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

1. The people who owned and lived in castles were _____.
 - Ⓐ merchants
 - Ⓑ artisans
 - Ⓒ peasants
 - Ⓓ nobles
2. A castle might be surrounded by a **moat**. What is a **moat**?
 - Ⓐ a ditch often filled with water
 - Ⓑ a jagged hill with caves
 - Ⓒ a mound of dirt
 - Ⓓ a wooden fence
3. How could nobles live a life of luxury?
 - Ⓐ The king paid them money.
 - Ⓑ Commoners paid them taxes.
 - Ⓒ They earned money by selling food.
 - Ⓓ They worked on jobs around the castle.
4. Which list is in the correct order, from most powerful to least powerful?
 - Ⓐ knight, noble, peasant, craftsman
 - Ⓑ nobleman, knight, craftsman, peasant
 - Ⓒ peasant, craftsman, noble, knight
 - Ⓓ none of the above
5. What did castles have for protection?
 - Ⓐ guards
 - Ⓑ watchtowers
 - Ⓒ thick, tall walls
 - Ⓓ all of the above
6. What was the primary purpose of a castle?
 - Ⓐ protection
 - Ⓑ beauty
 - Ⓒ living space
 - Ⓓ display of wealth

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7. _____ were almost like slaves.
Ⓐ Commoners
Ⓑ Peasants
Ⓒ Children
Ⓓ Blacksmiths
8. What did **catapults** do?
Ⓐ shot arrows
Ⓑ hurled rocks
Ⓒ hammered at walls
Ⓓ all of the above
9. Why did people decide not to build any more castles?
Ⓐ Castles were no longer easy to defend because of heavy cannons.
Ⓑ Nobles wanted more comfortable places to live.
Ⓒ Nobles wanted more open spaces to live.
Ⓓ All of the above
10. Why were windows at the top of a castle larger than ones at the bottom?
Ⓐ They didn't need to help support the weight of the castle.
Ⓑ People needed to climb out them to reach the roof.
Ⓒ Enemies couldn't reach the higher windows.
Ⓓ More air was needed in the upper floors.
11. **Extended Response:** What is the main idea of this book?
12. **Extended Response:** Why are castles not a practical place to live in today?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Castles

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓐ Vocabulary
3. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
4. Ⓑ Classify Information
5. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
6. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
7. Ⓑ Vocabulary
8. Ⓑ Vocabulary
9. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
10. Ⓒ Compare and Contrast
11. Responses will vary but should include: *the idea of this book was to explain the appearance, history, purposes, and people who lived in European castles during the Middle Ages.*
12. Answers will vary but should include: *they are not comfortable to live in; they are difficult to take care of; they are not easy to defend.*