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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What was the author's main purpose for writing *Blackbeard the Pirate*?
  - Ⓐ to entertain
  - Ⓑ to inform
  - Ⓒ to persuade
  - Ⓓ all of the above
2. Read this sentence: *Blackbeard captured a large, fast, French ship.* To **capture** is to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ travel across water
  - Ⓑ act aggressively against an opponent
  - Ⓒ catch or take control of by force
  - Ⓓ own something that is very valuable
3. Blackbeard's ship got stuck in the sand. What did he do next to solve his problem?
  - Ⓐ He loaded all his treasure onto another ship.
  - Ⓑ He captured another French ship and crew.
  - Ⓒ He moved back to England and gave his treasure away.
  - Ⓓ He sank the ship into the ocean with all its treasure.
4. Which of the following sentences from the book informs?
  - Ⓐ *Blackbeard scared everyone who saw him.*
  - Ⓑ *Sailing a large ship close to the land is hard to do.*
  - Ⓒ *The Ranger's crew threw Blackbeard's body into the sea.*
  - Ⓓ All of the above

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5. Which of the following tells the definition of a **crew**?
  - Ⓐ a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
  - Ⓑ something that is very special or valuable, especially if owned by a pirate
  - Ⓒ a way to travel across water in a boat or ship
  - Ⓓ a group of people who work together, especially those who operate a vehicle or machine
6. Which sentence tells what happened after Blackbeard climbed onto the *Ranger* during his last battle?
  - Ⓐ Blackbeard captured the crew and took over their ship.
  - Ⓑ The governor of Virginia sent a ship to find and capture Blackbeard.
  - Ⓒ The *Ranger's* crew jumped out from their hiding places and began to fight him again.
  - Ⓓ Blackbeard stole the treasure on board the *Ranger*.
7. Which sentence tells an opinion?
  - Ⓐ Blackbeard was a very mean and angry man.
  - Ⓑ He was shot five times before he finally died.
  - Ⓒ Blackbeard had four fast ships and a crew of over 350 men.
  - Ⓓ England is the country where Blackbeard was born.
8. How are pirating and sailing similar?
  - Ⓐ They both involve robbing other ships.
  - Ⓑ They both take place on the ocean.
  - Ⓒ They both involve only pirates.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
9. Read the following sentence: *The governor of Virginia was tired of Blackbeard's attacks.* Does this sentence inform, persuade, or entertain?
  - Ⓐ inform
  - Ⓑ persuade
  - Ⓒ entertain
  - Ⓓ all of the above

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10. What caused people to believe Blackbeard had stopped being a pirate?

- Ⓐ He sunk the *Queen Anne's Revenge*.
- Ⓑ He moved to Charleston, South Carolina.
- Ⓒ He deserted his crew on an island.
- Ⓓ He got married and bought a house.

11. **Extended Response:** List five facts about Blackbeard the pirate.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Blackbeard the Pirate

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓑ Author's Purpose
2. Ⓒ Vocabulary
3. Ⓐ Sequence Events
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7. Ⓐ Fact or Opinion
8. Ⓑ Compare and Contrast
9. Ⓐ Author's Purpose
10. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
11. Answers will vary but should include five facts from the book, such as the following: *he lived three hundred years ago; his real name was Edward Teach; he joined a crew to help the English navy during a war; his first ship was the Queen Anne's Revenge; he became very famous; he was a huge man with a thick, braided, black beard; he had four fast ships and a crew of over 350 men; his last ship was called the Adventure; he was killed by the crew of the Ranger; and so on.*