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

1. What is the most likely reason the author wrote *Ancient Greek and Roman Gods*?
  - Ⓐ to inform readers about ancient Greece
  - Ⓑ to inform and entertain readers with details about Greek and Roman gods
  - Ⓒ to persuade readers to visit Greece and Rome
  - Ⓓ to entertain and persuade readers with jokes about ancient gods
2. Which of the following words means *liking to cause trouble in a playful way*?
  - Ⓐ mischievous
  - Ⓑ nymphs
  - Ⓒ disguised
  - Ⓓ immortal
3. What effect did the metal belt that Hephaestus made for Aphrodite have on her?
  - Ⓐ It made her sick.
  - Ⓑ It made her mischievous.
  - Ⓒ It made her happy.
  - Ⓓ It made her irresistible.
4. What happened after Zeus and his brothers overthrew their father and the other Titans?
  - Ⓐ They tried to destroy each other.
  - Ⓑ Zeus lost the contest to determine who would rule.
  - Ⓒ Poseidon took his father's place.
  - Ⓓ They divided up the world's rule with a contest.
5. What did Hermes have in common with Hades?
  - Ⓐ They both loved to talk.
  - Ⓑ They were both allowed into the underworld.
  - Ⓒ They both hated to talk.
  - Ⓓ They both played tricks on people.

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6. What is the main idea of this book?
  - Ⓐ The ancient gods were fun to believe in.
  - Ⓑ Zeus was the mightiest god, and all other gods had to obey him.
  - Ⓒ The ancient gods were a central part of Greek and Roman society.
  - Ⓓ The Greeks told stories about the gods.
7. What caused Hera to throw Hephaestus from Olympus when he was born?
  - Ⓐ He was on fire.
  - Ⓑ He bit her.
  - Ⓒ He had crippled legs.
  - Ⓓ Springs popped out of him.
8. What does the word **temples** mean as it is used in the book?
  - Ⓐ weapons that look like spears
  - Ⓑ the flattened area on the sides of your forehead
  - Ⓒ buildings that are places of worship
  - Ⓓ a decorated rod held by a ruler
9. Which of the following details has an entertaining element?
  - Ⓐ Ares, the god of war, was a son of Zeus and Hera.
  - Ⓑ Athena sprang from Zeus' head, fully grown and dressed in golden armor!
  - Ⓒ Artemis was the goddess of hunting, the wilderness, and wild animals.
  - Ⓓ Poseidon was the ruler of Earth's oceans.
10. Why did Artemis beg Zeus to let her stay unmarried forever?
  - Ⓐ She preferred to be alone in the wilderness.
  - Ⓑ The gods were mean to her.
  - Ⓒ She wanted to make Zeus mad.
  - Ⓓ She hated animals and the outdoors.
11. **Extended Response:** What effect did the gods have on the Greeks and Romans? Why?

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**12. Extended Response:** Do you agree that being immortal was the most important characteristic of the gods? Why or why not? Use details from the book to support your answer. Then describe two of your own opinions about the gods described in the book.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Ancient Greek and Roman Gods

*Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose*

1. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
5. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
6. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
10. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Answers will vary but should include that the gods were a central part of Greek and Roman societies. They inspired sculptures, temples, and other works of art. A lot of the ways people think and act today are due to Greek mythology.
12. Answers will agree or disagree with the statement. Details that support the opinion could include being immortal means living forever, living forever allows people to take risks that humans wouldn't normally take because they could potentially result in death, and never dying is like a superpower. Details that oppose the opinion could include being larger and stronger would make people powerful and important, some prefer to have special lives rather than never-ending ones, and other features of the gods had more influence on people's lives. Answers will conclude with two original opinions from the student.