

Quick Check

Alaska: The Last Frontier

Name _____ Date _____

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

1. The purpose of this book is _____.
 - Ⓐ to inform
 - Ⓑ to entertain
 - Ⓒ to tell about a person
 - Ⓓ to state an opinion
2. What is the main idea of the section titled "Alaska's Land"?
 - Ⓐ Alaska's coastline is large.
 - Ⓑ Alaska is almost as large as Mexico.
 - Ⓒ Alaska's landscape is enormous and varied.
 - Ⓓ Most of the land in Alaska is in the interior.
3. Why do you think few people live in Alaska's interior?
 - Ⓐ There are too many polar bears.
 - Ⓑ They don't have a spirit of individualism.
 - Ⓒ The climate and geography are extreme.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
4. During the Yukon Territory's gold rush, Alaska became important _____.
 - Ⓐ to Russians
 - Ⓑ because gold was discovered there
 - Ⓒ because of the polar bears
 - Ⓓ for tourism
5. The most important element of Alaska's economy is _____.
 - Ⓐ oil
 - Ⓑ gold
 - Ⓒ fishing
 - Ⓓ income tax
6. *Alaskans have a great spirit of individualism. Individualism* means _____.
 - Ⓐ doing things one at a time
 - Ⓑ being different and living as they please
 - Ⓒ patriotism toward their state
 - Ⓓ only buying single items

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7. Which sentence gives a detail about Alaska's history?
- Ⓐ Alaska is famous for its snowy mountains.
 - Ⓑ Europeans did not come to Alaska until 1741.
 - Ⓒ Alaska has a long history.
 - Ⓓ You can only get to Juneau by sea or air.

8. What feature does Alaska have that other U.S. states don't have?
- Ⓐ a coast on the Arctic Ocean
 - Ⓑ a border with Canada
 - Ⓒ mountains and plains
 - Ⓓ very cold winters

9. The **aurora borealis** is _____.
- Ⓐ a special fishing tool
 - Ⓑ the darkest winter night
 - Ⓒ the best tourism spot
 - Ⓓ a display of lights in the sky

10. Alaska's first settlers were _____.

- Ⓐ Russians
- Ⓑ gold miners
- Ⓒ dog-sledders
- Ⓓ Native Americans

11. **Extended Response:** Looking at the bar graphs on page 13, write a statement comparing Alaska's area and population to that of the other states in the graph.

12. **Extended Response:** Should huge areas of Alaska be protected against oil drilling?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
4. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
9. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary, but should include the following ideas:
Alaska's area is very big for its population, the population of Alaska is less than that of one of the smallest states, and so on.
12. Answers will vary but should include evidence from the text as support.