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

1. Why was Mount Rushmore carved?
 - Ⓐ to bring visitors to South Dakota
 - Ⓑ to show off the sculptor's skills
 - Ⓒ to honor four presidents
 - Ⓓ all of the above
2. What happened to the monument during the Great Depression?
 - Ⓐ It was never completed.
 - Ⓑ People forgot all about it.
 - Ⓒ Progress on it was delayed.
 - Ⓓ More people were able to work on it.
3. Why was Mount Rushmore chosen for the memorial?
 - Ⓐ Its rock was good for carving.
 - Ⓑ A main highway was next to it.
 - Ⓒ The person who carved it lived there.
 - Ⓓ A lot of people lived near the mountain.
4. What would happen to the memorial if no one repaired it each year?
 - Ⓐ People would ignore it.
 - Ⓑ People would take it apart.
 - Ⓒ It would crack and wear down.
 - Ⓓ Nothing, because it is made of rock.
5. What is **granite**?
 - Ⓐ a place in the United States
 - Ⓑ something used to repair statues
 - Ⓒ the tool people use to carve rock
 - Ⓓ a hard rock good for carving into monuments
6. Working on the Mount Rushmore memorial was _____.
 - Ⓐ dangerous
 - Ⓑ rewarding
 - Ⓒ exciting
 - Ⓓ all of the above

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7. Which president was chosen for the monument because he led the country during the Civil War?
 - Ⓐ Abraham Lincoln
 - Ⓑ Thomas Jefferson
 - Ⓒ Franklin Roosevelt
 - Ⓓ Dwight Eisenhower
8. What is a **sculptor**?
 - Ⓐ an explorer to new lands
 - Ⓑ a person who studies mountains
 - Ⓒ an artist who carves stone or wood
 - Ⓓ someone who is famous for giving speeches
9. How did the workers who were carving Mount Rushmore probably feel when they found a split in the rock for Jefferson's nose?
 - Ⓐ brave
 - Ⓑ excited
 - Ⓒ frightened
 - Ⓓ disappointed
10. Which of the following people is not someone carved into Mount Rushmore?
 - Ⓐ John F. Kennedy
 - Ⓑ Thomas Jefferson
 - Ⓒ George Washington
 - Ⓓ Theodore Roosevelt
11. **Extended Response:** Explain how Mount Rushmore did or did not meet the goal of people whose idea it was.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Mount Rushmore

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
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5. Ⓓ Vocabulary
6. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
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9. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
10. Ⓐ Classify Information
11. Answers will vary but should include the following ideas: *They thought a huge memorial would bring visitors to South Dakota, and it has. More than 2 ½ million people visit the Mount Rushmore memorial each year. More than two million visit during the summer months of June, July, August. The thought that a memorial would bring people to South Dakota worked out just as the designers had hoped.*