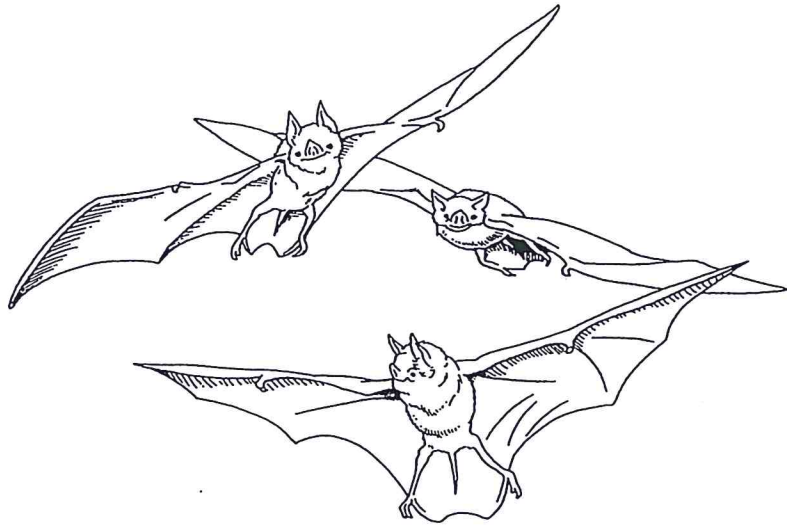


**READING SELECTION #2**

**DIRECTIONS:** Read Selection 2, THE TEXAS BAT WOMAN. Then answer the questions that follow. Mark all your answers on your Unit 1 ANSWER SHEET.

**The Texas Bat Woman**

About fourteen years ago, Amanda Lollar of Mineral Wells, Texas, came upon a bat lying on the sidewalk. It was summertime and the Texas weather was sweltering. Her first reaction was to pass by and not look back. But when she saw how helpless the bat looked, she changed her mind and transported it gingerly home in a section of newspaper. After doing some research, she healed the little creature. It was the beginning of a long and fascinating campaign to help bats, both injured and healthy.

A few years after that first bat rescue, Lollar founded Bat World Sanctuary. She adapted her family's furniture store in Mineral Wells into a refuge for injured bats. The building includes two separate habitats, or living areas. One is for smaller bats that eat insects. The other is for larger, fruit-eating bats.

Later, Lollar bought an old, empty building in town. Thousands of bats were living inside. The building became known as Wild Sanctuary. It is now an important stop-over location for migrating bats. It is also a place where about five hundred female bats annually give birth to their pups. Any hurt or orphaned bats found in the Wild Sanctuary are taken to Bat World Sanctuary. There, they join other injured bats, bats that people have sent or brought to Lollar. She and her helpers nurse these animals back to health. They feed them using an eyelash brush.

They set broken wings. They give shots to fight infections. Lollar's goal is to return the bats to the wild as soon as possible. However, the ones that do not fully recover remain there.

The founder of Bat World Sanctuary has another goal: to educate the public. It is not an easy task. Many people have wrong ideas about bats. The average person might say, "They are blind." "They are dirty." "They will deliberately tangle themselves in your hair." The truth is, bats are very clean. They do not tangle themselves in people's hair. And they can see, although they also locate objects in the dark by listening to the echoes of the beeping sounds they send out. Lollar thinks bats are incredible for other reasons too. They eat tons of mosquitoes and other harmful insects every night. They pollinate plants and distribute seeds.

Most people are not aware of these "bat benefits." Lollar is trying to change that. Plenty of kids have gone on field trips to Bat World Sanctuary. Tours are also given to groups of adults. To each group of visitors, Lollar tirelessly explains why bats deserve to be helped and protected.

Lollar also educates people about the appropriate thing to do if they find an injured bat. The correct action to take is to call a wildlife rehabilitator—that is, a person with special training in animal rescue. A list of such people, along with excellent information about bats, can be found on the Internet.

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Questions 12–22

- 12 Based on the selection, one way that bats help humans is by
- A eating harmful insects at night.
  - B avoiding people's hair.
  - C sleeping during the day.
  - D locating objects by echoes.
- 13 The MAIN reason that Lollar gives tours of Bat World Sanctuary to people is to explain
- A what to do if they find a bat.
  - B how bats benefit humans and nature.
  - C how to heal injured bats.
  - D what wildlife rehabilitators do.

- 14 The selection contains a statement of fact. The statement of fact is that
- A it was the beginning of a long and fascinating campaign to help bats, both injured and healthy.
  - B the founder of Bat World Sanctuary has another goal: to educate the public.
  - C Lollar also educates people about the appropriate thing to do if they find an injured bat.
  - D a list of such people, along with excellent information about bats, can be found on the Internet.
- 15 The selection contains a generalization. The generalization is that
- A orphaned bats join injured bats in Bat World Sanctuary.
  - B most people are not aware of bats' benefits to humans.
  - C wildlife rehabilitators have special training in animal rescue.
  - D many children have gone on field trips to Bat World Sanctuary.
- 16 In the LAST event of the selection,
- A Lollar bought a building in which female bats could give birth.
  - B Lollar created a refuge for injured bats in Mineral Wells.
  - C Lollar started giving tours of Bat World Sanctuary.
  - D Lollar healed an injured bat that she had found on a sidewalk.
- 17 Lollar's statement of opinion that educating the public about bats is not an easy task is BEST supported by the statement that
- A tours are also given to groups of adults.
  - B the truth is that bats are very clean.
  - C it was the beginning of a long campaign to help bats.
  - D many people have wrong ideas about bats.
- 18 The sentence that BEST supports the main idea of the selection is that
- A to each group of visitors, Lollar tirelessly explains why bats deserve to be helped and protected.
  - B a few years after that first bat rescue, Lollar founded Bat World Sanctuary.
  - C Lollar's first reaction was to pass by and not look back.
  - D however, the bats that do not fully recover remain there.

- 19 The author MOST LIKELY included what the “average person might say” about bats
- A to make readers want to learn more about bats.
  - B to give readers facts about bats.
  - C to convince more people to tour Bat World Sanctuary.
  - D to illustrate negative attitudes toward bats.
- 20 This selection is an example of
- A a personal essay.
  - B an autobiography.
  - C an informational article.
  - D an interview.
- 21 The author’s main purpose for writing this selection was PROBABLY
- A to entertain with surprising details about bats.
  - B to persuade readers to appreciate bats.
  - C to inform readers about one woman’s mission.
  - D to generate sympathy for the condition of bats.
- 22 The idea from the selection that BEST supports Lollar’s statement of opinion that bats are important to protect is
- A injured bats are healed at the Bat World Sanctuary.
  - B bats pollinate plants and distribute seeds.
  - C bats deserve to be helped and protected.
  - D some of the larger bats eat fruits.