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

1. What is the main idea of the section titled "Viking Warriors"?
 - Ⓐ Vikings are pictured as tall and muscular people.
 - Ⓑ Vikings used different equipment and methods of protection during battle.
 - Ⓒ Spears and axes were the most common Viking weapons.
 - Ⓓ Some Viking warriors fought without wearing any armor.
2. Which of the following is not a detail from the section titled "Eric the Red"?
 - Ⓐ Eric was often in trouble with the authorities.
 - Ⓑ Eric set sail for an unknown land.
 - Ⓒ Leif Ericson was Eric's son.
 - Ⓓ Eric discovered Greenland.
3. What was similar about the Vikings from Norway, Sweden, and Denmark?
 - Ⓐ They had good sailing skills.
 - Ⓑ They liked adventure.
 - Ⓒ They were brave.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
4. What did Viking warriors often do after taking over a land?
 - Ⓐ They followed the laws.
 - Ⓑ They became farmers.
 - Ⓒ They worked hard.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
5. Read this sentence: *Vikings are most known for their interest in **plunder**.* What is **plunder**?
 - Ⓐ decorated sailing vessels
 - Ⓑ loot or valuables taken by force
 - Ⓒ challenges and battles
 - Ⓓ buildings where monks live and worship

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6. Which statement is true?

- Ⓐ Christopher Columbus and Leif Ericson sailed together to North America.
- Ⓑ Vikings discovered North America long before Christopher Columbus did.
- Ⓒ Eric the Red was a trusted official in Iceland.
- Ⓓ All of the above

7. Many Vikings became raiders because _____.

- Ⓐ they were bored
- Ⓑ they didn't like the snow
- Ⓒ they didn't inherit land from their families
- Ⓓ they wanted to spread their religion to other countries

8. Which statement gives an opinion?

- Ⓐ Leif Ericson was the second son of Eric the Red.
- Ⓑ Learning about Vikings is important.
- Ⓒ Some Viking warriors fought without wearing any armor.
- Ⓓ Vikings raided many towns and cities across Europe and Russia.

9. Why did Leif Ericson stop exploring?

- Ⓐ He sold his boat to his brother.
- Ⓑ He became rich from his many conquests.
- Ⓒ He was killed on a voyage to North America.
- Ⓓ He decided he wanted to stay home.

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10. Why did the fast ships often have a carved dragon on the bow?

- Ⓐ The carving made the boat easier to steer.
- Ⓑ The carving helped the Vikings easily find their boats.
- Ⓒ The carving warned people that mighty warriors were aboard the ship.
- Ⓓ All of the above

11. Extended Response: Why were Vikings successful in their conquests?

12. Extended Response: Would you have enjoyed exploring new lands with the Vikings? Give at least two reasons for your choice.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Vikings

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
3. Ⓓ Compare and Contrast
4. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
5. Ⓑ Vocabulary
6. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
7. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
8. Ⓑ Fact or Opinion
9. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
10. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
11. Answers will vary but should include valid supporting details, such as the following: *sailing skill, sense of adventure, strong ships, navigation skills, bravery, and so on.*
12. Answers will vary but should include valid supporting arguments.