

Reading Check

Directions: Recall the events in the selection. Then answer the questions in sentences or phrases.

1. Which of Henson’s traits helped him follow his dream of exploration? Who or what else aided him?

2. Reread the excerpt from Henson’s diary on page 774. What do you notice about Henson’s style?

3. What besides the fear that some had beaten him to the North Pole might explain Peary’s silence toward Henson on their return trip?

4. When did Henson get his first official recognition of his accomplishment? Why did it take so long?

MATTHEW HENSON AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD