

Keystone Literature

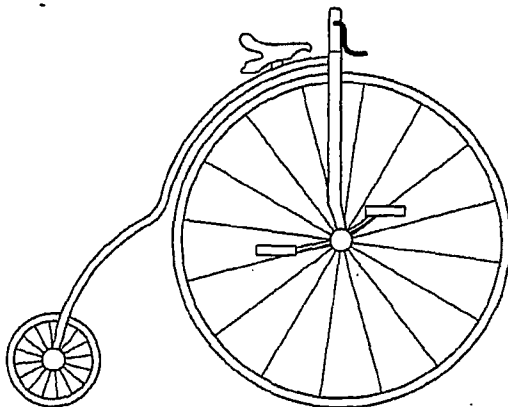
Taming the Bicycle

Handscoring Anchor Set

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Read the following passage. Then answer questions 12–18 in your answer book.

In the 1880s, Mark Twain learned to ride one of the high-wheel bicycles of that period. He wrote an account of this event but did not offer it for publication.



excerpt from **Taming the Bicycle**
by Mark Twain

I thought the matter over, and concluded I could do it. So I went down and bought a bicycle. The Expert came home with me to instruct me. We chose the back yard, for the sake of privacy, and went to work.

Mine was not a full-grown bicycle, but only a colt—a fifty-inch, with the pedals shortened up to forty-eight—and skittish, like any other colt. The Expert explained the thing's points briefly, then he got on its back and rode around a little, to show me how easy it was to do. He said that the dismounting was perhaps the hardest thing to learn, and so we would leave that to the last. But he was in error there. He found, to his surprise and joy, that all that he needed to do was to get me on to the machine and stand out of the way; I could get off, myself. Although I was wholly inexperienced, I dismounted in the best time on record. He was on that side, shoving up the machine; we all came down with a crash, he at the bottom, I next, and the machine on top.

We examined the machine, but it was not in the least injured. This was hardly believable. Yet the Expert assured me that it was true; in fact, the examination proved it. I was partly to realize, then, how admirably these things are constructed. The Expert got on the OTHER side to shove up this time, but I dismounted on that side; so the result was as before.

The machine was not hurt. We resumed. This time the Expert took up a sheltered position behind, but somehow or other we landed on him again.

He was full of admiration; said it was abnormal. She was all right, not a scratch on her, not a timber started anywhere. We resumed once more. This time the Expert took up the position of short-stop. We got up a handsome speed, and presently traversed a brick, and I went out over the top of the tiller and landed, head down, on the instructor's back, and saw the machine

fluttering in the air between me and the sun. It was well it came down on us, for that broke the fall, and it was not injured.

Five days later I got out and was carried down to the hospital, and found the Expert doing pretty fairly. In a few more days I was quite sound. I attribute this to my prudence in always dismounting on something soft. Some recommend a feather bed, but I think an Expert is better.

The Expert got out at last, brought four assistants with him. It was a good idea. These four held the graceful cobweb upright while I climbed into the saddle; then they formed in column and marched on either side of me while the Expert pushed behind; all hands assisted at the dismount.

The bicycle had what is called the “wabbles,” and had them very badly. In order to keep my position, a good many things were required of me, and in every instance the thing required was against nature. That is to say, that whatever the needed thing might be, my nature, habit, and breeding moved me to attempt it in one way, while some immutable¹ and unsuspected law of physics required that it be done in just the other way. I perceived by this how radically and grotesquely wrong had been the life-long education of my body and members. They were steeped in ignorance; they knew nothing—nothing which it could profit them to know.

When you have reached the point in bicycling where you can balance the machine tolerably fairly and propel it and steer it, then comes your next task—how to mount it. You do it in this way: you hop along behind it on your right foot, resting the other on the mounting-peg, and grasping the tiller with your hands. At the word, you rise on the peg, stiffen your left leg, hang your other one around in the air in a general and indefinite way, lean your stomach against the rear of the saddle, and then fall off, maybe on one side, maybe on the other; but you fall off. You get up and do it again; and once more; and then several times.

Six more attempts and six more falls make you perfect. You land in the saddle comfortably, next time, and stay there—that is, if you can be content to let your legs dangle, and leave the pedals alone a while; but if you grab at once for the pedals, you are gone again. You soon learn to wait a little and perfect your balance before reaching for the pedals; then the mounting-art is acquired, is complete, and a little practice will make it simple and easy to you, though spectators ought to keep off a rod or two to one side, along at first, if you have nothing against them.

And now you come to the voluntary dismount; you learned the other kind first of all. It is quite easy to tell one how to do the voluntary dismount; the words are few, the requirement simple, and apparently undifficult; let your left pedal go down till your left leg is nearly straight, turn your wheel to the left, and get off as you would from a horse. It certainly does sound exceedingly easy; but it isn't. I don't know why it isn't but it isn't. Try as you may, you don't get down as you would from a horse, you get down as you would from a house afire. You make a spectacle of yourself every time.

During the eight days I took a daily lesson an hour and a half. At the end of this twelve working-hours' apprenticeship I was graduated—in the rough. I was pronounced competent to paddle my own bicycle without outside help.

¹ immutable—unchangeable

Scoring Guide
Passage Title: Taming the Bicycle

Analyze why “Taming the Bicycle” is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

Score	Description
<u>3</u>	The response is a clear, complete, and accurate analysis of why “Taming the Bicycle” is an appropriate title for the passage. The response includes relevant and specific information from the passage.
<u>2</u>	The response is a partial analysis of why “Taming the Bicycle” is an appropriate title for the passage. The response includes limited information from the passage and may include inaccuracies.
<u>1</u>	The response is a minimal analysis of why “Taming the Bicycle” is an appropriate title for the passage. The response includes little or no information from the passage and may include inaccuracies. OR The response relates minimally to the task.
<u>0</u>	The response is totally incorrect or irrelevant or contains insufficient information to demonstrate comprehension.

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage because Mark Twain had a lot of trouble learning how to ride a bicycle. It was cumbersome and hard to use. In the beginning of the passage, Mark Twain says that he crashed the bicycle four times when he tried to dismount it, the last time ending with the Expert and himself being hospitalized, as the bicycle landed on them when they crashed. After he resumed lessons again, four people in addition to the Expert had to help him ride the bike. Twain said in the second to last paragraph that he also had difficulty getting off of the bike. He states in the last paragraph that he had a ninety-minute lesson for eight days. Mark Twain learning how to ride a bicycle can be compared to learning how to ride a horse. You have to train the horse to let you ride it, practice riding with it, and get accustomed to each other. Twain had to do the same thing. He had to get a feel for the bicycle, practice, and learn about it.

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A-1: Scorepoint 3 - The student has given a clear, complete, and accurate analysis by drawing conclusions based on analysis of a text. The student has explained why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage ("because Mark Twain had a lot of trouble learning how to ride a bicycle. It was cumbersome and hard to use... Mark Twain learning how to ride a bicycle can be compared to learning how to ride a horse. You have to train the horse to let you ride it, practice riding with it, and get accustomed to each other. Twain had to do the same thing. He had to get a feel for the bicycle, practice, and learn about it"). The student supports the analysis with relevant and specific information from the passage ("In the beginning of the passage, Mark Twain says that he crashed the bicycle four times when he tried to dismount it, the last time ending with the Expert and himself being hospitalized, as the bicycle landed on them when they crashed. After he resumed lessons again, four people in addition to the Expert had to help him ride the bike. Twain said in the second to last paragraph that he also had difficulty getting off of the bike. He states in the last paragraph that he had a ninety-minute lesson for eight days").

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage because that is exactly what the author had to do. He describes the bike as "only a colt- a fifty-inch, with the pedals shortened up to forty-eight- and skittish, like any other colt". He compares the bike to horse that has to be trained. Sometimes it seemed as though the bike had a mind of its own, similar to a horse. In addition, the author says that a great amount of things were required of him to be able to ride the bicycle, "and in every instance the thing required was against nature". He had to balance, steer, propel, mount and therefore dismount. He fell off numerous times, but never failed to keep trying. It took him a long time to be able to tame the bike enough to ride it successfully. To conclude, "Taming the Bicycle" is a perfect title for the passage because it describes the actions and struggles the author had to take.

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A-2: Scorepoint 3 - The student has given a clear, complete, and accurate analysis by drawing conclusions based on analysis of a text. The student has explained why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage ("because that is exactly what the author had to do...He compares the bike to horse that has to be trained. Sometimes it seemed as though the bike had a mind of its own, similar to a horse...It took him a long time to be able to tame the bike enough to ride it successfully...`Taming the Bicycle' is a perfect title for the passage because it describes the actions and struggles the author had to take"). The student supports the analysis with relevant and specific information from the passage ("He describes the bike as `only a colt- a fifty-inch, with the pedals shortened up to forty-eight- and skittish, like any other colt'...the author says that a great amount of things were required of him to be able to ride the bicycle, `and in every instance the thing required was against nature'. He had to balance, steer, propel, mount and therefore dismount. He fell off numerous times, but never failed to keep trying").

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage because the boy learning to ride the bicycle has no past experience. Therefore, he must "tame the bike." For example, the passage showed that each time the learner went to dismount, he would fall on the trainer. There were many steps to be "tamed," but dismounting was the most difficult. The learner had to learn all of the pieces and parts and procedures of riding a bicycle. Overall, the title "Taming the Bicycle" is a appropriate due to the rigorous process that the Expert put the rider through in order to properly ride the bicycle.

A-3: Scorepoint 3 - The student has given a clear, complete, and accurate analysis by drawing conclusions based on analysis of a text. The student has explained why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage ("because the boy learning to ride the bicycle has no past experience. Therefore, he must 'tame the bike'...The learner had to learn all of the pieces and parts and procedures of riding a bicycle. Overall, the title 'Taming the Bicycle' is a appropriate due to the rigorous process that the Expert put the rider through in order to properly ride the bicycle"). The student supports the analysis with relevant and specific information from the passage ("the passage showed that each time the learner went to dismount, he would fall on the trainer. There were many steps to be 'tamed,' but dismounting was the most difficult").

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

It is an appropriate title because the rider at first had no control over the bike. He had to learn how to control the bike so he could ride it. The bike kept falling on top of the rider and expert and they could not stop the falling even after trying different plans. By the end of the story the bike was "tamed" because he figured out how to ride it correctly.

A-4: Scorepoint 2 - The student has given a partial analysis by drawing conclusions based on analysis of a text. The student has partially explained why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage ("because the rider at first had no control over the bike. He had to learn how to control the bike so he could ride it...By the end of the story the bike was "tamed" because he figured out how to ride it correctly"). The student supports the analysis with limited information from the passage ("The bike kept falling on top of the rider and expert and they could not stop the falling even after trying different plans").

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate name because Mark Twain literally has to tame the bike. this passage is about a man who wants to learn how to ride a big wheel bicycle. This man goes to a bicycle expert so he is able to accomplish this. During this adventure there were many failures from mark Twain but through perserverence, the young Twain prevsiled and "Tamed the Bicycle."

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A-5: Scorepoint 2 - The student has given a partial analysis by drawing conclusions based on analysis of a text. The student has partially explained why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage (*"because Mark Twain literally has to tame the bike...During this adventure there were many failures from mark Twain but through perserverence, the young Twain prevsiled and 'Tamed the Bicycle'"*). The student supports the analysis with limited information from the passage (*"this passage is about a man who wants to learn how to ride a big wheel bicycle. This man goes to a bicycle expert so he is able to accomplish this"*).

18. Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title because Mark Twain is having a very hard time learning to ride a bike. Twain keeps falling off and landing on the Expert. Twain does not quit and keeps trying. Twain eventually conquers the bike.

A-6: Scorepoint 2 - The student has given a partial analysis by drawing conclusions based on analysis of a text. The student has partially explained why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage ("because Mark Twain is having a very hard time learning to ride a bike... Twain does not quit and keeps trying. Twain eventually conquers the bike"). The student supports the analysis with limited information from the passage ("Twain keeps falling off and landing on the Expert").

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

He had alot of trouble learning how to ride the bicycle. It was llike trying to tame a wild animal thats why the title is appropriate for the story.

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A-7: Scorepoint 1 - The student has given a minimal analysis by drawing conclusions based on analysis of a text. The student has minimally explained why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage (*"It was like trying to tame a wild animal"*). The student uses little information from the passage (*"He had alot of trouble learning how to ride the bicycle"*) to support the analysis.

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

Because when you tame something it means that you get control of something, to master it. the author did not know how to ride a bike but he still tried to "tame" it....

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A-8: Scorepoint 1 - The student has given a minimal analysis by drawing conclusions based on analysis of a text. The student has minimally explained why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage (*"Because when you tame something it means that you get control of something, to master it...he still tried to 'tame' it"*). The student uses little information from the passage (*"the author did not know how to ride a bike"*) to support the analysis.

18. Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for this passage because it tells of this one guy's determination to master riding the bicycle.

A-9: Scorepoint 1 - The student has given a minimal analysis by drawing conclusions based on analysis of a text. The student has minimally explained why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage using little information from the passage ("because it tells of this one guy's determination to master riding the bicycle").

18. Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

I think the title is called "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title because it is the first bicycle. It is the first bicycle made and no one knows how to ride on. This is why I think it is an appropriate title.

A-10: Scorepoint 0 - The student has given a response to the task that is irrelevant and incorrect.

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis:

I think its an appropriate title becauwe
it matches the theme of the passage and its
a good title overall.

A-11: Scorepoint 0 - The student has given a response to the task that contains insufficient information to demonstrate comprehension.

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

It is important to the passage because
it helps to describe it.

A-12: Scorepoint 0 - The student has given a response to the task that contains insufficient information to demonstrate comprehension.

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Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

Because he was learning how to ride it being stable and not being all over the place like traing a horse to go where you want it to.

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Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle is an appropriate name for this passage because that bicycle gave that man a lot of grief. He fell multiple times, he and his instructor were in the hospital, and after that he still fell a lot. But, by the end he "tamed" the bicycle and graduated from bicycle lessons and was able to ride it as he wished.

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Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for this passage because of how the bicycle is described. The speaker describes trying to get on and off the bike without coming crashing down. He also says it has the "wabbles" meaning it was shaking very badly. In this sense, the author was almost trying to tame an actual animal in order for him to be able to ride it. However, in reality it was always just a very tall bike that was difficult to get on and off of, not to mention operate. He also discusses taking lessons; as you would while taming an animal, which is a metaphor for how he is "taming" his bike. Therefore that makes the title appropriate for this story.

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

It is a metaphor. It compares the bicycle to a beast by using tame because to learn how to ride was a arduous task.

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Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

The title "Taming the Bicycle" is appropriate for the passage because of the difficulty the narrator has to go through to learn how to ride it. After multiple attempts at mounting it and failing the bicycle is still in perfect shape. It falls repeatedly but the only ones that get hurt are the Expert and the speaker. Slowly after many days the narrator learns to mount with the help of the Expert. In the end the bicycle is easy to ride without needing a teacher.

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

because it describes the story and
what it is about

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

Taming a Bicycle is an appropriate title because the story is about how to ride and control a bike and the many steps there are with it.

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

Taming the bicycle is an appropriate title for this passage because it's mainly about how to take care of your bike and make nothing is wrong with it.

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for many different reasons. One reason is that the narrator uses words that make the reader believe that it is a horse. Another reason is that it shows a feeling of conquering.

The language makes you believe it is a horse at many different points. One example of this is when the narrator says, "I climbed into the saddle." This makes the reader believe that it is a horse because when you ride a horse, you are in the saddle. The title is appropriate because you tame wild horses.

The title demonstrates a feeling of conquering. The passage shows this feeling at the end when he says "At the end of this twelve working-hours' apprenticeship I was graduated..." This connects to the title because the word "taming" shows that it was wild at first. Since the "wild" to "tame" it when he was finished it pronounced a feeling of triumph and conquering.

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage because of the challenges faced by the rider. It is not something that you can just jump right into. You must learn through experience how to ride a bicycle. The excerpt, "At the end of this twelve working-hours' apprenticeship I was graduated in the rough" supports that riding a bicycle is no easy task. It shows that the author had to work at it for twelve whole hours to obtain the skills to ride his bicycle.

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Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle" is undeniably an appropriate title for this passage. The author finds great difficulty in riding the bicycle and even requires the help of an "Expert" to aid in doing so. The main focus of the passage is learning to ride the bicycle and ultimately to tame it. The author also makes various references to the bike being a colt or a horse and in fact a creature that could be tamed.

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage because of the narrator's tone towards the bicycle throughout the passage. He makes it sound like more of a wild animal than anything and talks about it like it is a living thing. In the second paragraph he says, "Mine was not a full-grown bicycle, but only a colt... and skittish, like any other colt." In this way he is describing the bicycle in ways that makes the reader think of a young horse, not an inanimate object like a bike. Throughout the passage the bike is often referenced after each failure by the Expert and narrator to successfully mount the bike without falling. After a failure it is said, "...it was not in the least injured," or, "The machine was not hurt." Because it is referenced as a living thing, like a horse or wild animal, the reader imagines it to be a colt that needs to be broken or an animal in the circus that needs to be tamed or domesticated. This is why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title.

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Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

It's titled "Taming the Bicycle" because the author wants to master and overcome riding a bike so he's "taming" it so to speak.

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

Because they were trying to fix
the bike. It's kind of like
taming it.

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

Because its like taming a horse, but instead the rider is actually learning how to manage the bike that he isnt used to.

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Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis:

Tuain uses many devices that make the story fit with its title. First, he describes the bike as being a colt, and a skittish colt at that. Before one can ride a colt, it must be tamed through long, hard work, and this fits the idea of 'taming' a bike. Afterwards, there is a long sequence of failures by Tuain to ride his bike. However, at the end, he eventually masters it somewhat. This fits with 'taming' because when you tame an animal, the animal will not cooperate at first, but eventually, it will become more and more docile. Finally at the end, Tuain 'graduates' from his 'apprenticeship' of riding the bike. The notion that riding is so difficult that it is a huge accomplishment requiring graduation when one masters it fits well with the idea of 'taming' a wild creature.

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle" is the right title for the passage. When the author first tries to ride the bicycle, he continues to fall off and flip over. As he has lessons, he learns to get on the bicycle without hurting himself, or anyone else. Little by little, he learns to stay on the bicycle, and eventually to get off it. He "tamed" it, so to speak.

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Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

Taming the Bicycle is an appropriate title because it was all about the struggles the man faced to try to obtain balance on the bicycle, almost as if the bicycle needed tamed.

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Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage because it's a story about a person who over-comes their problem; the bicycle. He prevails over the bicycle after 12 full hours of tough practice. The title is most likely a metaphor for how people tame wild animals. At first the animal is wild, unknown and unpredictable but after lots of training it becomes tamed and easy to control.

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

Because the passage talks about how a man thought about making his own bicycle with out any help or people telling him what to do. He thought of this idea by himself.

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Handscoring Practice Set*

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Analyze why “Taming the Bicycle” is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

It fits the story well

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

It is talking about how this boy learned to ride a bicycle and controlling it so he doesn't fall off.

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Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the message because the speaker was basically trying to tame a bicycle or learn to ride it. His trying to ride the bicycle was very similar to taming a horse. An untame horse will buck its rider off of it and onto the ground. The speaker fell off his bike quite often and hit the ground. "... I dismounted on that side; so the result was as before." That was the second time he fell. "... somehow or other we landed on him again." The speaker mentions falling off of the bike seven times in the passage. It is also similar to taming a horse because when a horse is untame one never knows what it is going to do. The speaker in the story never knows which way the bike is going to fall, if it's going to wobble, if he can keep his balance when mounting it, etc. A horse and the bike are both completely unpredictable which makes the bike like an untame horse. That is why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage.

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

It is an appropriate title, because the character feels as if the bicycle is a tough animal that takes a long time to get used to. The bicycle in the story is imagined as a colt, which would be very tough to ride at first. They also say dismounting in the story instead of just getting off of the bicycle, because you mount and dismount a horse. They use a saddle as a metaphor towards the seat of the bicycle. Learning to ride a bicycle in ways is just like taming a horse.

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Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

The bicycle is wild and he couldn't
control it. Through the passage the author
told how to control the bicycle.

Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage because that is exactly what the author had to do. He describes the bike as "only a colt- a fifty-inch, with the pedals shortened up to forty-eight- and skittish, like any other colt". He compares the bike to horse that has to be trained. Sometimes it seemed as though the bike had a mind of its own, similar to a horse. In addition, the author says that a great amount of things were required of him to be able to ride the bicycle, "and in every instance the thing required was against nature". He had to balance, steer, propel, mount and therefore dismount. He fell off numerous times, but never failed to keep trying. It took him a long time to be able to tame the bike enough to ride it successfully. To conclude, "Taming the Bicycle" is a perfect title for the passage because it describes the actions and struggles the author had to take.

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Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the Bicycle" is a good name for this passage because the protagonist had to undergo challenges to finally master the mechanics of the bicycle. The protagonist took many lessons to learn how to efficiently ride the bicycle. Most of the lessons were rough. In fact, at one of the lessons the novice completely flew off the bike and landed straight on the expert who was teaching him. After many days of rough training, the new expert finally "tamed" the bicycle.

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Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

Taming the Bicycle is a good title for the passage because it could help other people.



- 7 Analyze why "Taming the Bicycle" is an appropriate title for the passage. Use information from the passage to support your analysis.

"Taming the bicycle" is an appropriate title because they are trying to master riding the bike and it's taking time and effort.

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It is an appropriate title because the rider at first had no control over the bike. He had to learn how to control the bike so he could ride it.

The bike kept falling on top of the rider and expert and they could not stop the falling even after trying different plans. By the end of the story the bike was "tamed" because he figured out how to ride it correctly.

Practice Set*

Subject: **Keystone Literature**

Item: **Taming the Bicycle**

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Keystone Literature - Taming the Bicycle - Training Set One Annotations

T1-1 Scorepoint 1

- Minimal analysis and little information: *"he was learning how to ride it being stable and not being all over the place like traing a horse to go where you want it to."*

T1-2 Scorepoint 2

- Partial analysis: *"because that bicycle gave that man a lot of grief...But, by the end he 'tamed' the bicycle...and was able to ride it as he wished."*
- Limited information to support: *"He fell multiple times, he and his instructor were in the hospital, and after that he still fell a lot...graduated from bicycle lessons."*

T1-3 Scorepoint 3

- Analysis: *"because of how the bicycle is described. The speaker describes trying to get on and off the bike without coming crashing down...In this sense, the author was almost trying to tame an actual animal in order for him to be able to ride it. However, in reality it was always just a very tall bike that was difficult to get on and off of, not to mention operate. He also discusses taking lessons; as you would while taming an animal, which is a metaphor for how he is 'taming' his bike."*
- Relevant and specific information to support: *"The speaker describes trying to get on and off the bike without coming crashing down. He also says it has the 'wabbles' meaning it was shaking very badly...difficult to get on and off of, not to mention operate...taking lessons."*

T1-4 Scorepoint 1

- Minimal analysis and little information: *"It is a metaphor. It compares the bicycle to a beast by using tame because to learn how to ride was a arduous task"*

T1-5 Scorepoint 2

- Partial analysis: *"because of the difficulty the narrator has to go through to learn how to ride it...In the end the bicycle is easy to ride without needing a teacher."*
- Limited information to support: *"After multiple attempts at mounting it and failing the bicycle is still in perfect shape...the only ones that get hurt are the Expert and the speaker...the narrator learns to mount with the help of the Expert."*

T1-6 Scorepoint 0

- Insufficient information to demonstrate comprehension

T1-7 Scorepoint 1

- Minimal analysis and little information: *"because the story is about how to ride and controll a bike and The many steps there are with it."*

T1-8 Scorepoint 0

- Response to the task is incorrect

T1-9 Scorepoint 3

- Explanation: *"The language makes you believe it is a horse at many different points... because when you ride a horse, you are in the saddle. The title is appropriate because you tame wild horses. The title demonstrates a feeling of conquering. The passage shows this feeling at the end...the word 'Taming' shows that it was wild at first. Since he had to 'tame' it when he was finished it pronounced a feeling of triumph and conquering."*
- Relevant and specific information to support: *"the narrator says, '...I climbed into the saddle'...at the end when he says 'At the end of this twelve working-hours' apprenticeship I was graduated."*

T1-10 Scorepoint 2

- Partial explanation: *"because of the challenges faced by the rider. It is not something that you can jump right into. You must learn through experience how to ride a bicycle...riding a bicycle is no easy task. It shows that the author had to work at it...to obtain the skills to ride his bicycle."*
- Limited information to support: *"At the end of this twelve working-hours' apprenticeship I was graduated-in the rough...had to work at it for twelve whole hours."*

Keystone Literature - Taming the Bicycle - Training Set Two Annotations

T2-1 Scorepoint 2

- Partial explanation: *"The author finds great difficulty in riding the bicycle...The main focus of the passage is learning to ride the bicycle and ultimately to tame it. The author also makes various references to the bike being a colt or a horse and in fact a creature that could be tamed."*
- Limited information to support: *"requires the help of an 'Expert' to aid...the bike being a colt or a horse."*

T2-2 Scorepoint 3

- Explanation: *"because of the narrator's tone towards the bicycle throughout the passage. He makes it sound like more of a wild animal than anything and talks about it like it is a living thing...he is describing the bicycle in ways that makes the reader think of a young horse, not an inanimate object like a bike....Because it is referenced as a living thing, like a horse or wild animal, the reader imagines it to be a colt that needs to be broken or an animal in the circus that needs to be tamed or domesticated."*
- Relevant and specific information to support: *"he says, 'Mine was not a full-grown bicycle, but only a colt...and skittish, like any other colt'...after each failure by the Expert and narrator to successfully mount the bike without falling. After a failure it is said, '...it was not in the least injured,' or, 'The machine was not hurt'"*

T2-3 Scorepoint 1

- Minimal explanation and little information: *"because the author wants to master and overcome riding a bike so he's 'taming' it so to speak."*

T2-4 Scorepoint 0

- Response to the task is incorrect

T2-5 Scorepoint 1

- Minimal explanation and little information: *"Because its like taming a horse, but instead the rider is actually learning how to manage the bike that he isnt used to."*

T2-6 Scorepoint 3

- Explanation: *"Before one can ride a colt, it must be tamed through long, hard work, and this fits the idea of 'taming' a bike...when you tame an animal, the animal will not cooperate at first, but eventually it will become more and more docile...The notion that riding is so difficult that it is a huge accomplishment requiring graduation when one masters it fits well with the idea of 'taming' a wild creature."*
- Relevant and specific information to support: *"he describes the bike as being a colt, and a skittish colt at that...there is a long sequence of failures by Twain to ride his bike. However, at the end, he eventually masters it...at the end Twain 'graduates' from his 'apprenticeship' of riding the bike"*

Taming the Bicycle - Training Set 2 Annotations Continued

T2-7 Scorepoint 2

- Partial explanation: *"When the author first tries to ride the bicycle, he continues to fall off and flip over. As he has lessons, he learns...Little by little, he learns to stay on the bicycle, and eventually to get off it. He 'tamed' it, so to speak."*
- Limited information to support: *" he continues to fall off and flip over...has lessons, he learns to get on the bicycle without hurting himself, or anyone else...learns to stay on the bicycle, and eventually to get off it"*

T2-8 Scorepoint 1

- Minimal explanation and little information: *"because it was all about the struggles the man faced to try to obtain balance on the bicycle, almost as if the bicycle needed tamed."*

T2-9 Scorepoint 2

- Partial explanation: *"because it's a story about a person who over-comes their problem; the bicycle...The title is most likely a metaphor for how people tame wild animals. At first the animal is wild, unknown and unpredictable but after lots of training it becomes tamed and easy to control."*
- Limited information to support: *"He prevails over the bicycle after 12 full hours of tough practice"*

T2-10 Scorepoint 0

- Response to the task is incorrect