

Practice Exercise 6

One day pioneer banker James Sloan Hutchinson was walking on Sansome Street in downtown San Francisco. He saw a boar break away from a drove of hogs on its way to market. The boar ran up Washington Street, chased by two mounted drovers with lassos. The men lassooed the runaway boar. One lasso caught its front legs, and the other its hind legs. The men dragged the squealing pig across the rough cobblestones of Washington Street. Mr. Hutchinson was so angered by the cruel treatment of the pig that he stepped into the street and stopped the drovers. Supported by other angry witnesses, he urged the men to put the boar into a cart and bring it back humanely. Eventually, Hutchinson organized the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

1. Mr. Hutchinson's actions suggest that he was
 - a. hesitant.
 - b. concerned.
 - c. influential.
 - d. tolerant.
2. From information in the paragraph, you can infer that at the time when James Sloan Hutchinson was alive
 - a. animals were often tortured for sport.
 - b. people did not like to "get involved."
 - c. San Francisco was a livestock center.
 - d. pigs were less valuable than they are now.
3. You can infer that James Sloan Hutchinson's motivation for organizing the SPCA was
 - a. personal gain.
 - b. dislike of the drovers.
 - c. increased by seeing many other animals mistreated.
 - d. inspired by a single event.
4. Underline the sentence that supports the inference that in Hutchinson's time most people did not approve of cruelty to animals.