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

1. Why were the Mongols considered “brutal conquerors”?
  - Ⓐ They killed many people.
  - Ⓑ They destroyed entire cities.
  - Ⓒ They attacked peaceful people.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
2. When the author described the early Mongols as **nomadic**, he meant \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ they were ferocious
  - Ⓑ they were uncivilized
  - Ⓒ they roamed a large area of land
  - Ⓓ they were divided into tribes
3. What was Genghis Khan’s main purpose for attacking and controlling China?
  - Ⓐ to build up his armies
  - Ⓑ to gain wealth
  - Ⓒ to kill his greatest enemy
  - Ⓓ to free his son
4. Which of the following best states the main idea of the section titled “The Mongol Armies”?
  - Ⓐ Because the Mongol Armies were so well trained and disciplined, no tribe or city could defend themselves against their attack.
  - Ⓑ The Mongols perfected using large siege engines, built by Chinese workers, when they attacked enemies.
  - Ⓒ The Mongol armies were larger than any the world had seen and easily outnumbered their enemies.
  - Ⓓ Mongols were expert horsemen and used their skills to conquer their enemies and plunder the land.

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5. Which is a detail the author used to support why the Mongol Empire broke up?
  - Ⓐ The Mongol Empire became much too vast to be governed by one power.
  - Ⓑ The Mongols became corrupt and weak rulers.
  - Ⓒ The Yuan Dynasty in China became more powerful than the Mongols.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
6. What stopped Kublai Khan from attacking Japan?
  - Ⓐ His armies revolted against him.
  - Ⓑ He ran out of money to send armies across the sea.
  - Ⓒ His ships were destroyed in severe storms.
  - Ⓓ He heard of the strength of the Japanese armies.
7. Why did the author write *The Mongol Empire*?
  - Ⓐ to entertain and persuade
  - Ⓑ to persuade only
  - Ⓒ to persuade and inform
  - Ⓓ to inform and entertain
8. Why didn't Genghis Khan attack the Sung Empire of China?
  - Ⓐ He decided he would gain more from attacking the lands west of China.
  - Ⓑ He didn't think he would be able to win a war with them.
  - Ⓒ Other Chinese tribes began to attack his armies.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
9. What is a dynasty?
  - Ⓐ a powerful army
  - Ⓑ rulers from the same family that follow one another
  - Ⓒ a group of people who have been conquered
  - Ⓓ a historical event

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10. What is likely the author's opinion of the Mongols?
- Ⓐ The Mongols' were very brutal, but their history is fascinating.
  - Ⓑ The Mongols should be respected for how they treated their enemies.
  - Ⓒ Genghis Khan was a weak and ineffective leader.
  - Ⓓ The Mongols can teach us a lot about how to treat people we disagree with.
11. **Extended Response:** Explain why you think the author wrote this book.
12. **Extended Response:** Were there any benefits to the Mongols' rule? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## The Mongol Empire

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓒ Vocabulary
3. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
4. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
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6. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
7. Ⓓ Author's Purpose
8. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓑ Vocabulary
10. Ⓐ Author's Point of View
11. Answers will vary somewhat but should include the following idea: *the author wanted readers to be informed about the Mongol dynasty, which was a very interesting and important part of history.*
12. Answers should include some of the following: *travelers were safer; trading across larger areas developed; isolated groups began to know more about those outside their area; they triggered the Renaissance.*