

Quick Check Dino Duel

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

- 1. Why did the author choose the title "Dueling Humans" for the second section?
 - (A) The author explains how humans duel.
 - B The author compares humans to dinosaurs.
 - The author explains the two groups of people who are fighting over fossils.
 - (D) All of the above
- 2. What was unusual about the two dinosaurs found in Montana?
 - (A) They had all their bones.
 - (B) The bones were connected.
 - ① They included patches of skin.
 - ① All of the above

- 3. Read this phrase from the text: the opposition to the specimen is due to some academic paleontologists being biased against commercial fossil hunters. What does the word biased mean?
 - (A) unkind
 - **B** unreasonably angry
 - © showing unfair support for one group over another
 - ignoring someone or something
- **4.** The sidebar and photographs on page 9 help the reader _____.
 - (A) understand the difficult work of excavation
 - **B** see dinosaurs in action
 - © understand the duel between two dinosaurs
 - ① see what people do in college

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- **5.** What generally happens first once a fossil is found in the ground?
 - (A) It's transported to a lab.
 - B Its position in the ground and other details are recorded.
 - (C) Paleontologists chisel it out.
 - ① Fossil hunters auction it off to the highest bidder.
- **6.** The author includes both sides of the fossil debate to _____.
 - (A) inform you of the facts and arguments of each side
 - B persuade you to form your own opinion
 - © entertain you with stories about fossil hunters
 - (I) both A and B
- **7.** What is a question the author wants you to think about?
 - A Should fossils belong to the world or to the people on whose land they're found?

 - © What would you do if you found a dinosaur fossil?
 - ① All of the above

- **8.** What is the main difference in opinion between paleontologists and commercial fossil hunters?
 - (A) who should own fossils
 - B who can study dinosaurs
 - © who can learn paleontology in Germany
 - what fossils can be labeled as carnivores and as herbivores
- 9. The dinosaurs found in Montana sparked a debate in the field of paleontology. What is paleontology?
 - (A) fossil hunting
 - B the study of plant and animal fossils
 - © attending a university or college
 - (I) the act of selling or buying



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- **10.** Which of the following would be considered an opinion?
 - A Excavating fossils is painstaking and time consuming.
 - B The entire eastern portion of Montana contains many fossils.
 - © Paying for fossils encourages more people to become commercial fossil hunters.
 - D Proper excavation techniques can be learned in places other than universities.
- 11. Extended Response: After reading about both sides of the debate, who do you think should be allowed to excavate and collect fossils?
- **12. Extended Response:** What do you think will be the fate of the Montana Dueling Dinosaurs? Explain.

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Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

- **1.** ① Main Idea and Details
- **2.** (D) Compare and Contrast
- **3.** ① Vocabulary
- **4.** (A) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **5.** B Sequence Events
- **6.** D Author's Purpose
- 7. (D) Main Idea and Details
- **8.** (A) Compare and Contrast
- **9.** B Vocabulary
- **10.** ① Fact and Opinion
- **11.** Answers will vary, but opinions should be on the basis of and include evidence from the text.
- **12.** Answers will vary but should include information from the book to draw conclusions or make predictions.