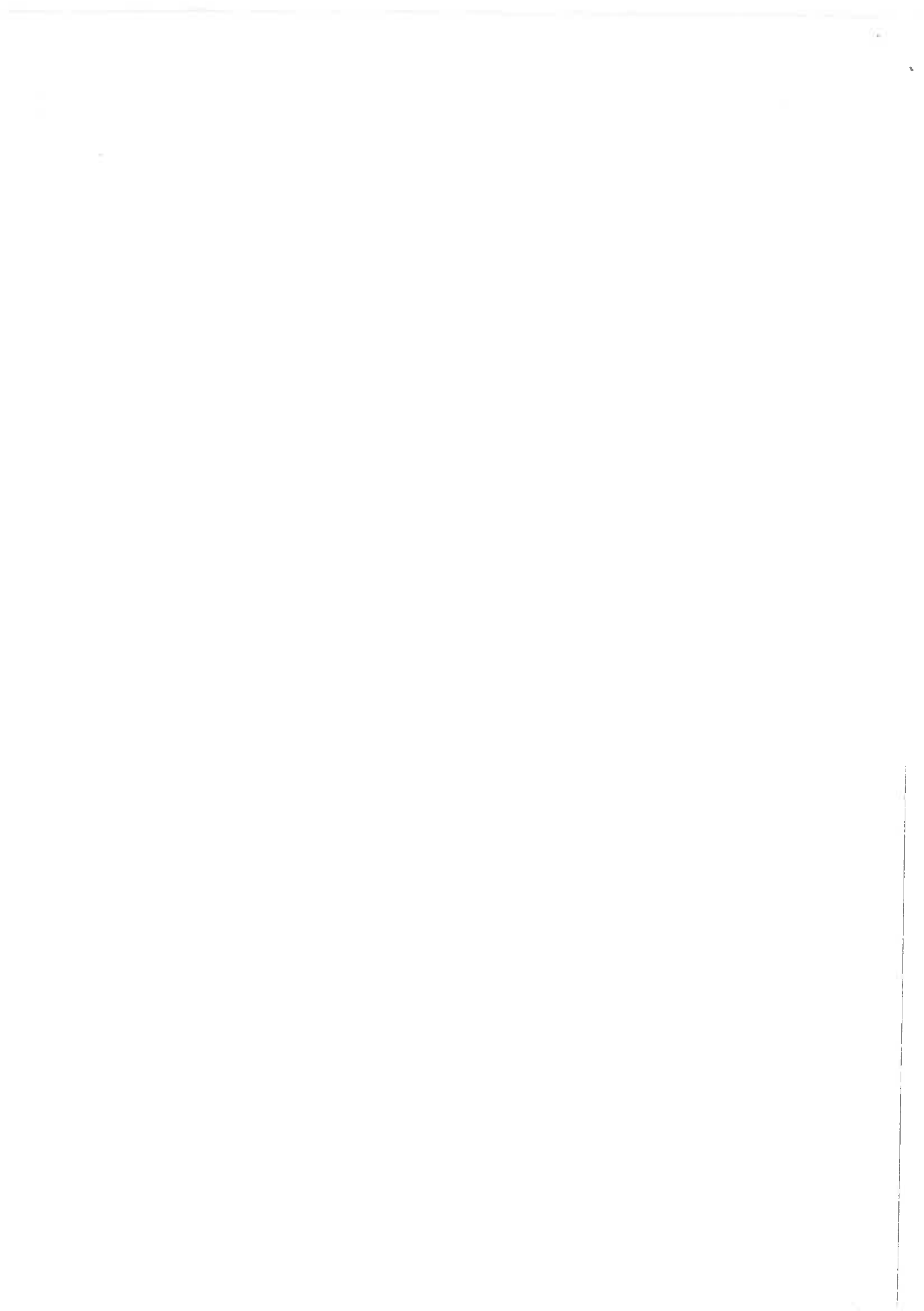
Sovereign Hill is an award-winning tourist attraction and is regarded as Australia's foremost outdoor museum. In its third decade of operation, Sovereign Hill attracts over 500,000 visitors annually.

Covering thirty-five acres, it features a Diggings area, a Township with over 60 buildings and a Quartz Mine with extensive above ground installations and underground displays. Visitors to Sovereign Hill feel as if they are stepping back in time to a booming, bustling gold rush township with many costumed characters going about their daily chores. Visitors can also explore the Eureka Centre. The museum commemorates the battle of the Eureka Stockade, when miners protested against government corruption and oppression.

At night, be thrilled by 'Blood on the Southern Cross', a spectacular re-creation of the Eureka uprising.

Sovereign Hill is a comfortable 90 minute drive west of Melbourne, Australia. Situated in the historic city of Ballarat, Sovereign Hill can be accessed by car, tour coaches which run daily from Melbourne or by rail.





Finding Main Idea

1. What is the main topic of the last paragraph?
- (A) Sovereign Hill is in Ballarat.
 - (B) Sovereign Hill is a great place to visit.
 - (C) Sovereign Hill is a comfortable place to stay.
 - (D) It is easy to get to Sovereign Hill.

Recognising Cause and Effect

4. The main reason Sovereign Hill is a popular tourist attraction is because it is
- (A) a place where visitors can find activities and dining to suit their budget.
 - (B) linked with the richest alluvial gold rush in history.
 - (C) regarded as Australia's foremost outdoor museum.
 - (D) easy to get to.

Recalling Facts and Details

2. According to the information from the website, which of these can be seen at Sovereign Hill?
- (A) an eighteenth-century home
 - (B) a theme park
 - (C) a costumed actor
 - (D) an Aboriginal settlement

Comparing and Contrasting

5. On the website, visiting Sovereign Hill is compared to
- (A) restoring a history museum.
 - (B) stepping back in time.
 - (C) crossing a bridge to the past.
 - (D) touring a living museum.

Understanding Sequence

3. The numbered phrases below are some of the reasons the website gives for visiting Sovereign Hill.
1. Australia's foremost outdoor museum.
 2. Australia's history comes to life.
 3. An award-winning tourist attraction.
 4. Only 90 minutes from Melbourne.
- Put them in order.
- (A) 2, 3, 1, 4.
 - (B) 3, 1, 4, 2.
 - (C) 4, 2, 1, 3.
 - (D) 2, 1, 3, 4.

Making Predictions

6. Predict which of these attractions would most likely be added to Sovereign Hill in the future.
- (A) a museum displaying modern gold mining techniques
 - (B) a re-creation of the battle of the Eureka Stockade
 - (C) a shop selling gold jewellery
 - (D) a play about the games children played during the nineteenth century

Finding Word Meaning in Context

7. Which sentence uses the word *have* as it is used in the second paragraph?
- (A) Do you have a pencil?
 - (B) Your essays have been marked.
 - (C) I have three sisters and two brothers.
 - (D) I have to visit the doctor next Thursday.

Identifying Author's Purpose

10. The website was created mainly to
- (A) inform readers how to plan a perfect summer holiday.
 - (B) persuade readers to visit Sovereign Hill during their next holiday.
 - (C) entertain readers with a brief explanation of Australian history.
 - (D) describe the attractions at Sovereign Hill.

Drawing Conclusions and Making Inferences

8. A reader of the website could determine that
- (A) Sovereign Hill is the most popular tourist attraction in Victoria.
 - (B) Sovereign Hill is exactly like Ballarat was in the 1850s.
 - (C) there was a theatre in Ballarat during the 1850s.
 - (D) many of the buildings at Sovereign Hill are at least 150 years old.

Interpreting Figurative Language

11. The phrase *stepping back in time* means
- (A) walking backwards.
 - (B) travelling in a time machine back to 1851.
 - (C) feeling as though you are really seeing Ballarat as it was in 1851.
 - (D) pretending to yourself that it is really 1851.

Distinguishing Between Fact and Opinion

9. Which of these statements is an opinion?
- (A) Sovereign Hill is a great place to visit.
 - (B) Sovereign Hill attracts over 500,000 visitors annually.
 - (C) Sovereign Hill covers thirty-five acres.
 - (D) Sovereign Hill is an award winning tourist attraction.

Summarising

12. Which of these best summarises the information on the website?
- (A) There is something for everyone who holidays in and around Sovereign Hill.
 - (B) Ballarat, Victoria, is a region rich in history.
 - (C) Thousands of tourists visit Sovereign Hill each year.
 - (D) Sovereign Hill re-creates Ballarat as it appeared from 1851 to 1861.