

Quick Check

The Treasure of El Dorado

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

1. In what way are Abuelo and Andre similar?
 - Ⓐ They have both spent time living in Colombia.
 - Ⓑ They are both fascinated by the legend of El Dorado.
 - Ⓒ They went to the same college.
 - Ⓓ They are both scientists and have studied Lake Guatavita.
2. Why does Andre start to lose hope during the expedition?
 - Ⓐ There is a big storm that stops their research.
 - Ⓑ Andre's computer crashes, and he cannot operate the robot.
 - Ⓒ Andre's professor does not want to search for gold and is more interested in ancient buildings at the bottom of the lake.
 - Ⓓ Jamie gets seasick, and they cannot go back out on the boat.
3. What conclusion can you draw about Andre based on his actions in the story?
 - Ⓐ Andre becomes frustrated easily when things don't go his way.
 - Ⓑ Andre is interested only in the gold and not the team's research.
 - Ⓒ Andre is curious and enthusiastic about finding treasure at the bottom of the lake.
 - Ⓓ Andre worries about something going wrong during his expedition.

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4. Read this sentence from the book: *I'll be embarking on an expedition to Colombia in a few days to explore Lake Guatavita, which supposedly contains **archaeological** remains of the Muisca.* What does **archaeological** mean?
 - Ⓐ designed for use in modern times
 - Ⓑ designed for use underwater
 - Ⓒ of or related to the study of the remains of ancient cultures
 - Ⓓ of or related to a god, religion, or spiritual purpose
5. What is the effect of Andre returning the jaguar statue to his abuelo?
 - Ⓐ Abuelo is happy to see it again and wants Andre to keep it.
 - Ⓑ Abuelo is upset that Andre removed it from the lake.
 - Ⓒ Abuelo believes it should be returned to the lake in Colombia.
 - Ⓓ Abuelo is happy to have it back and places it on the shelf with his other precious items.
6. Why does Andre want to search the bottom of Lake Guatavita?
 - Ⓐ Andre is hoping to learn more about the farming techniques of ancient peoples.
 - Ⓑ Andre is hoping to discover the treasure that his abuelo left in the lake.
 - Ⓒ Andre is hoping to learn more about his ancestors.
 - Ⓓ Andre is hoping to uncover gold from the Muisca civilization.
7. Andre and the research crew use a **submersible** robot to help them explore the bottom of the lake. Which of the following best describes a **submersible** robot?
 - Ⓐ a robot used in the dark
 - Ⓑ a robot used underwater
 - Ⓒ a robot used for locating old objects
 - Ⓓ a robot used for keeping objects dry

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8. What lesson does Andre learn in the story?
 - Ⓐ Following one's dreams is not worth the effort.
 - Ⓑ Doing something for a family member is more important than doing something for yourself.
 - Ⓒ It is foolish to search for treasure or believe in legends.
 - Ⓓ Treasure comes in many different forms.
9. What conclusion can you draw about how Andre feels just after he finds the figurine in the water?
 - Ⓐ He feels excited to have found exactly what he was looking for.
 - Ⓑ He feels disappointed and questions his efforts to find real treasure.
 - Ⓒ He feels hopeful that there is still treasure to be found and that finding the figurine is a good omen.
 - Ⓓ He feels angry because he thinks his grandfather has lied to him about the treasure in the lake.
10. Andre and his class were looking for Muisca **artifacts**. **Artifacts** are _____.
 - Ⓐ objects made and used by humans to look for treasure
 - Ⓑ objects made and used by humans long ago
 - Ⓒ objects made and used by humans to read maps
 - Ⓓ objects made and used by humans to explore space
11. **Extended Response:** Do you think there is treasure at the bottom of Lake Guatavita? Why or why not?
12. **Extended Response:** What role do the map and the guide play in furthering the plot of the story?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

1. Ⓑ Compare and Contrast
2. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓒ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
4. Ⓒ Vocabulary
5. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
6. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
7. Ⓑ Vocabulary
8. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
9. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
10. Ⓑ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary, but should include the student's opinion on whether there is or is not treasure in Lake Guatavita and specific details from the story to support his or her opinion.
12. Students' responses will vary but should include the following ideas:
The map and the guide were what initially led Andre to go to Colombia to do research, because they sparked his curiosity when he was a child. The map and the guide also prompted Andre to go into the lake alone when the moon was at a particular place in the sky, and this is when he found Abuelo's figurine.