



Quick Check

Ostriches: Giant Birds

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

1. What is the main idea of the entire book?
 - Ⓐ Ostrich herds consist of one dominant adult male, several females, and ostrich chicks.
 - Ⓑ Fossils of ancient ostrichlike animals have been discovered in China, Europe, and Canada.
 - Ⓒ Ostriches are large and mysterious birds that have adapted to a hostile environment.
 - Ⓓ Since ostriches are toothless, they need to eat stones to aid their digestion.
2. What does the word **adapted** mean?
 - Ⓐ more important or powerful than others
 - Ⓑ a shallow hole or dimple in the ground
 - Ⓒ relating to the time before written history
 - Ⓓ changed to fit a specific environment
3. What caused scientists to believe that ostriches are related to *Tyrannosaurus rex*?
 - Ⓐ The ostrich is huge and powerful, and so is the *T. rex*.
 - Ⓑ The anatomy of an ostrich leg and *T. rex* leg are extremely similar.
 - Ⓒ The ostrich runs at the same speed as the *T. rex*.
 - Ⓓ The scientists put an ostrich on a treadmill to understand the speed of a *T. rex*.
4. How does the map on page 9 add to an understanding of ostriches?
 - Ⓐ It shows where ostriches live in the wild.
 - Ⓑ It shows the locations of ostrich farms.
 - Ⓒ It shows ostrich migration patterns.
 - Ⓓ It shows ostrich breeding grounds.

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5. Which of the following statements is an opinion about ostriches?
 - Ⓐ After about forty-two days, an ostrich chick hatches.
 - Ⓑ Ostriches are the world's largest birds.
 - Ⓒ Ostriches eat just about any kind of vegetation.
 - Ⓓ An ostrich is a grand and mysterious bird.

6. **Extended Response:** Choose one of the following text structures that best describes the book: chronology, comparison, main idea and details, problem and solution, or cause and effect. Justify your choice with information from the book. Is this the best way to organize the book? Why or why not?



1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓓ *Fact or Opinion*
6. Answers should choose the main idea and details text structure as the way the author organizes information, and then describe the main idea and details from the book proving their choice. Answers will then describe the student's opinion on whether this is the best way to organize the book, with a justification of their decision.