

## Quick Check

## Who Owns the North Pole?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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| <p>1. What is the cause of the shrinking Arctic ice cap?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Scientists building laboratories on it.</li> <li>Ⓑ Large boats sailing through the ice.</li> <li>Ⓒ Rising temperatures</li> <li>Ⓓ Too many people are living on the ice cap.</li> </ul> <p>2. Many countries are competing to own parts of the North Pole because _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ the region is filled with many natural resources</li> <li>Ⓑ they want more land for people to live on</li> <li>Ⓒ they want to protect the wildlife</li> <li>Ⓓ they want to fly their country's flag on the top of the Earth</li> </ul> | <p>3. Future changes in ownership of the North Pole will affect _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ no one</li> <li>Ⓑ only people in the Northern Hemisphere</li> <li>Ⓒ the South Pole</li> <li>Ⓓ Planet Earth</li> </ul> <p>4. What is the most likely reason the author wrote this book?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ to inform the reader about the wildlife in the Arctic region</li> <li>Ⓑ to point out the differences between the North and South Poles</li> <li>Ⓒ to inform the reader about the competition for territory in the Arctic region</li> <li>Ⓓ to entertain the reader with stories of early explorers in the Arctic region</li> </ul> |
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5. A **dispute** is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ an argument
  - Ⓑ a meeting
  - Ⓒ an agreement
  - Ⓓ a conversation
6. What is causing countries to scramble for sources of fuel in the North Pole?
  - Ⓐ The countries have run out of fuel and need more.
  - Ⓑ The countries want to share the fuel freely with other countries.
  - Ⓒ The countries will eventually run out of fuel and want to make sure they have plenty for the future.
  - Ⓓ The countries are in no hurry to get more fuel.
7. The melting Arctic ice cap is making it easier to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ build cities in the North Pole
  - Ⓑ sail ships through the Arctic regions
  - Ⓒ share land in the North Pole among many countries
  - Ⓓ go fishing
8. What problem does the wildlife in the Arctic region face?
  - Ⓐ The animals do not have enough drinking water.
  - Ⓑ The animals are afraid of the people coming to the Arctic region.
  - Ⓒ The natural environment is being destroyed.
  - Ⓓ The wildlife is not facing any problems.
9. **Petroleum** is used to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ help save wildlife
  - Ⓑ fuel vehicles and more
  - Ⓒ navigate large ships
  - Ⓓ clean water
10. Which detail is not given as a reason many countries want to own territory in the Arctic region?
  - Ⓐ Countries want to collect natural resources.
  - Ⓑ Countries want to help protect wildlife.
  - Ⓒ Countries want shorter trade routes for ships.
  - Ⓓ Countries want places to build military bases.

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**11. Extended Response:** Do you think Arctic countries will follow a path of peaceful agreements or competition for control of the Arctic region? Why or why not?

**12. Extended Response:** How has changing weather on the planet shifted people's view of the Arctic region? Use details from the text to support your answer.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

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*Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details*

1. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
4. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
5. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
9. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary, but students should support their answers with details and examples from the text. For example, students might cite that countries have reached a peaceful agreement with the South Pole, so perhaps this will also be possible with the North Pole.
12. Students should cite that the change in global weather has caused the Arctic ice cap to melt rapidly. Because of this change, natural resources are more readily available, causing many countries to compete for land in the Arctic region. Students should include specific details and examples from the text.