

## Quick Check

## Elizabeth Blackwell: America's First Woman Doctor

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. What makes this book an informational biography?
  - Ⓐ It is a factual book that gives information about real events.
  - Ⓑ It is a fictitious story about a real person.
  - Ⓒ It is written from the imagination of the writer.
  - Ⓓ It persuades readers to have the same point of view as the author.
2. The more the young Elizabeth thought about becoming a doctor, the more \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ she worked for her father
  - Ⓑ depressed she became
  - Ⓒ determined she became
  - Ⓓ she wanted to get married
3. **Physician** is another word for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ doctor
  - Ⓑ woman
  - Ⓒ factory owner
  - Ⓓ nurse
4. Which of the following words best describes Elizabeth Blackwell?
  - Ⓐ talented
  - Ⓑ determined
  - Ⓒ shy
  - Ⓓ none of the above
5. After returning to the United States from Paris, Dr. Blackwell \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ started a hospital and a medical college for women
  - Ⓑ treated wealthy women in New York City
  - Ⓒ lost sight in her other eye
  - Ⓓ taught at a local university
6. After deciding to become a doctor, young Elizabeth knew she had challenges ahead of her. She had to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ make enough money to pay for medical school
  - Ⓑ learn human biology to be ready for medical school
  - Ⓒ find a medical school that would accept her
  - Ⓓ all of the above

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7. What other doctor helped Elizabeth open a hospital for women in New York City?
  - Ⓐ an old friend from England
  - Ⓑ a fellow student from Geneva Medical College
  - Ⓒ the doctor she lived with when she was young
  - Ⓓ her sister Emily
8. What influence did Elizabeth Blackwell have on poor women and children during her lifetime?
  - Ⓐ She treated them even when they couldn't pay.
  - Ⓑ She taught and wrote books about healthy eating and good hygiene.
  - Ⓒ She established a hospital for women and children in New York City.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
9. Read this sentence: *Because she was a woman, some of Elizabeth's professors thought it was **improper** for her to study male anatomy.* What does **improper** mean?
  - Ⓐ not unacceptable
  - Ⓑ not problematic
  - Ⓒ not appropriate
  - Ⓓ none of the above
10. What do you think the author's purpose was for writing this book?
  - Ⓐ to explain the history of the Equal Rights Amendment
  - Ⓑ to persuade readers to become doctors
  - Ⓒ to inform readers about the life and work of Elizabeth Blackwell
  - Ⓓ to describe the difficulties of medical school
11. **Extended Response:** What do you think was Elizabeth Blackwell's most important accomplishment? Why?
12. **Extended Response:** In what ways can Elizabeth Blackwell be considered the "champion for women doctors"? Explain your answer.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Elements of a Biography

1. Ⓐ Identify Genre
2. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓐ Vocabulary
4. Ⓑ Elements of a Biography
5. Ⓐ Sequence Events
6. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
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8. Ⓓ Elements of a Biography
9. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
10. Ⓒ Author's Purpose
11. Answers will vary but should include conclusions drawn from the book.  
Examples: *Overcoming poverty to become a doctor, being the first woman to ever become a doctor in America, starting a hospital, being a role model for other women of her time, and so on.*
12. Answers will vary, but should include conclusions drawn from the book's information. Example: *She was the first woman to ever graduate from medical school in the United States, she started a hospital and a medical college for women, she practiced medicine and treated women and children in both America and England, and so on.*