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

1. Why are many stories about Pocahontas fictional and contradict each other?
  - Ⓐ Captain John Smith didn't have a good memory.
  - Ⓑ No one wrote down historical data during the time Pocahontas was alive.
  - Ⓒ Some people want certain events to sound more exciting.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
2. Bad drinking water, disease-carrying mosquitoes, and lack of food caused many of the settlers to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ become ill and die
  - Ⓑ start a new settlement further away
  - Ⓒ go back to England
  - Ⓓ all of the above
3. Read this sentence: *After time passed without a solution, Powhatan finally refused to **negotiate** with the English anymore.* What does the word **negotiate** mean?
  - Ⓐ trade goods and services
  - Ⓑ try to reach a formal agreement
  - Ⓒ give money to
  - Ⓓ none of the above
4. How old was Pocahontas when she first saw the English settlers at Jamestown?
  - Ⓐ two or three years old
  - Ⓑ six or seven years old
  - Ⓒ eleven or twelve years old
  - Ⓓ eighteen or nineteen years old

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5. According to the timeline, what happened a year after Pocahontas and John Rolfe were married?
  - Ⓐ The English settled Jamestown.
  - Ⓑ They went to England.
  - Ⓒ They had a baby son.
  - Ⓓ Pocahontas died.
6. What do you think the author's purpose was for writing this book?
  - Ⓐ to explain the history of a famous Native American woman
  - Ⓑ to describe what an English colony was
  - Ⓒ to help readers understand the importance of the Jamestown settlement
  - Ⓓ to persuade readers to visit Jamestown
7. What was different about Pocahontas's life after she was kidnapped?
  - Ⓐ She learned a new religion.
  - Ⓑ She was baptized with a new name, Rebecca.
  - Ⓒ She fell in love and married an Englishman.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
8. Why did the Virginia Company send Pocahontas and her husband to England?
  - Ⓐ They hoped to promote their business and raise money for future settlements.
  - Ⓑ They wanted Pocahontas to reconnect with John Smith and start another English colony.
  - Ⓒ They felt that Pocahontas should become a permanent part of English high society after marrying an Englishman.
  - Ⓓ They wanted to help Pocahontas and her son who were both very ill.

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9. Read this sentence: *Captain Samuel Argall kidnapped Pocahontas and demanded a **ransom**.* What is a **ransom**?

- Ⓐ a type of ship
- Ⓑ a payment demanded in exchange for the release of someone
- Ⓒ a document signing over the ownership of land
- Ⓓ a group of Indian warriors

10. Which of the following sentences best reflects the main purpose of this book?

- Ⓐ *While many stories of Pocahontas contradict one another, most people agree that she played an important role in early American history.*
- Ⓑ *Pocahontas is one of the most famous women of early American history yet we know little about her life.*
- Ⓒ *Pocahontas continues to fascinate many people.*
- Ⓓ *Pocahontas became a familiar face in the settlement and became Smith's friend.*

11. **Extended Response:** How do you think researchers and historians can figure out what is fact and what is fiction of events that happened hundreds of years ago?

12. **Extended Response:** The author states that Pocahontas continues to fascinate many people. Why? Use evidence from the book to support your answer.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Pocahontas at Jamestown

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓑ Vocabulary
4. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
5. Ⓒ Sequence Events
6. Ⓐ Author's Purpose
7. Ⓓ Compare and Contrast
8. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓑ Vocabulary
10. Ⓐ Author's Purpose
11. Answers will vary but should include any conclusions drawn from the book, such as studying documents from the time, and so on.
12. Answers will vary. Example:  
*Pocahontas continues to fascinate people because she is one of the most famous women of early American history and played a significant role in creating peace for some time between the Powhatans and the English settlers. However, many details about her life are a mystery, leaving her story up for interpretation, creating an allure to figure out the truth behind contradictory events.*