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

1. Why did the United States have money problems?
 - Ⓐ Congress had war debts but no way to raise taxes.
 - Ⓑ Congress overtaxed and angered many states.
 - Ⓒ It was indebted to Spain.
 - Ⓓ It was indebted to England.
2. Why did George Washington preside over the Constitutional Convention?
 - Ⓐ He solved the nation's money problems.
 - Ⓑ He was a well-known leader in the Revolutionary War.
 - Ⓒ He wanted the position more than others.
 - Ⓓ He knew how to speak many languages.
3. The **constitution** establishes _____.
 - Ⓐ individual rights
 - Ⓑ basic laws of a nation
 - Ⓒ debates among states
 - Ⓓ compromises between delegates
4. What event happened before the Treaty of Paris was signed?
 - Ⓐ The United States gained land west of the Mississippi River.
 - Ⓑ The United States entered into the War of 1812.
 - Ⓒ Fighting in the Revolutionary War ended.
 - Ⓓ George Washington was elected president of the United States.
5. What was the author's purpose for writing this book?
 - Ⓐ to entertain readers with the history of debates in the United States
 - Ⓑ to explain to readers how George Washington became president
 - Ⓒ to persuade readers to sign the Constitution
 - Ⓓ to inform readers about the beginning of the country

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6. What was the solution to the problem of protecting individuals in the nation?
 - Ⓐ the Bill of Rights
 - Ⓑ the Treaty of Paris
 - Ⓒ the Articles of Confederation
 - Ⓓ the Constitution
7. What was the Articles of Confederation?
 - Ⓐ It was an amendment to the Constitution, which gave voting rights to everyone, including women and slaves.
 - Ⓑ It was the treaty between the United States and France establishing the United States as a country.
 - Ⓒ It was the notice sent to Britain about the independence of the United States.
 - Ⓓ It was the plan the Continental Congress developed to govern the thirteen United States.
8. What was one result of the debates on the Constitution?
 - Ⓐ congress
 - Ⓑ three branches of government
 - Ⓒ state power increased
 - Ⓓ claimed land
9. What does the word **compromise** mean?
 - Ⓐ forced
 - Ⓑ limited power
 - Ⓒ an agreement
 - Ⓓ battle
10. What was the Louisiana Purchase?
 - Ⓐ It was the trade the United States made of land in Canada with Britain to end the War of 1812.
 - Ⓑ It was a notice the United States sent to Britain that it would be willing to buy Louisiana.
 - Ⓒ It was the agreement Thomas Jefferson made with France to buy New Orleans.
 - Ⓓ It was 800,000 square miles of land west of the Mississippi River the United States bought from France.

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11. Extended Response: Explain why the Battle of New Orleans was fought after the War of 1812 was officially over. Also explain whether this would likely happen today.

12. Extended Response: If you had been a farmer who fought for the United States during the Revolutionary War, explain why you might have marched in Shay's Rebellion.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Building a Nation

Main Comprehension Skill: Problem and Solution

1. Ⓐ Problem and Solution
2. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
3. Ⓑ Vocabulary
4. Ⓒ Sequence Events
5. Ⓓ Author's Purpose
6. Ⓐ Problem and Solution
7. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
8. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓒ Vocabulary
10. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
11. Answers will vary somewhat but should include the following: *The battle was fought after the war was over because communication about the end of the war was slow in 1814 and didn't reach Andrew Jackson until after the battle. This would not happen today because communication is so much faster with televisions, telephones, and the Internet.*
12. Answers will vary. Example: *As a farmer I would have given up all of my income from farming and might have lost my farm, and yet I would have received no pay for all the work I had done and sacrifices I had made for the United States. I would have marched in Shay's rebellion to let people know that the soldiers were not treated fairly.*