Julie Krone

Review Key Words⁶

trained Trained means worked hard to become

good at something.

jockey A jockey is someone who rides

a horse in a race.

top Top means best or highest.

pay off To pay off means to give

good results.



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Julie Krone began riding horses before she was 3 years old. She was only 5 when she won her first prize at a horse show. As a **teen**, Julie decided she wanted to become a **jockey**. Most jockeys were men. Many people thought that women did not belong in horse racing. But Julie believed in herself. She believed she could make her **dream** come true.

Julie **trained** hard for many years. Slowly, her work began to **pay off**. By age 25, she was one of the **top** jockeys in the United States. In

1993, Julie won the Belmont Stakes. She was the first woman to win this **major** race.

Julie was **injured** many times while racing. But she always got back on a horse. By the time Julie stopped racing, she had won thousands of races. She had shown the world that she was a great jockey. In 2000, she became the first woman ever to be **voted** into the United States horse racing **Hall of Fame**.

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Answer the Questions

- 1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. Julie Krone won a major horse race called the Belmont Stakes.
 - b. Julie Krone began riding horses before she was even 3 years old.
 - Julie Krone was one of the first women to become a great jockey.
- 2. How old was Julie when she won her first prize at a horse show?
 - a. 3
 - b. 25
 - c. 5

- 3. What does the word **dream** mean in this story?
 - a. a strong hope or goal
 - b. pictures seen while sleeping
 - c. something that is very pleasant
- 4. Why did some people think Julie didn't belong in horse racing?
 - a. She was only 5.
 - b. She was a woman.
 - c. She was injured.
- 5. How did Julie Krone show the world that she was a great jockey?

Parent Tips

We want students to "read to the punctuation." This means that students don't pause in their reading until they reach a punctuation mark. Beginning readers often develop the habit of stopping at the end of a line instead of the end of the sentence.