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My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding is a TV show that allows the public inside the private life of Gypsies and Travelers. Normally, these two cultures are very private and outsiders are ***prohibited***, or not allowed, to know about their lifestyles. The ultimate goals for a Gypsy or Traveler girl is to drop out of 8th grade, marry while in her early teen years, have many children and cook and clean for her husband during the rest of her life.

These are three quotes from the Gypsy girls:

“My wedding dress must be the biggest and the best! If it isn’t then I will be ***humiliated*** by my friends, family and neighbors. I don’t want to feel embarrassed for the rest of my life!”

“My dress must be covered in expensive crystals. My dress better have more shiny ***crystals***, or bling, glowing lights, fluffy material and a skirt that is so wide it won’t fit through the doors. If my wedding dress isn’t over the top, then I will be ***shunned***, or avoided, for the rest of my life.”

“Every little girl dreams of her wedding day! I’ve been planning my wedding since I was 7-years old.”

1. What is the author’s purpose for paragraph one?

A. Entertain the reader

B. Inform the reader

C. Persuade the reader

2. Based upon the goals listed in paragraph one, what conclusions can you draw?

A. The girls want to party a lot and are not responsible.

B. The girls are too young to quit school and marry, so they won’t make good wives.

C. The girls believe in their culture’s family values, so they will be dedicated wives and mothers.

3. Using context clues, what is the definition of prohibited?

4. Based upon the first quote, what are at least two types of propaganda used? Why?

5. Using context clues, what is the definition of humiliated?

6. Based upon quote #2, what type(s) of propaganda are used? Why?

7. Using context clues, what is the definition of crystals?

8. Using context clues, what is the definition of shunned?

9. Based upon quote #3, what type(s) of propaganda are used? Why?

10. After reading about the wedding dresses, what conclusions can you draw?