



Quick Check

Hoover Dam

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

1. Why was Hoover Dam originally built?
 - Ⓐ to become a famous tourist attraction
 - Ⓑ to create the largest man-made lake in America
 - Ⓒ to provide consistent water to those living in the Southwest
 - Ⓓ to divert water from the Colorado River into Mexico
2. Why was Hoover Dam known as a symbol of hope when it was built?
 - Ⓐ Hoover Dam created the popular tourist attraction called Lake Mead.
 - Ⓑ The construction of Hoover Dam created jobs during the Great Depression.
 - Ⓒ Hoover Dam was the first dam built on the Colorado River.
 - Ⓓ The construction of Hoover Dam only took five years.
3. What had to happen before Hoover Dam could be built?
 - Ⓐ Workers had to lower huge buckets of wet concrete into block-shaped molds.
 - Ⓑ Spillways had to be built to carry high water around the dam in case the Colorado River ever flooded.
 - Ⓒ President Roosevelt had to dedicate the dam and give a motivational speech to the workers.
 - Ⓓ The Colorado River's water had to be diverted in order to dry the dam site.

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4. What is the main idea of this book?
 - Ⓐ Hoover Dam was the first dam built on the Colorado River.
 - Ⓑ Hoover Dam was the tallest dam in the world when it was built.
 - Ⓒ Hoover Dam cost \$165 million dollars to build, which is equal to \$3 billion or more today.
 - Ⓓ Hoover Dam brought water and electricity to the southwestern part of the United States.

5. What is another word for **parched**?
 - Ⓐ scorched
 - Ⓑ wet
 - Ⓒ damp
 - Ⓓ empty

6. **Extended Response:** Why were men willing to work in dangerous conditions when building Hoover Dam in the 1930s?



1. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
3. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
4. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary but should include information about the Great Depression and its impact on America's economy.