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

1. Young Thomas Jefferson became a good writer because _____.
 - Ⓐ he went to a special school
 - Ⓑ he liked to write down his thoughts rather than speak them
 - Ⓒ he couldn't talk
 - Ⓓ he hated reading
2. What makes this book an informational biography?
 - Ⓐ It is written from the imagination of the writer.
 - Ⓑ It is a story about one real person.
 - Ⓒ It is a factual book that gives information about real events.
 - Ⓓ Both B and C
3. **Plantation** is another word for _____.
 - Ⓐ law
 - Ⓑ town
 - Ⓒ farm
 - Ⓓ job
4. What do you think the author's purpose was for writing this book?
 - Ⓐ to explain the history of the American Revolution
 - Ⓑ to inform readers about the life and work of Thomas Jefferson
 - Ⓒ to persuade readers to visit the Jefferson Memorial
 - Ⓓ to describe the Declaration of Independence
5. After his second term as president, what did Jefferson do?
 - Ⓐ returned to Virginia
 - Ⓑ started a public university
 - Ⓒ tended his fruit and vegetable gardens
 - Ⓓ all of the above

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6. What was causing the tension between the colonies and Great Britain?
 - Ⓐ There was taxation without representation.
 - Ⓑ Great Britain didn't care about the colonies.
 - Ⓒ The colonies wanted the king to come to America.
 - Ⓓ Great Britain wouldn't sell goods to the colonies.
7. According to Jefferson, "separation of church and state" meant _____.
 - Ⓐ religion and government were two very separate things
 - Ⓑ neither should have power over the other
 - Ⓒ people should be free to practice whatever religion they wanted
 - Ⓓ all of the above
8. What government position did Jefferson hold before he became president?
 - Ⓐ secretary of state
 - Ⓑ vice-president
 - Ⓒ treasurer
 - Ⓓ both A and B
9. Jefferson envisioned a government that was run by the people through free elections, which is called a _____.
 - Ⓐ democracy
 - Ⓑ declaration
 - Ⓒ revolution
 - Ⓓ delegate
10. What influence did Thomas Jefferson have on the American colonies to break free of Great Britain?
 - Ⓐ He chose to buy British goods.
 - Ⓑ He participated in the Louisiana Purchase.
 - Ⓒ He wrote the Declaration of Independence.
 - Ⓓ He built a home called Monticello.
11. **Extended Response:** What do you think was Thomas Jefferson's most important accomplishment? Why?
12. **Extended Response:** Why was the Louisiana Purchase considered one of Jefferson's biggest achievements while president? Explain your answer.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Thomas Jefferson

Main Comprehension Skill: Elements of a Biography

1. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
2. Ⓓ Elements of a Biography
3. Ⓒ Vocabulary
4. Ⓑ Author's Purpose
5. Ⓓ Sequence Events
6. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
7. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
8. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
9. Ⓐ Vocabulary
10. Ⓒ Elements of a Biography
11. Answers will vary but should include conclusions drawn from the book, for example, participating in the American Revolution, writing the Declaration of Independence, the Louisiana Purchase, third President of the United States, and so on.
12. Answers will vary but should identify the reasons discussed in the book, for example, it turned the United States into a large country, it helped the nation become an important world power, it was the first time in history that so much land had been exchanged without war, and so on.