

Quick Check

The Battle of the Alamo

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

1. Why does Davy Crockett decide to move to Texas?
 - Ⓐ He wants to help fight for Texas independence.
 - Ⓑ He is hired by the Texians to help write their constitution.
 - Ⓒ Jim Bowie talks him into coming to help set up a government.
 - Ⓓ He lost an election in Tennessee and thought he might want to live there.
2. When U.S. citizens first move into Texas, it is governed by _____.
 - Ⓐ U.S.
 - Ⓑ Texas
 - Ⓒ Mexico
 - Ⓓ California
3. After many U.S. citizens move into Texas, the Mexican government _____.
 - Ⓐ is afraid Texas might fight to be independent
 - Ⓑ agrees to let the United States help govern Mexico
 - Ⓒ decides to let Texas become a free state
 - Ⓓ fears the Texians might invade Mexico
4. Why does General Santa Anna march to Texas?
 - Ⓐ He wants to destroy the buildings around the Alamo.
 - Ⓑ He wants to stop the Spanish from taking over Texas.
 - Ⓒ He wants the Texians to stop their rebellion and stay a part of Mexico.
 - Ⓓ He wants to arrest Jim Bowie and bring him back to a Mexican jail.

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5. Why is the Alamo considered "Sacred Ground"?
 - Ⓐ because the Alamo was originally a chapel
 - Ⓑ because Spanish missionaries built it in the 1720s
 - Ⓒ because it holds a very special place in Texas history
 - Ⓓ because it is the original capitol of the state of Texas
6. What is a **siege**?
 - Ⓐ a type of building made of clay
 - Ⓑ a special weapon that was designed by the Spanish
 - Ⓒ when a group of soldiers surround and control an area
 - Ⓓ a place soldiers go to when they are retreating from an enemy
7. Why does William Barret Travis say, "I shall never surrender or retreat"?
 - Ⓐ He wants everyone to know he is committed to defending the Alamo.
 - Ⓑ He wants to prevent Santa Anna from taking over the Alamo.
 - Ⓒ He is willing to give up his life to defend the Alamo.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
8. Why does Texas end up as a state in the United States?
 - Ⓐ Texas has many problems and little money.
 - Ⓑ The president of the United States was born in Texas.
 - Ⓒ U.S. soldiers invade and beat Sam Houston's army.
 - Ⓓ The people in the United States want the Alamo as part of their country.

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9. It is likely that the deaths of Travis, Bowie, and Crockett cause other Texian leaders to _____.

- Ⓐ move out of Texas and into the United States
- Ⓑ be more determined to beat Santa Anna
- Ⓒ not fear Santa Anna and attack immediately
- Ⓓ give up and turn Texas back over to Santa Anna

10. What is **hostility**?

- Ⓐ a desire to become independent
- Ⓑ a reason soldiers decide to give up
- Ⓒ an illness that was common in the 1800s
- Ⓓ a feeling of deep anger toward something or someone

11. **Extended Response:** Explain why the Texians did not support the Mexican Centralists's ideas about government.

12. **Extended Response:** Describe two things General Santa Anna did before attacking the Alamo.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
2. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
3. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
4. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
5. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
6. Ⓒ Vocabulary
7. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
8. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
10. Ⓓ Vocabulary
11. Answers should include the following idea: *the Centralists believed that everyone living under Mexican rule should be governed by a strong central government and the Texans wanted more freedom.*
12. Answers will vary somewhat but should include two events that occurred before the attack on the Alamo, such as the following: *Santa Anna vowed he would crush the uprising in Texas, marched his army across the Rio Grande, marched to San Antonio, demanded the surrender of the Alamo.*