

## Northern Dancer

*These questions can help to guide a student's viewing of the Northern Dancer story.*

1. Who was E.P. Taylor?
2. Which stallion sired Northern Dancer? Which mare produced Dancer? When was Dancer born?
3. Who was Horatio Luro?
4. How much money did Mr. Taylor want for Dancer when he was a yearling? Why wasn't Dancer sold at the yearling sale?
5. Why did Horatio want to have dancer gelded? Why did Mr. Taylor reject this suggestion?
6. Why did Mrs. Taylor love Dancer so much?
7. Where did Dancer's first race take place? Out of his first nine, how many did he win?
8. What injury did Dancer have as a two-year old? How was the injury treated and remedied?
9. Which horse did Bill Shoemaker choose to ride in the Kentucky Derby? Who rode Dancer? Which horse was favoured to win?
10. What was Dancer's time at the Derby? Why was it significant?
11. Why was it significant to Canada that Northern Dancer won this race?
12. Describe the attitude of the American press toward Dancer.
13. Identify the three races of the Triple Crown. Which races did Dancer win? Which did he lose?
14. What characteristic was demonstrated by Dancer when he allowed the blind boy to pet him?
15. Why did Dancer stop racing?
16. What was special about Dancer's induction into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame?
17. What was unusual about Dancer's genetic influence on his offspring? Which honour does Dancer's offspring, Nijinsky, hold?

18. By the time he was in Maryland, what was Dancer's stud fee? What was the maximum stud fee that he earned? How much total money did he earn for his stud services? How many stallions are related to Dancer?
19. What is the name of the only horse who has beaten Dancer's record at the Derby?
20. What happened to Dancer when he could no longer breed?
21. Where is Dancer buried? Where could you go to see a statue of him?
22. What about Dancer do you find most interesting? Why?
23. What kind of personality did Dancer have? Justify your answer.
24. Do you believe that Dancer should be included in the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame? Give at least three justifications for your answer.