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

1. Which statement can't be proved?
  - (A) Scratching was the best sound of hip-hop.
  - (B) The block party took place on August 11.
  - (C) Breakers danced alone or in part of a dance crew.
  - (D) Rap became popular around the world in the early 1980s.
2. Which of the following words means *having the power to shape events*?
  - (A) influential
  - (B) inspired
  - (C) defacing
  - (D) vinyl
3. What was the author's purpose for writing this book?
  - (A) to persuade readers to buy a hip-hop album
  - (B) to entertain readers with DJ Kool Herc's story
  - (C) to inform readers about the history and impact of rap
  - (D) to inform readers about New York in the 1970s
4. Which word best describes Grand Wizard Theodore?
  - (A) generous
  - (B) dancer
  - (C) strange
  - (D) creative
5. In what year did DJ Kool Herc start playing shows in Bronx clubs?
  - (A) 1974
  - (B) 1976
  - (C) 1973
  - (D) 1972
6. Why does the author discuss breaking in the book?
  - (A) to entertain readers with a unique dance style
  - (B) to inform readers that it is a key element of hip-hop culture
  - (C) to persuade readers to try breaking
  - (D) to persuade readers to see a breaking performance

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7. What is the main similarity between Afrika Bambaataa and KRS-ONE?
  - Ⓐ Both played at the same block party.
  - Ⓑ Both were early hip-hop DJs.
  - Ⓒ Both were graffiti artists.
  - Ⓓ Both were b-boys.
8. What is the main idea of the book?
  - Ⓐ Rap was created in dance clubs across New York in the 1970s and influenced the world.
  - Ⓑ Cindy Campbell was the founder and driving force of rap and its impact on the world.
  - Ⓒ Rap turned poverty and injustice into creative ways to express oneself and impacted the world.
  - Ⓓ Rap was a unique style of music that was created by KRS-ONE.
9. What does the word **mainstream** mean in the book?
  - Ⓐ a piece of electronic equipment that makes sounds louder
  - Ⓑ of or referring to the most widely accepted beliefs in a society
  - Ⓒ prompted to be brave or creative
  - Ⓓ competitors for superiority of a prize
10. What detail lets the reader conclude rap music continues to change?
  - Ⓐ Clive didn't have access to much fancy equipment.
  - Ⓑ This winning combination of creativity caught fire all over the world.
  - Ⓒ They got more attention if they had a unique visual style.
  - Ⓓ Rap music has evolved and transformed in many different ways.

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**11. Extended Response:** Why does the author think it's important to study rap? Use details from the book to support your response.

**12. Extended Response:** Write a paragraph describing what caused DJ Kool Herc and other DJs to use their creativity to inspire the evolution of hip-hop.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Roots of Rap

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓐ *Fact or Opinion*
2. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
4. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
6. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
7. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
8. Ⓒ *Main Ideas and Details*
9. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Answers will vary but should express that the author thinks rap is important to study because it shows a musical innovation that spread around the world. Students should mention that the author expresses that social and political injustice also drives hip-hop's creativity and message. This also makes rap a relatable means of expression with historical value.
12. Answers will vary but should include that DJ Kool Herc and other early DJs couldn't afford expensive equipment. They should mention that DJs they had a choice, they could have done nothing but decided to be resourceful instead, using creativity and what they had, such as turntables, vinyl records, and a microphone. Students should describe how a lack of means combined with creativity and determination inspired a new musical culture: hip-hop.