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

1. Why did the Aztec emperor Montezuma give the Spaniards gifts of gold and silver?
  - Ⓐ He wanted to trade jewelry for ships.
  - Ⓑ He wanted to make the Spaniards feel welcome.
  - Ⓒ He was paying the Spaniards for weapons.
  - Ⓓ He was tricking the Spaniards into thinking he was friendly.
2. Which statement best explains why the Spaniards were interested in Mexico?
  - Ⓐ They were greedy and wanted Mexico's riches.
  - Ⓑ They thought Mexico was a great place for a vacation.
  - Ⓒ They wanted land to grow more corn.
  - Ⓓ They liked the Mexican people.
3. What bad things happened to the Aztecs after the Spaniards came?
  - Ⓐ Their leaders were killed.
  - Ⓑ They got diseases and died.
  - Ⓒ Their wealth was taken away.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
4. What led to the start of the Mexican War of Independence against Spanish rule?
  - Ⓐ The natives and Creoles wanted riches for themselves.
  - Ⓑ Many people living in Mexico wanted to be free to govern themselves.
  - Ⓒ There was not enough food to feed the Spaniards.
  - Ⓓ The Spanish rulers killed the Aztec ruler Montezuma.
5. Read this sentence:  
*The people had a **fiesta**.*  
 What does **fiesta** mean?
  - Ⓐ rest
  - Ⓑ fight
  - Ⓒ party
  - Ⓓ dinner

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6. What colors are on the Mexican flag?
  - Ⓐ red, white, and yellow
  - Ⓑ red, green, and yellow
  - Ⓒ red, yellow, and blue
  - Ⓓ red, white, and green
7. On which date is Mexican Independence Day celebrated?
  - Ⓐ May 5
  - Ⓑ September 18
  - Ⓒ July 4
  - Ⓓ September 16
8. What type of government gives power to the people?
  - Ⓐ monarchy
  - Ⓑ republic
  - Ⓒ religious
  - Ⓓ all of the above
9. Why did Agustín de Iturbide agree to help the Mexicans fight for independence?
  - Ⓐ Iturbide did not like Cortes.
  - Ⓑ Mexicans forced him to fight with them.
  - Ⓒ Mexicans promised he could decide how a new government would work.
  - Ⓓ Iturbide was tired of Spanish rule and wanted to see how a new government would work.
10. How do Mexicans celebrate their independence?
  - Ⓐ They hold celebrations in city squares all over the country.
  - Ⓑ They sing their national anthem and watch fireworks.
  - Ⓒ Their president rings the same bell that was rung to start the fight for independence.
  - Ⓓ All of the above

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11. **Extended Response:** How do people today know the Aztecs had a great civilization?
12. **Extended Response:** What are the most important events between the start of the Mexican revolution to Mexico winning independence from Spain?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Mexico's Fight for Independence

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
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5. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
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8. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary but should explain that history shows that the Aztecs built beautiful cities, ruled over millions of people, and had great wealth.
12. Answers will vary but should include the following: *a group formed to fight for independence, but their plans were discovered, so they had to start the fight early; there were many battles over the next eleven years, then a revolution happened in Spain; the Mexicans tried again for independence and finally won when the Spanish commander Iturbide switched sides and conquered Mexico City for the Mexicans.*