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

1. What was one of the first improvements people made to early boats?
 - Ⓐ People arranged rowers on three tiers.
 - Ⓑ People added masts and sails.
 - Ⓒ People replaced oars with a steam engine.
 - Ⓓ People used wooden beams to make a frame.
2. What was the Age of Discovery?
 - Ⓐ It was the time when canoes were replaced by rafts.
 - Ⓑ It was the time when Captain Cook began his explorations.
 - Ⓒ It was the time when the steam engine replaced wind power.
 - Ⓓ It was the time when many European countries sent explorers to find new lands.
3. Which word means **bountiful**?
 - Ⓐ abundant
 - Ⓑ scarce
 - Ⓒ capable
 - Ⓓ ancient
4. Why would a sailor be happy to sail with Captain Cook?
 - Ⓐ Cook had a steam-powered ship.
 - Ⓑ Cook wanted his crew to be healthy.
 - Ⓒ Cook only sailed during daylight.
 - Ⓓ Cook wanted to be first to sail around the world.
5. How were Chinese ships different from Viking ships?
 - Ⓐ Chinese ships were much larger.
 - Ⓑ Chinese ships had rectangular sails reinforced with strips of bamboo.
 - Ⓒ Chinese ships had watertight walls inside the hull.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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6. What did the boats used by the Greeks, Egyptians, and Phoenicians have in common?
 - Ⓐ All of these boats were made by connecting two canoes together.
 - Ⓑ All of these boats had comfortable living quarters.
 - Ⓒ All of these boats were powered by sails.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
7. Why was Ferdinand Magellan known as a famous explorer?
 - Ⓐ He discovered Canada.
 - Ⓑ He beat Christopher Columbus in a sailing race.
 - Ⓒ He designed and built the first galleon.
 - Ⓓ He set out to sail around the world.
8. Which statement is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Longships were cleverly designed.
 - Ⓑ Polynesian sailors built an early version of the modern catamaran.
 - Ⓒ The oldest record of sea travel comes from Egypt.
 - Ⓓ Christopher Columbus used ships known as caravels.
9. How were Ferdinand Magellan and Captain James Cook alike?
 - Ⓐ They both died in the Philippine Islands.
 - Ⓑ They both sailed around the world.
 - Ⓒ They were both explorers.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
10. What is **scurvy**?
 - Ⓐ a type of sailing ship
 - Ⓑ a way to measure speed on water
 - Ⓒ a precious gem found by Columbus
 - Ⓓ a life-threatening illness

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11. Extended Response: Would you have enjoyed being an early explorer? Explain why or why not.

12. Extended Response: How would America be different if the Chinese had been the first to settle in the Americas?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Ships of Discovery

Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
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3. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
6. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
7. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓐ *Fact or Opinion*
9. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
10. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include valid supporting arguments.
12. Answers will vary but might include these ideas: *The West Coast would have been settled first, there would be more Chinese people living in America, there may not have been a United States as we know it, there may have been two countries in what is the United States, and so on.*