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Anticipation / Reaction Exercise
For
A Visit to the Wilmette Historical Museum

Below are statements about the history of the present day Village of Wilmette. Some of the statements are true and some are false. Read each one carefully. If you think the statement is true, put a plus (+) sign on the line after the statement. If you think the statement is false, put a minus (-) sign on the line.

1. The first people to live in the area we now call the Village of Wilmette were Native Americans. _____
2. Indians who lived in our area before the settlers arrived would cut down a tree to mark a trail so others could follow their lead. _____
3. A very old clay head found many years ago in a Wilmette garden was probably from a Native American's doll. _____
4. In 1829, the U.S. government gave an Indian woman named Archange Ouilmette some land along the shores of Lake Michigan. This land later became part of the present day village of Wilmette. _____
5. The Ouilmette family built a large mansion on this land. _____
6. Later, when settlers first came and bought the land from the Ouilmette family, the area was very dry and there were few trees. _____
7. The Village of Wilmette we know today was originally two separate villages, one named Gross Point and the other named Lake Side. _____
8. The village of Gross Point was settled in the 1840's by people from Trier, Spain. _____
9. These early Gross Point settlers were mostly farmers. _____
10. Some settlers brought a special book with them to help learn English words and the names of the American presidents. _____

11. Some of the Gross Point settlers owned businesses along Ridge Road, but none of those early buildings are still standing today. _____
12. The Gross Point School, built in 1902 on Wilmette Avenue, had many classrooms - one for each grade level. _____
13. Those classrooms were entirely different from your school's classrooms. _____
14. As new homes and businesses were built in early Wilmette, they were usually located as far as possible from the train lines. _____
15. About 100 years ago, the streets in Wilmette were first paved with cement. _____
16. The public high school that students from Wilmette attend is named New Trier in remembrance of the homeland of some of our early settlers. _____
17. When the Gross Point Village Hall was built in 1896, it was only used as the mayor's office. _____
18. The boundary between the village of Gross Point and the original village of Wilmette was Green Bay Road. _____
19. Inside the Gross Point Village Hall there is beautiful wood carving on the banisters like the German settlers might have had in their homes in Germany. _____
20. The tall windows in the Gross Point Village Hall were always covered to keep out the bright sunlight. _____
21. From the outside of the Gross Point Village Hall you cannot tell when the building was built. _____
22. There were 4 jail cells in the basement of the Gross Point Village Hall, but they were never used. _____
23. The old Gross Point Village Hall on Ridge Road is used today as the Wilmette Post Office. _____

*Enjoy your visit to the Wilmette Historical Museum.
We will review your answers when you return to school.*