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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 learned to **sail** a ship.* To **sail** 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?
 - Ⓐ *Within a year, Edward the sailor had become Blackbeard, the pirate.*
 - Ⓑ *The governor of Virginia, Alexander Spotswood, became tired of Blackbeard's looting.*
 - Ⓒ *Thinking he had won, Blackbeard climbed aboard the Ranger.*
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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5. Which of the following definitions tells the meaning of a **privateer**?
 - Ⓐ a group of people who work together, especially those who operate a vehicle or machine
 - Ⓑ something that is very special or valuable, especially if owned by a pirate
 - Ⓒ a way to travel across water in a boat or ship
 - Ⓓ someone who serves on a private ship that is legally authorized to capture enemy ships
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.
 - Ⓑ The governor of Virginia was tired of Blackbeard's attacks.
 - Ⓒ 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, Alexander Spotswood, became tired of Blackbeard's looting.* 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?

- Ⓐ Blackbeard sunk the *Queen Anne's Revenge*.
- Ⓑ Blackbeard moved to Charleston, South Carolina.
- Ⓒ Blackbeard deserted his crew on an island.
- Ⓓ The governor of North Carolina forgave his past crimes.

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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6. Ⓒ Sequence Events
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; his first ship was the Queen Anne's Revenge; he became very famous; he was a huge man with a thick, 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.*