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

1. Why did the audience at Amateur Night at the Apollo Theater in 1934 wait so long after she stopped singing to applaud?
 - Ⓐ They didn't want her to leave the stage.
 - Ⓑ They didn't know they were supposed to applaud.
 - Ⓒ They were stunned by how well she sang.
 - Ⓓ They didn't like her singing and wanted to let her know.
2. What is **racism**?
 - Ⓐ working at a job you don't like
 - Ⓑ being able to compete in a difficult race
 - Ⓒ believing that people of other races are inferior
 - Ⓓ believing in people from all parts of the country
3. What was the main idea of the section titled "The First Lady's Early Years"?
 - Ⓐ Tempie Fitzgerald, Ella's mother, divorced Ella's father and worked in a laundromat.
 - Ⓑ Ella knew she wanted to be a great dancer by the time she was in the third grade.
 - Ⓒ Ella first sang with Chick Webb and his band, where she was called "Sis" and taught how to dress for the stage.
 - Ⓓ Ella had a loving mother who died young, which caused Ella to struggle greatly before she became well known.
4. The fact that Ella was involved in many fundraisers to benefit poor children supports the idea that _____.
 - Ⓐ Ella was concerned for others
 - Ⓑ Ella had many famous friends
 - Ⓒ Ella wanted to become famous
 - Ⓓ Ella had a good sense of humor

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5. What is likely the message the author of this book would like to pass on to readers?
 - Ⓐ If you are a good singer, you can sell a lot of records and become famous.
 - Ⓑ Talent, hard work, and dedication can overcome difficult life situations.
 - Ⓒ Ella Fitzgerald's true mission in life was not to be a singer but to support children.
 - Ⓓ Life in the 1930s was simple, and children had it easier than children of today.
6. What did Chick Webb threaten to do if the audience didn't like Ella Fitzgerald?
 - Ⓐ fire her with no pay
 - Ⓑ send her back to her mother
 - Ⓒ put her on a train to New York City
 - Ⓓ all of the above
7. How did Ella feel when she went onstage at Amateur Night in 1934 at the Apollo Theater?
 - Ⓐ excited
 - Ⓑ famous
 - Ⓒ confident
 - Ⓓ frightened
8. How did the author support the idea that Ella had some difficult times while out touring?
 - Ⓐ Ella was booed at the Apollo Theater when she first sang in 1934.
 - Ⓑ Ella was forced to give up her seat on an airplane to white people.
 - Ⓒ Ella ignored unfair behaviors and went about her job of singing.
 - Ⓓ Ella took over Chick Webb's band in 1939 and kept touring.

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9. Why would universities have given Ella Fitzgerald honorary doctorates?
 - Ⓐ They want to increase her fame.
 - Ⓑ She paid them to give these to her.
 - Ⓒ They want to show their respect for her talent.
 - Ⓓ They were hoping she would give them money.
10. **Compassionate** means _____.
 - Ⓐ able to entertain others
 - Ⓑ caring about and wanting to help others
 - Ⓒ to know and spend time with many famous people
 - Ⓓ to feel as if you are able to do anything you want to do
11. **Extended Response:** How did Ella end up in reform school when she was young?
12. **Extended Response:** Write another title for this book and explain why you think this would make a good title.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Ella Fitzgerald

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓑ *Author's Point of View*
6. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
10. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary somewhat but should state that after Ella's parents died, she went to live with her aunt and began skipping school and breaking rules.
12. Answers will vary. Example:
I would title this book An Expected Star because she became a huge star even though she started with no money and was not what was considered attractive.