



Quick Check Ships of Discovery

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

- 1. What was one of the first improvements people made to early boats?
 - (A) They added masts and sails.
 - B They replaced oars with a steam engine.
 - ① They created a frame or hull.
 - ① They put in three tiers of rowers.
- 2. Which explorer died in the Philippines?
 - (A) Zheng He
 - (B) James Cook
 - (C) Ferdinand Magellan
 - (I) Christopher Columbus
- 3. What was the Age of Discovery?
 - A the time when canoes were replaced by rafts
 - (B) the time when Polynesians explored the Pacific Ocean
 - the years when the Chinese sailed to Africa
 - ① the time when many European countries sent explorers out to find new lands

- **4.** Which type of ship could carry many cannons?
 - (A) knarr
 - (B) caravel
 - © galleon
 - ① clipper
- **5.** The word **bountiful** means
 - (A) discovered
 - B plentiful
 - (C) lived in
 - (D) dressed up
- **6.** Which of the following describes the Viking knarr boats?
 - (A) They were very stable.
 - **B** They were flat bottomed.
 - They could carry heavy loads.
 - (D) All of the above





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- 7. How did sails improve boats?
 - (A) They reduced the amount of wood needed to build boats.
 - B People didn't have to power the boats.
 - ① They kept boats from leaking.
 - ① All of the above
- **8.** How were clipper ships different from previous ships?
 - (A) They were very fast.
 - B They were smaller but carried more.
 - ① They had steam engines instead of sails.
 - ① They were built with more than one mast.
- **9.** Why didn't the Chinese reach America before Columbus?
 - A They were afraid of sailing on the Pacific Ocean.
 - B They were busy fighting wars with their neighbors.
 - C Their ships weren't very good.
 - ① They weren't interested in exploring.

- **10.** Why was Ferdinand Magellan known as a famous explorer?
 - (A) He discovered Canada.
 - B He beat Christopher Columbus in a sailing race.
 - © He designed and built the first galleon.
 - ① One of his ships was the first to sail around the world.
- 11. Extended Response: What caused the Chinese to stop their exploration during the Age of Discovery?
- **12. Extended Response:** How were the Polynesian and Viking sailors different? Use information from the text to support your answer.

LEVEL W

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

- **1.** © Sequence Events
- 2. (C) Main Idea and Details
- 3. (D) Main Idea and Details
- **4.** © Compare and Contrast
- **5. (B)** *Vocabulary*
- **6.** (D) Main Idea and Details
- 7. (B) Main Idea and Details
- **8.** (A) Compare and Contrast
- **9.** (B) Cause and Effect
- **10.** (D) Cause and Effect
- 11. Answers should include the following: the Chinese went to war with their Asian neighbors; the emperor made ocean voyages illegal; the emperor had all treasure ships destroyed.
- 12. Answers should include the following: Polynesian sailors were very familiar with the ocean, could determine location by the size and shape of the waves, could navigate by using the stars, and could travel great distances going from island to island. Most Vikings sailors did not like to lose sight of the coast; Vikings were fearless; they used a wooden dial called a sun compass to navigate; they were willing to travel into the unknown to claim new lands and seek adventure.