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

1. Which significant event occurred first in Manfred von Richthofen's life?
  - Ⓐ He was struck in the heart by a single bullet on April 20, 1918, and after landing his plane, he died.
  - Ⓑ He earned nicknames such as the "Red Battle Flyer" and the "Red Knight."
  - Ⓒ He was sent to the Eastern Front to fight the Russian Army at the beginning of the war.
  - Ⓓ He led his pilots to shoot down 89 planes of Britain's Royal Fighting Corps.
2. Which of the following words helps the reader understand the meaning of **biplane** on page 13?
  - Ⓐ three sets of wings
  - Ⓑ two engines
  - Ⓒ three crosses
  - Ⓓ two sets of wings
3. Which of the following would the reader expect to find in the section "Becoming a World War I Flyer"?
  - Ⓐ information about the steps Richthofen took to become a pilot
  - Ⓑ details of Richthofen's war experiences and successes
  - Ⓒ details of Richthofen's childhood and early influences
  - Ⓓ information about how Richthofen died
4. How does the map help the reader understand Richthofen's connection to the war?
  - Ⓐ It shows the locations of Richthofen's many victories.
  - Ⓑ It illustrates important battlefields from the war.
  - Ⓒ It shows the locations of airfields Richthofen used during the war.
  - Ⓓ It illustrates various targets of the "Flying Circus."

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5. Which of the following words means *long ditches*?
  - Ⓐ trenches
  - Ⓑ squadron
  - Ⓒ stalemate
  - Ⓓ cavalry
6. Which of the following was one of Richthofen's accomplishments?
  - Ⓐ He had three siblings.
  - Ⓑ He received the "Blue Max" medal.
  - Ⓒ He often suffered headaches.
  - Ⓓ He was born in Germany.
7. Which of the following details is an opinion about being a fighter pilot in the war?
  - Ⓐ Fighter pilots were the bravest soldiers in World War I.
  - Ⓑ Planes were easily damaged, and pilots didn't have parachutes.
  - Ⓒ Most pilots didn't live past two weeks on the job.
  - Ⓓ Planes were made of fabric and wood and were fragile.
8. On what date did Richthofen score his first confirmed shoot-down of an Allied plane?
  - Ⓐ April 20, 1918
  - Ⓑ August 1914
  - Ⓒ September 17, 1916
  - Ⓓ January 1917
9. In the last paragraph of the story, which word(s) express the author's opinion about Richthofen as a fighter pilot?
  - Ⓐ fighter pilots
  - Ⓑ legendary
  - Ⓒ people's minds
  - Ⓓ first
10. How did the author organize information in the story?
  - Ⓐ in order of importance
  - Ⓑ by comparing and contrasting
  - Ⓒ by showing cause and effect
  - Ⓓ in chronological order

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11. **Extended Response:** Explain the relationship between the start of World War I in 1914, the stalemate between the trenches by 1915, and Richthofen's reputation as an ace in 1917. Use details from the story in your explanation.
12. **Extended Response:** What events caused Richthofen to become a pilot? What effect did he have on events in the war? Use at least four details from the story to support your answer.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## The Red Baron

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓒ Sequence Events
2. Ⓓ Vocabulary
3. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
4. Ⓒ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
5. Ⓐ Vocabulary
6. Ⓑ Elements of a Biography
7. Ⓐ Fact or Opinion
8. Ⓒ Sequence Events
9. Ⓑ Author's Point of View
10. Ⓓ Text Structures
11. Answers will vary. Example: *When World War I started in 1914, men began to train as pilots for aerial combat. The old method of fighting wasn't working; the men in trenches were evenly matched, and neither side could gain much ground. By 1915, Richthofen was tired of life in the filthy trenches. He decided to train as a pilot, and soon proved his talent in the air. He began scoring victories. He soon had accumulated five of these victories, becoming an ace in 1916. If there had been no war or if the trench warfare had worked, Richthofen would never have become the famous pilot he did.*
12. Answers will vary. Example: *Several factors led to Richthofen becoming a pilot. His father was in the military and wanted his sons to follow the same path. Richthofen was part of the cavalry, but the horses weren't effective, and they were taken away. Richthofen had to fight in the trenches, and he didn't like it. All of these events caused him to study to be a pilot. His effect on the war was helping Germany win some battles and demonstrating the potential of aerial combat. His country had many victories thanks to him, and his skill as a pilot inspired admiration in everyone, even his enemies.*