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

1. Which sentence best tells the main idea of this book?
  - Ⓐ People build special altars in their homes on Día de los Muertos.
  - Ⓑ Día de los Muertos and Halloween are different holidays.
  - Ⓒ People celebrate Día de los Muertos to honor loved ones who have died.
  - Ⓓ Children love eating the sweet skulls made for Día de los Muertos.
2. Which of the following is the definition of **altars**?
  - Ⓐ beliefs or customs that are passed down from year to year and generation to generation
  - Ⓑ a formal parade
  - Ⓒ family members from long ago
  - Ⓓ tables or raised surfaces that are used for religious purposes
3. What type of book is *Día de los Muertos*?
  - Ⓐ realistic fiction
  - Ⓑ descriptive nonfiction
  - Ⓒ fantasy fiction
  - Ⓓ informational nonfiction
4. What is the author's main purpose in this book?
  - Ⓐ to inform
  - Ⓑ to persuade
  - Ⓒ to explain a process
  - Ⓓ to entertain
5. Three of these sentences are supporting details. Which sentence tells their main idea?
  - Ⓐ Día de los Muertos and Halloween are two different holidays.
  - Ⓑ Halloween is often about scaring people.
  - Ⓒ Día de los Muertos is a time of joy.
  - Ⓓ People remember and celebrate loved ones who have died.

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6. Which sentence from the book is an opinion?
  - Ⓐ No other holiday is so full of life, costumes, masks, joy, memories, and love.
  - Ⓑ Children and adults paint the masks and wear them in the parade.
  - Ⓒ People in Mexico have celebrated holidays like this one for thousands of years.
  - Ⓓ Día de los Muertos has many other traditions.
7. How is Halloween different from Día de los Muertos?
  - Ⓐ Children wear costumes.
  - Ⓑ Adults wear face paint.
  - Ⓒ People scare each other.
  - Ⓓ People eat special treats.
8. *Skeleton toys, photos, and candles* are supporting details to which main idea?
  - Ⓐ Some people make sugar skulls for Día de los Muertos.
  - Ⓑ Lidia Teran-Cooper grew up in Mexico.
  - Ⓒ Children paint masks and wear them in a parade.
  - Ⓓ Some people build altars in their homes for Día de los Muertos.
9. How do people celebrate friends and family members during Día de los Muertos?
  - Ⓐ They make paintings and put up photos of a person who has died.
  - Ⓑ They make special bread and take part in a Halloween parade.
  - Ⓒ They tell stories about family members still living and have picnics in a cemetery.
  - Ⓓ They decorate altars every day of the year and hire bands to special songs.

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10. What is a **tradition**?

- Ⓐ a belief or custom that is passed down from year to year and generation to generation
- Ⓑ a table used for religious purposes
- Ⓒ a place where dead people are buried
- Ⓓ a formal parade

11. **Extended Response:** What are some examples of things people do to celebrate Día de los Muertos?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Día de los Muertos

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓓ *Identify Genre*
4. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
5. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓐ *Fact or Opinion*
7. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
8. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include examples from the text such as the following: *visit a cemetery and take flowers and a picnic, tell stories about those who have died, listen to special music, walk in a parade, paint masks, paint faces, wear costumes, put up photos of the person who has died, and so on.*