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Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

Flapjacks

You may know them as flapjacks. But they go by other names as well, including griddle cakes and hot cakes. The name depends on where you live. Still, most Americans know a pancake when they see one.

This all-American food is delicious and easy to make. You can whip up a batter in a matter of minutes. All you need is milk, an egg, butter, flour, baking powder, and oil.

First, mix a tablespoon of baking powder with a half cup of flour. Next, beat together the egg with a half cup of milk and a quarter cup of oil. Slowly mix the dry ingredients with the wet ones.

Now your batter is ready. Heat up a large frying pan and add two tablespoons of butter. Pour spoonfuls of batter into the melted butter. Let the pancakes fry until they are golden brown on the bottom. Flip them over and brown them on the other side. Serve the pancakes hot with maple syrup, honey, or jam.

This simple recipe has many variations. Some people use buttermilk instead of milk. Others use yogurt mixed with milk. Some cooks mix whole wheat, cornmeal, or oats into the flour. Of course, choices for pancake toppings are endless. Fruit, chocolate, and whipped cream are just a few favorites.

How do you like your hot cakes?

Turn the page.

Answer the questions below.

1 What do you do after you mix the egg, milk, and oil?

- A** pour batter into the frying pan
- B** mix dry and wet ingredients
- C** add butter to the frying pan
- D** add buttermilk to the mix

2 For cornmeal pancakes, when should you add the cornmeal?

- F** after you heat the frying pan
- G** after you add the toppings
- H** when you mix the wet ingredients
- J** when you mix the dry ingredients

3 What happens right after you add butter to the frying pan?

- A** You add the flour.
- B** You serve the pancakes.
- C** The butter melts.
- D** Pancake toppings are endless.

4 For what reason must you flip over the flapjacks?

- F** to get the batter mixed up
- G** to let the frying pan get hot
- H** to make all the butter melt
- J** to get both sides browned

5 List the three main things you have to do to make pancakes. Use sequence words in your answer.

Common Core State Standards

Questions 1–5: Informational Text 1. Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. **Informational Text 3.** Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.