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## Riders of the Rio Grande

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Some of the challenges Danny faced while preparing for the Rio Grande Rodeo included taming wild horses, perfecting his roping technique, and enduring the grueling physical demands of rodeo events.
2. Danny's determination and hard work contributed to his victory at the rodeo by allowing him to master the necessary skills, practice relentlessly, and overcome obstacles. His commitment to his dream drove him to succeed.
3. Thunder played a crucial role in Danny's success at the rodeo by being a skilled and reliable horse. Thunder's speed and agility in barrel racing were instrumental in their victory.
4. If Danny hadn't pursued his dream of becoming the fastest rider in the West, he might have followed a more traditional ranching path. His life would have been centered around cattle herding and ranch work, rather than the thrilling adventure of rodeo competition.

