



Quick Check

Big Ben and Westminster Palace

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

1. Which of the following is an opinion from the section "Big Ben: An Icon"?
 - (A) The Elizabeth Tower is one of the most photographed sights in London.
 - (B) There were no elevators when the Elizabeth Tower was built.
 - (C) People from around the world can visit the Houses of Parliament.
 - (D) Visitors who climb the Elizabeth Tower can enjoy a spectacular view of London.
2. What caused Guy Fawkes and several other men to create the Gunpowder Plot?
 - (A) They wanted to break away from England and create a new country.
 - (B) They were frustrated that the king of England was creating new taxes.
 - (C) They wanted to be members of the House of Commons.
 - (D) They wanted to be free to practice their religion.
3. What happened after the fire of 1834?
 - (A) The Clock Tower was renamed the Elizabeth Tower.
 - (B) Guy Fawkes was arrested, imprisoned, and executed.
 - (C) Charles Barry won the competition to rebuild Westminster Palace.
 - (D) Henry VIII moved out of Westminster Palace.
4. What is one detail from the section "Who or What Is Big Ben?"
 - (A) London is the capital city of the United Kingdom (UK).
 - (B) *Big Ben* is often used to refer to the clock tower at Westminster Palace.
 - (C) Westminster Palace was the home of kings and queens of England until 1512.
 - (D) There is a fireworks show over Westminster Palace on New Year's Eve.

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5. Big Ben is an **iconic** landmark.
What is another word for **iconic**?

- Ⓐ famous
- Ⓑ hidden
- Ⓒ controversial
- Ⓓ believable

6. **Extended Response:** Explain how a bill becomes an Act of Parliament in the English system of government.



1. Ⓓ *Fact or Opinion*
2. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
4. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary but should include the names of the two houses of Parliament (*the House of Commons and the House of Lords*) and how they work together to create Acts of Parliament.