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

1. What was one crop that the Maya, Anasazi, and Inca all grew?
 - Ⓐ potatoes
 - Ⓑ bananas
 - Ⓒ cotton
 - Ⓓ corn
2. What is a **civilization**?
 - Ⓐ a group of native people
 - Ⓑ a way of living developed by a group
 - Ⓒ a type of government of a group of people
 - Ⓓ the way a tribe developed its housing
3. Why did the Anasazi leave their cliff homes?
 - Ⓐ It is not known for certain.
 - Ⓑ They were invaded by another tribe.
 - Ⓒ They decided they wanted a new land.
 - Ⓓ There was a long drought, so they were starving.
4. Where did Columbus land when he first came to the Americas?
 - Ⓐ Brazil
 - Ⓑ Mexico
 - Ⓒ Canada
 - Ⓓ Caribbean
5. What were the Maya, Anasazi, and Inca people all known for?
 - Ⓐ their highly developed roads
 - Ⓑ their well-designed pyramids
 - Ⓒ the cities they established
 - Ⓓ all of the above
6. Mayan writing used pictures and _____.
 - Ⓐ dots
 - Ⓑ words
 - Ⓒ letters
 - Ⓓ symbols

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7. Read this sentence: *The Incan empire was **flourishing** when Columbus arrived.* What does **flourishing** mean?
 - Ⓐ falling apart
 - Ⓑ fighting wars
 - Ⓒ well developed
 - Ⓓ just getting started
8. What did the Incas and Mayans both do that proves they were master farmers?
 - Ⓐ They cut terraces into the mountains.
 - Ⓑ They grew many crops, including corn.
 - Ⓒ They raised birds such as turkeys.
 - Ⓓ They created irrigation canals.
9. Which group could be said to be skilled builders, engineers, and architects?
 - Ⓐ Mayans
 - Ⓑ Inca
 - Ⓒ Anasazi
 - Ⓓ All of the above
10. Which of the following was not produced by the Inca?
 - Ⓐ suspension bridges
 - Ⓑ terraces for farming
 - Ⓒ a network of stone roads
 - Ⓓ houses built into the sides of cliffs
11. **Extended Response:** Explain what Machu Picchu is and why it was not discovered until 1911.
12. **Extended Response:** What is your opinion about whether Columbus actually discovered America? Support your answer with evidence from the book.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Discovery in the Americas?

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓓ Compare and Contrast
2. Ⓑ Vocabulary
3. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
4. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
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6. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
7. Ⓒ Vocabulary
8. Ⓑ Compare and Contrast
9. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
10. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
11. Answers will vary but should include the following: *Machu Picchu was an Inca city built out of stone. It was not discovered until 1911 because it was built on a high mountaintop that few had traveled to.*
12. Answers will vary but should take one side or the other, such as the following: *Yes, he did discover America because he was a European, and no one in Europe knew of the American continents. Or, no, he did not discover America because many people with highly developed civilizations who didn't need to be discovered already lived in the Americas.*