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

1. What 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. How is the author's perspective on the fight between Richthofen and Bishop similar to Bishop's own account of the fight?
 - Ⓐ They both thought that Richthofen was the greatest ace.
 - Ⓑ They both declared that Bishop was lucky to have escaped unharmed.
 - Ⓒ They both thought that the fight was close and skillful.
 - Ⓓ They both declared that the German pilot was more likely to have won.
3. Which of the following words helps the reader understand the meaning of **triplane** on page 13?
 - Ⓐ two sets of wings
 - Ⓑ two engines
 - Ⓒ three crosses
 - Ⓓ three sets of wings

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4. Which of the following would a 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
5. 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.
6. Why was Richthofen so excited about the idea of being a pilot when he was serving in the trenches?
 - Ⓐ He wanted to meet famous pilots like Billy Bishop from Canada and Rene Fonck from France.
 - Ⓑ He hoped he could escape from the fighting by flying in the skies and avoiding enemy planes.
 - Ⓒ He felt that he had done enough for the trenches and needed to move on to a new area of the war.
 - Ⓓ He thought fighting in the air would be free and exciting, compared to the filthy trenches.
7. 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

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8. Which of the following words means *long ditches*?
 - Ⓐ trenches
 - Ⓑ squadron
 - Ⓒ stalemate
 - Ⓓ cavalry
9. 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.
10. Why did the author write this story?
 - Ⓐ to entertain readers with adventure stories about fighter pilots
 - Ⓑ to inform readers about the life of Manfred von Richthofen
 - Ⓒ to persuade readers to learn how to fly a triplane
 - Ⓓ to entertain readers with silly stories from Richthofen's life
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 six details from the story to support your answer.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Red Baron

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓒ Sequence Events
2. Ⓒ Author's Point of View
3. Ⓓ Vocabulary
4. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
5. Ⓑ Elements of a Biography
6. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
7. Ⓒ Sequence Events
8. Ⓐ Vocabulary
9. Ⓐ Fact or Opinion
10. Ⓑ Author's Purpose
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, or confirmed shoot-downs of enemy planes. He soon 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. He 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. When he saw the planes flying overhead, he was always filled with excitement. 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. He led a group called the "Flying Circus," and they shot down many enemy planes. Richthofen's skills as a pilot inspired admiration in everyone, even his enemies.*