



Name _____ Date _____

1. Why was the Taj Mahal built?
 - (A) to be used as a government building
 - (B) to be used as a memorial for Shah Jahan's wife who died
 - (C) to be the tallest building in India at the time
 - (D) to be used as a home for Shah Jahan and his family
2. Which sentence supports the main idea of this book?
 - (A) The Taj Mahal is the tallest building in India today.
 - (B) The Taj Mahal was named after the man who built it.
 - (C) People are working to shut down the Taj Mahal.
 - (D) The Taj Mahal is the most famous building built by Mughal rulers.
3. Which of the following sentences is an opinion about the Taj Mahal?
 - (A) The Taj Mahal is one of the most beautiful places in the world.
 - (B) The Taj Mahal was finished in 1653.
 - (C) The Taj Mahal is a memorial in Agra, India.
 - (D) The Taj Mahal was built by twenty thousand workers.
4. Why did the author write this book?
 - (A) to persuade
 - (B) to entertain
 - (C) to inform
 - (D) to encourage others
5. What does **coffin** mean?
 - (A) a tall, narrow building rising high into the sky
 - (B) something that represents the memory of a place
 - (C) a long, narrow box in which a dead person is buried
 - (D) an important historical building or site

Quick Check continued on following page



Name _____ Date _____

6. Extended Response: If Shah Jahan died before his wife died, would the Taj Mahal be here today? Why or why not?



1. **(B)** *Main Idea and Details*
2. **(D)** *Main Idea and Details*
3. **(A)** *Fact or Opinion*
4. **(C)** *Author's Purpose*
5. **(C)** *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary. Example: *If Shah Jahan's wife had not died, I do not think he would have built the Taj Mahal, because he only built it as a memorial to her.* Example: *If Shah Jahan's wife had not died, I still think he would have built the Taj Mahal, because maybe he would have built it as a place for them to visit when they were together.*