

## Answer Key

### Reading Comprehension Questions

1. When and where was Julian Alden Weir born?

Julian Alden Weir was born on August 30, 1852, in West Point, New York.

2. Name two characteristics of Impressionism.

Artists showed the impression of a scene, not exact depictions. Paintings feature short, visible brush strokes, and depict the effect of light and shadow.

3. What other occupation did Weir have? Art instructor

4. In what year did Weir purchase the farm in Branchville, Connecticut? 1882

5. Find the sentence containing the word *honed* and circle the best synonym:

bought      divided      lost      practiced      remembered

6. What was “The Ten”? The Ten was a group of ten American Impressionist painters who exhibited their work together.

7. Define *en plein air*. Painting outdoors

8. What metaphor does Erica Hirshler use to describe Weir? What does it mean?

Hirshler describes Weir as the “heart” of the American Impressionist movement. She means that he was very important to the movement.

9. Circle the narrative structure of this reading passage.

comparison      cause/effect      chronology      problem/solution

10. Why do you think Weir’s home was preserved as a National Park?

(Student opinion e.g., Weir was an important figure in the artistic history of the country and his home is preserved to educate people and inspire future artists.)