



Quick Check

Hoover Dam

Name _____ Date _____

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

1. Where is Hoover Dam located?
 - Ⓐ on the border between Arizona and California
 - Ⓑ on the border between Nevada and California
 - Ⓒ on the Colorado River between Arizona and Nevada
 - Ⓓ on the border between Nevada and Utah
2. Why was the Hoover Dam originally built?
 - Ⓐ to become a famous tourist attraction in America
 - Ⓑ to supply water and electricity to the people in the area
 - Ⓒ to stop fish from swimming out of Lake Mead
 - Ⓓ to be the biggest dam in the world
3. What happens after the moving water reaches the power plant?
 - Ⓐ It goes backwards toward Lake Mead.
 - Ⓑ It is turned into natural gas.
 - Ⓒ It is collected in buckets.
 - Ⓓ It is used to produce electricity.
4. Why is Hoover Dam famous?
 - Ⓐ It is the biggest dam in the world.
 - Ⓑ It is the only dam built on the Colorado River.
 - Ⓒ It is the only dam that creates electricity.
 - Ⓓ It was the first dam built on the Colorado River.

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5. Read this sentence: *The dam is curved to move the water to the two sides of the **canyon**.*
What does **canyon** mean?

- Ⓐ a deep valley with steep sides that is usually formed by a river
- Ⓑ a large body of water surrounded by land
- Ⓒ a piece of land surrounded by water
- Ⓓ a large natural stream of flowing water

6. **Extended Response:** After Hoover Dam was finished, President Roosevelt gave a speech and said it was “the greatest dam in the world.” Is this a fact or an opinion? How do you know?



1. **C** *Main Idea and Details*
2. **B** *Cause and Effect*
3. **D** *Sequence Events*
4. **D** *Main Idea and Details*
5. **A** *Vocabulary*
6. President Roosevelt's statement was an opinion. Students should give valid reasons that support their answer.