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

1. Which of Nur al-Din's beliefs helped shape Saladin into the leader he became?
 - Ⓐ He believed Muslims and Christians should join together to form a new religion and share Jerusalem.
 - Ⓑ He believed ruling with a strong army was the best way to obtain and keep loyal followers.
 - Ⓒ He believed every man was equal, and he ruled with fairness and generosity.
 - Ⓓ He believed Muslims had a God-given right to rule Jerusalem and overpower Christians.
2. Which of the following is a fact about Saladin's early childhood?
 - Ⓐ Saladin preferred intellectual rather than military pursuits, and he was well educated in a variety of fields.
 - Ⓑ Saladin was born into a poor family in Syria, and he was unable to attend school until he was seven.
 - Ⓒ Saladin's father was a rich sultan who ruled Egypt and expected Saladin to take over as an adult.
 - Ⓓ Saladin attended school in Western Europe and learned to appreciate Christianity and its teachings.

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3. How was Saladin's takeover of Jerusalem different from the Christian takeover in 1099?

- Ⓐ Saladin executed all of the Christian priests and holy leaders.
- Ⓑ Saladin refused to allow Christians their freedom.
- Ⓒ Saladin did not kill many Christians or destroy their shrines.
- Ⓓ Saladin insisted that all Christians leave Jerusalem at once.

4. Which of the following best describes Saladin?

- Ⓐ weak and uneducated
- Ⓑ hostile and aggressive
- Ⓒ wealthy and flashy
- Ⓓ generous and gentle

5. What is another word for **harassed**?

- Ⓐ damaged
- Ⓑ bothered
- Ⓒ supported
- Ⓓ surrounded

6. **Extended Response:** Saladin is remembered as a great leader who was kind to his enemies. Give examples from the book that show Saladin's kindness.



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1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓐ *Fact or Opinion*
3. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
4. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary but should include examples from the book of Saladin's kindness as a leader.