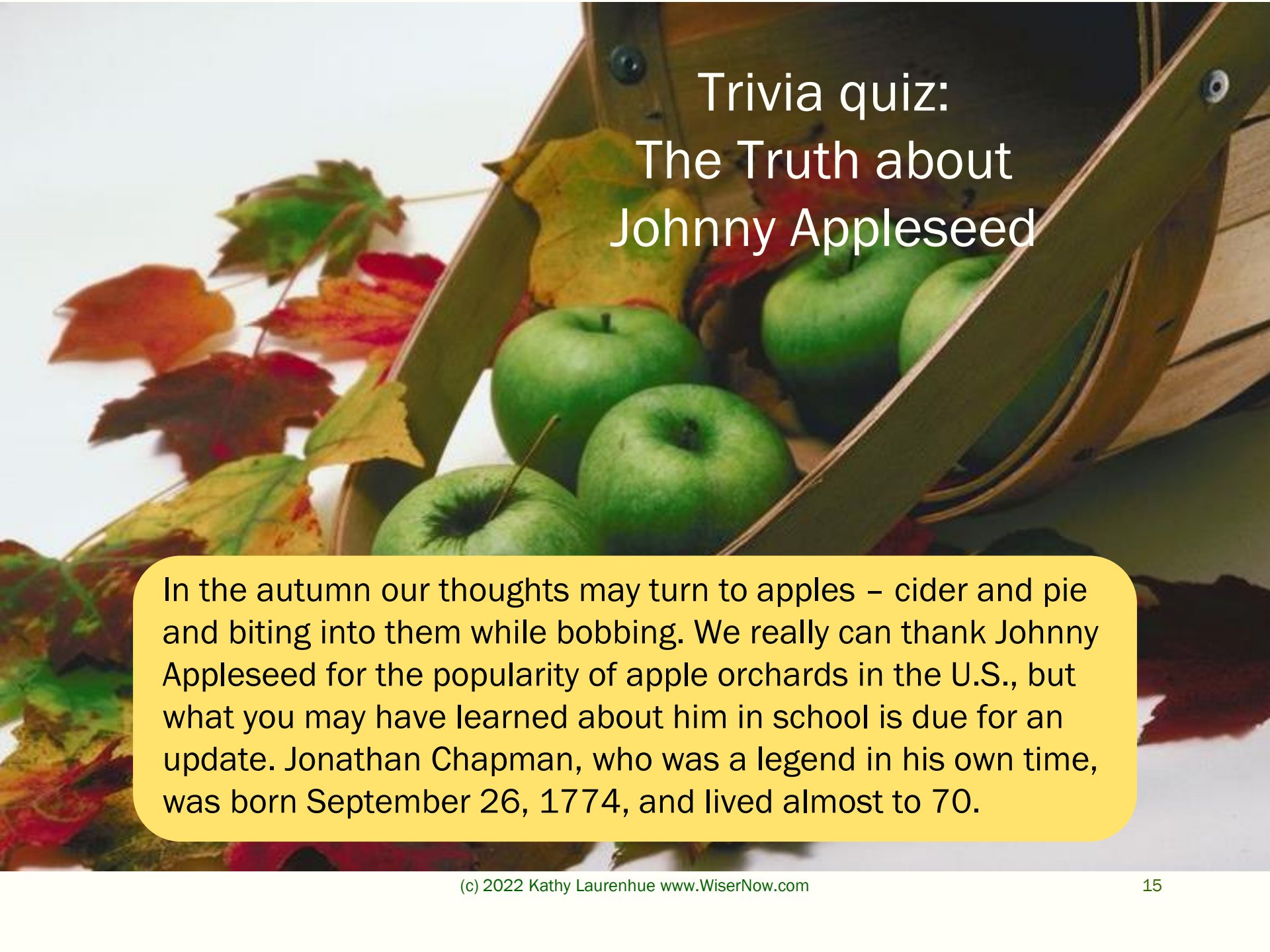


# Fascinated by Fall - Excerpt


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A wooden crate filled with several bright green apples and scattered autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The crate is tilted, and the background is a plain white surface.

## Trivia quiz: The Truth about Johnny Appleseed


In the autumn our thoughts may turn to apples – cider and pie and biting into them while bobbing. We really can thank Johnny Appleseed for the popularity of apple orchards in the U.S., but what you may have learned about him in school is due for an update. Jonathan Chapman, who was a legend in his own time, was born September 26, 1774, and lived almost to 70.



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1. False. Crab apples had existed in North America before the arrival of European settlers, but not the sweet varieties we know today. Early settlers brought seeds and seedlings of the popular fruit to both North and South America.

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In addition, trees that were grown from seedlings ("pippins") prospered in New England, especially after the colonists imported honeybees to improve pollination.

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4. True. Cider was safer, tastier, and easier to make than corn liquor. In rural areas, cider took the place not only of wine and beer, but also of coffee, juice, even water. Part of the problem was a lack of refrigeration. Plain fruit juice soon spoiled; apple juice allowed to ferment into about 5% alcohol didn't.





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5. Johnny Appleseed planted nurseries rather than scattering seeds; he built fences around them to protect them from livestock, left the nurseries in the care of a neighbor who sold trees on shares, and returned every year or two to tend the nursery. But yes, some of those trees are still alive.

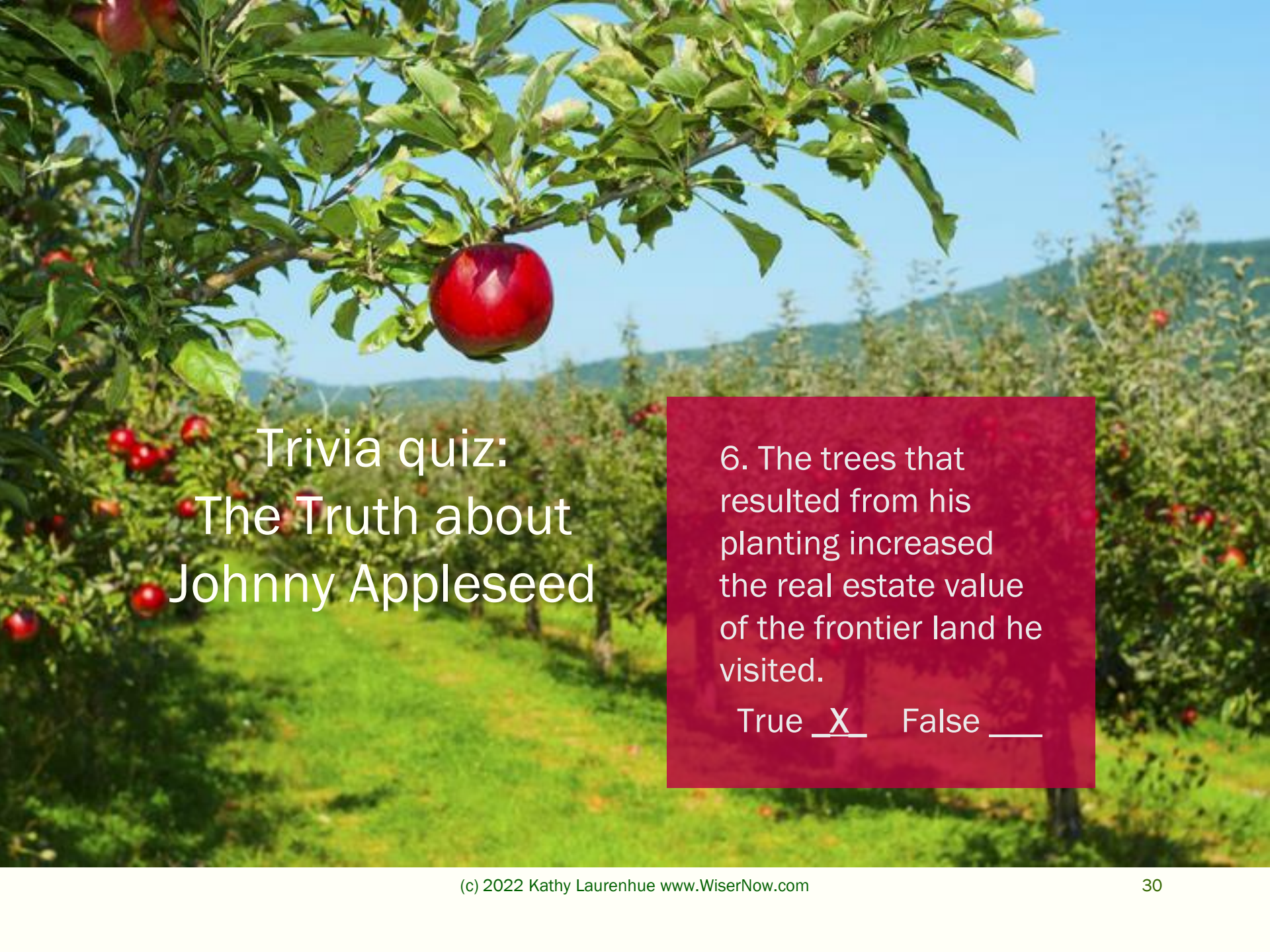
A large, vibrant red apple hangs from a tree branch in the foreground of an orchard. The background shows rows of apple trees stretching into the distance under a clear blue sky.

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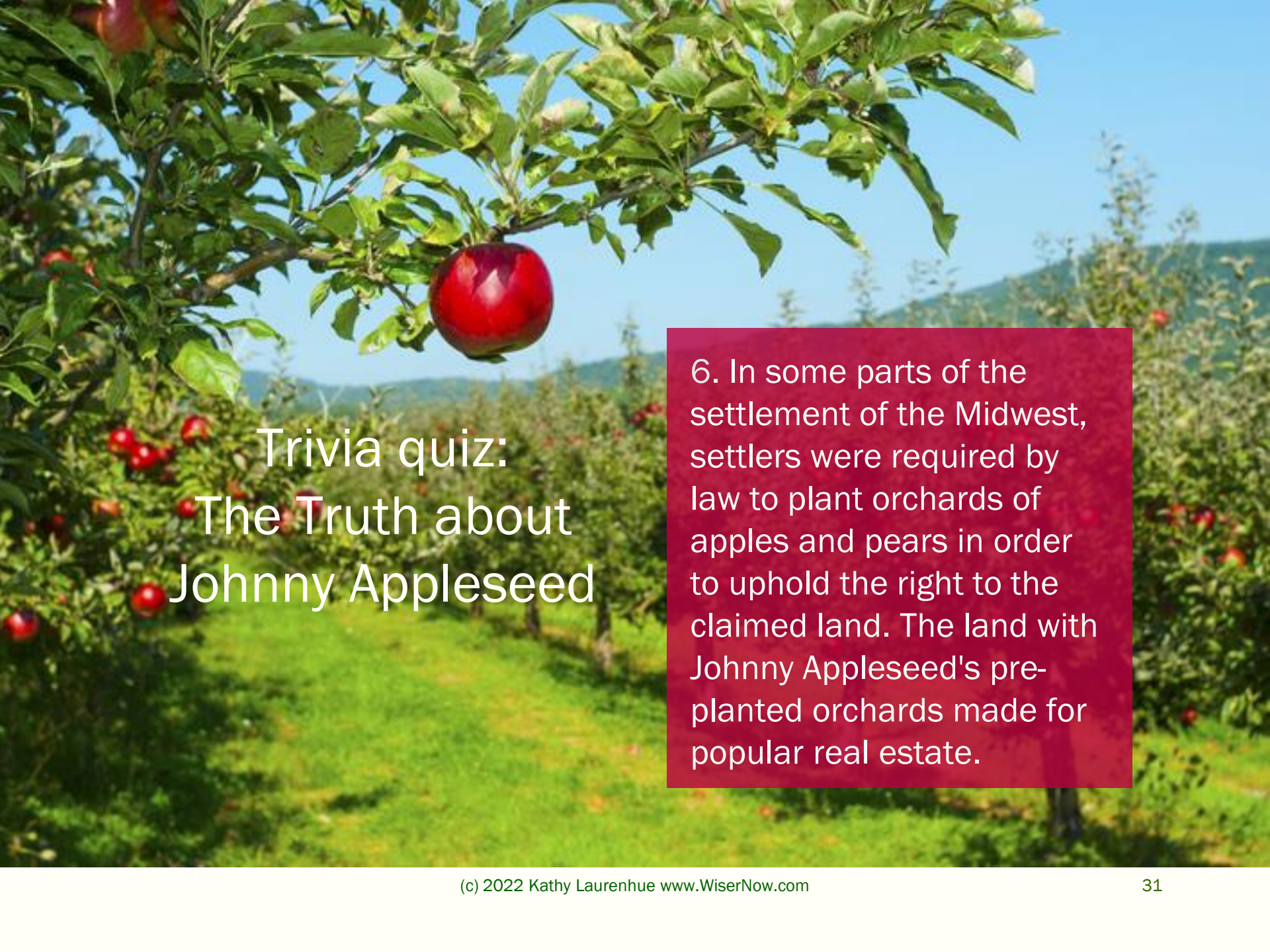




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6. In some parts of the settlement of the Midwest, settlers were required by law to plant orchards of apples and pears in order to uphold the right to the claimed land. The land with Johnny Appleseed's pre-planted orchards made for popular real estate.

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Johnny Appleseed was an eccentric. While it can be hard to separate fact from fiction, it does seem true that he wore a tin kettle on his head which served as a hat and a cooking pot. Plus, he went barefoot throughout the year and generally wore a coffee sack with holes for his arms and legs.





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7. Johnny Appleseed was a vegetarian who believed in respecting all insect and animal life. Here's one *story* told about him: One cool autumnal night, while lying by his camp-fire in the woods, he observed that the mosquitoes flew in the blaze and were burned. Johnny filled his tin pot with water, quenched the fire, and afterwards remarked, "God forbid that I should build a fire for my comfort, that should be the means of destroying any of his creatures."

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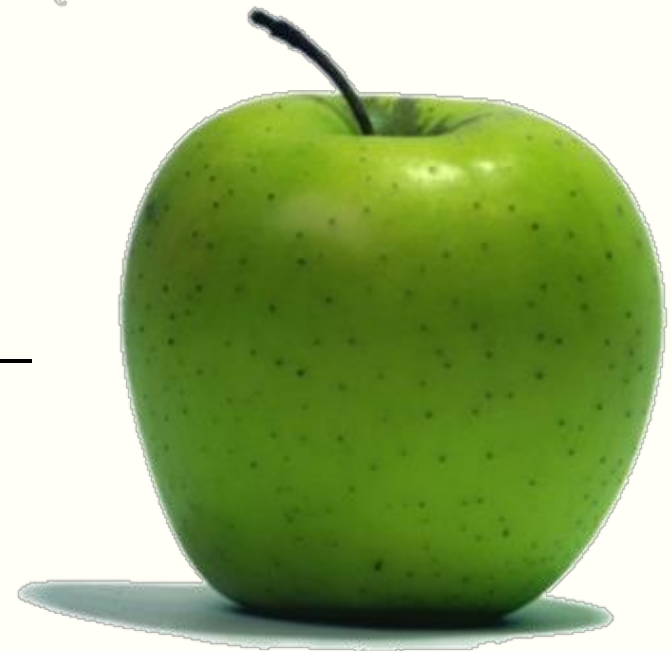
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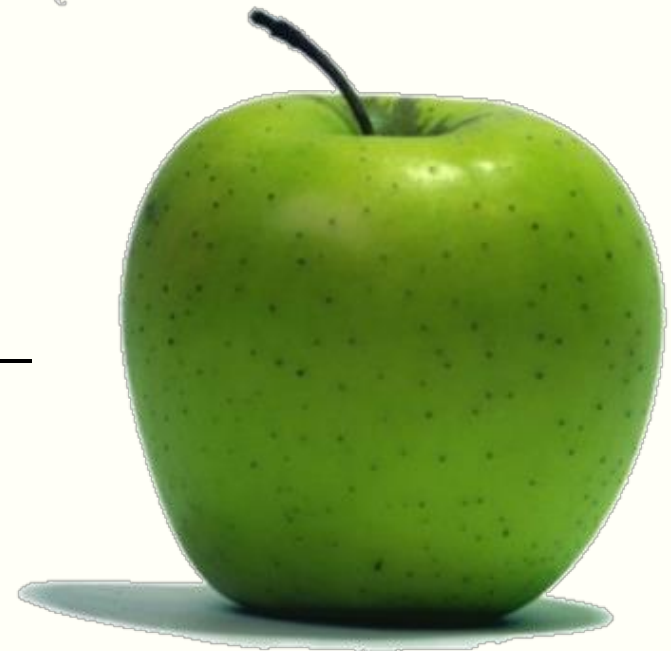
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8. True, but that doesn't mean the joys of fresh apples – and applesauce and apple pies – haven't long been known. Archeologists have found evidence that humans have been enjoying apples since at least 6500 B.C. Apples were the favorite fruit of ancient Greeks and Romans; thus, how to grow sweet apples has long been known.





## Final quirky thought

“I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion.”

~ Henry David Thoreau

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