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

1. The purpose of this book is _____.
 (A) to inform
 (B) to persuade
 (C) to entertain
 (D) to explain a process
2. Why was young Barack not sure where he belonged?
 (A) He felt no one loved him.
 (B) His grandparents did want to live with him.
 (C) He had many different cultures and homes.
 (D) His name was Barack, but people called him Barry.
3. Barack became part of state and then Washington's government _____.
 (A) to try to get rich
 (B) so he could better help people
 (C) so he could become a better lawyer
 (D) because he was always curious about new jobs
4. What happened first?
 (A) Barack became part of the government.
 (B) Barack became a lawyer.
 (C) Barack moved to Asia.
 (D) Barack moved to Chicago.
5. Obama wanted to help poor people because _____.
 (A) he was a nice guy
 (B) it would be an easy job
 (C) he wanted people to have better lives
 (D) there were plenty of poor people to help
6. Read this sentence: Barack had lived in many different **cultures**. What are **cultures**?
 (A) the ideas and customs of groups of people
 (B) the regions on a map where you live
 (C) different types of classical music
 (D) Kenyan traditions

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7. Barack began to find his place in the world when _____.
 - Ⓐ he moved to Hawaii
 - Ⓑ he graduated from high school
 - Ⓒ he discovered that *Barack* meant "blessed"
 - Ⓓ he thought of himself as both African American and white
8. Why did Barack become a lawyer?
 - Ⓐ It was his mother's wish.
 - Ⓑ Lawyers make a lot of money.
 - Ⓒ He knew lawyers were important people.
 - Ⓓ He wanted to change laws to help people.
9. Why did people start thinking Barack could be president?
 - Ⓐ He made a hopeful speech in 2004.
 - Ⓑ People thought he was a clear thinker.
 - Ⓒ He spoke of peaceful ways to solve problems.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
10. Barack's goal through his career has been _____.
 - Ⓐ to help others
 - Ⓑ to be president
 - Ⓒ to always make money
 - Ⓓ none of the above
11. **Extended Response:** Explain how experiences in Barack Obama's life led him to want to help others improve their lives.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Barack Obama

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
5. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary but should include the following: *Barack lived in places where people were very poor; when he was younger, he often felt as though he didn't know where he belonged in the world; and so on.*