



Quick Check

Condors: Giant Birds

Name _____ Date _____

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

1. Which of the following statements is an opinion about condors?
 - (A) All condors have a bald head and neck feathers.
 - (B) Condors nest directly on rocky cave floors or outer ledges.
 - (C) A condor can devour up to 4 pounds of food in one day.
 - (D) Condors will keep us in awe for centuries to come.
2. What is the topic of the section "Check Out the Condor"?
 - (A) a condor's appearance
 - (B) a condor's parenting methods
 - (C) a condor's habitat
 - (D) a condor's eating habits
3. Which of the following details supports the main idea of the section "Life on Wind and Rock"?
 - (A) Many condors die of lead poisoning.
 - (B) Condors prefer to nest on elevated landforms.
 - (C) Serious dangers remain for condors.
 - (D) Condors have a wingspan over nine feet long.
4. What is one of the causes of condors being endangered?
 - (A) Bigger birds prey on condors.
 - (B) Condors can't find enough food to survive.
 - (C) People shoot condors down.
 - (D) Condors have a short lifespan.
5. Scientists bring condors to _____ to provide them a place of safety and protection.
 - (A) currents
 - (B) refuges
 - (C) ecosystems
 - (D) carrion

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6. **Extended Response:** Explain how the section “Condors in Trouble” is related to the section before it, “A One-Egg Nest.” Then describe the relationship between the ideas in these sections and the book’s main idea.



1. **(D)** *Fact or Opinion*
2. **(A)** *Main Idea and Details*
3. **(B)** *Main Idea and Details*
4. **(C)** *Cause and Effect*
5. **(B)** *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will provide a reasonable explanation for the juxtaposition of the two sections. Answers should approximate the following justification: *The first section describes how condors reproduce slowly, and ends by mentioning that condors face new hazards in the wild. It describes humans as the most damaging influence. The following section is about the many ways humans have killed or endangered condors, so this section logically follows from the one before.* Answers will then explain that these ideas are related to the main idea because knowing about the dangers to an animal is important to understanding the animal as a whole.