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

1. Where does the story take place?
 - Ⓐ in Porter's Mill and Sarah's house
 - Ⓑ in Porter's Mill and the Cave of the Lost
 - Ⓒ in the Cave of the Lost and the library
 - Ⓓ in Qynn's school and Sarah's house
2. What happens after Sarah goes upstairs?
 - Ⓐ She looks for her flashlight.
 - Ⓑ She looks for Jake.
 - Ⓒ She talks about Qynn's Uncle Jasper.
 - Ⓓ She finds a pendant.
3. Which of the following words means *to observe and learn about an area by traveling through it*?
 - Ⓐ abandon
 - Ⓑ explore
 - Ⓒ decide
 - Ⓓ chase
4. In which scene do the girls find Uncle Jasper's sketches and notes?
 - Ⓐ while exploring the Cave of the Lost beneath the mill
 - Ⓑ upstairs in the hallway between the small rooms
 - Ⓒ while going through the mysterious ornate door
 - Ⓓ downstairs with the ghostly children

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5. How do the illustrations add to the suspense in the story?
 - Ⓐ The drawings of Qynn and Sarah always show them as frightened girls, and the reader feels their fear.
 - Ⓑ The bright colors and happy expressions on the characters' faces make everything feel scarier.
 - Ⓒ The dark colors and plentiful shadows make the setting and the problem feel more dangerous.
 - Ⓓ The drawings of Jake always show him in danger, allowing the reader to feel as scared as Jake does.
6. Which words help the reader understand the meaning of **passageway**?
 - Ⓐ observe, learn
 - Ⓑ sadness, regret, grief
 - Ⓒ irritated, angry
 - Ⓓ tunnel, hall, path
7. Which of the following events happens first?
 - Ⓐ The girls meet the children.
 - Ⓑ The girls find Uncle Jasper's notes.
 - Ⓒ The girls go through the door.
 - Ⓓ The girls find a keyhole behind water.
8. What is the effect of Qynn using the key in the hole behind the water trickle?
 - Ⓐ The kids find a stairway leading down beneath the mill.
 - Ⓑ A secret compartment is revealed containing the pendant.
 - Ⓒ The stone crumbles away and reveals an ornate door.
 - Ⓓ Qynn is able to head up the stairs in the mill.

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9. What major event happens last in the story?

- Ⓐ Jake and Odie follow Thomas downstairs into the tunnel.
- Ⓑ The girls jump through the ornate door in the Cave of the Lost.
- Ⓒ The children apologize for frightening the girls with their tricks.
- Ⓓ Qynn and Sarah meet the ghostly children in the original Porter's Mill.

10. Why did the author write this story?

- Ⓐ to persuade readers to explore caves
- Ⓑ to entertain readers with an adventure story
- Ⓒ to inform readers about the workings of a mill
- Ⓓ to entertain readers with a collection of jokes

11. **Extended Response:** How do Jake's actions affect the story? Use at least two details to justify your answer. Then, explain whether the story would be better or worse without Jake in it and why.

12. **Extended Response:** What problems were solved in this story, and what problems still remain? How do you think the author will resolve these problems in future stories?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Return to the Hollow (Part III)

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓐ *Story Elements*
2. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
3. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓓ *Text Structures*
5. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
6. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
8. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
10. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
11. Answers will vary but should include two details from the story to show how Jake affects the plot. The reasoning should show an understanding that Jake's thoughtless actions push the girls into these mysteries and dangerous places and that his lack of fear contrasts with their own more mature and frightened understanding of the situation. Answers will conclude with a choice of whether Jake's presence makes the story better or worse and a reasonable justification for the decision.
12. Answers will vary but should indicate that the problem of who's behind the ghostly laughter has been solved, as well as the problem of what to do with the mysterious artifacts. Answers should then mention a couple of problems that have not been resolved, such as what happens to the girls after they go through the door and what happened to Sarah's mom. Answers will end with the student's prediction about what will happen next in the story.