

Quick Check

Great Mosque of Djenné

Name _____ Date _____

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

1. What makes the Great Mosque of Djenné unique?
 - Ⓐ It is the world's largest mosque.
 - Ⓑ It is the world's largest mud-built structure.
 - Ⓒ It is the oldest building in Africa.
 - Ⓓ It is the most visited building in Africa.
2. Why are there bundles of palm wood sticks, called *toron*, sticking outward from the walls of the Great Mosque?
 - Ⓐ to honor the Islamic religion
 - Ⓑ to pay tribute to the original mosque
 - Ⓒ to make the mosque look unique
 - Ⓓ to help support the walls
3. Why was the Great Mosque constructed on a raised platform?
 - Ⓐ to protect it from wild animals
 - Ⓑ to appear more impressive and important
 - Ⓒ to avoid flooding from the nearby Bani River
 - Ⓓ to copy the mosque in Mecca
4. What is the purpose of the *Crepissage de la Grand Mosquée* festival?
 - Ⓐ to put new plaster on the mosque's outside walls
 - Ⓑ to appoint a new leader of the mosque
 - Ⓒ to prepare for Islam's most important holiday
 - Ⓓ to honor the first mosque built in the thirteenth century

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5. What is a **mosque**?

- Ⓐ a place of worship for Muslims
- Ⓑ a place of worship for Catholics
- Ⓒ a place of worship for Mormons
- Ⓓ a place of worship for Jews

6. **Extended Response:** What are the advantages of building to the Great Mosque out of mud? What are the disadvantages?

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1. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
2. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary. Sample:
The advantages of using mud to build the Great Mosque are that mud was free and readily available to the builders. The disadvantages are it cracks and needs to be repaired frequently.