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## *Unit 7:3 Comprehension*

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Read the excerpt from the biography of Alfred Jacob Miller, Painter of the Old West. Then answer the questions correctly that follow.

Have you ever dreamed that a stranger would one day walk through your front door and offer you the most exciting adventure of your life? Just such an unlikely thing happened to an artist named Alfred Jacob Miller one spring morning back in 1837.

Miller was twenty-six years old. He was a talented painter, who had studied in many of the art capitals of Europe—Paris, Rome, Florence, and Venice. He was trying to earn his living as an artist, but it was as difficult then as it sometimes is now. He wanted to paint landscapes—scenery and countryside. His landscapes were beautiful, but few people wanted to buy them...In those days there were no cameras, so people preferred to buy portraits.

Miller moved to New Orleans from Baltimore hoping to find some buyers. One day a stranger walked into his studio, looked at the landscapes, complimented them and walked out. Several days later he returned to ask Miller if he would travel out west with him and paint landscapes while he stopped to explore the land. Not only was this an adventure of his life, this journey would make Alfred Jacob Miller very famous.

1. What city and state did Miller come from?

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2. To what city and state did he move? Why did he move?

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3. Name at least three sights Miller probably painted.

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