



Quick Check

Hoover Dam

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

1. Why was Black Canyon chosen as the site for Hoover Dam?
 - Ⓐ It was the only canyon on the Colorado River available to build Hoover Dam.
 - Ⓑ Its canyon walls were made of granite, which is the strongest type of rock.
 - Ⓒ Its canyon walls were andesite breccia, a type of rock without cracks.
 - Ⓓ It was the tallest canyon on the Colorado River to build Hoover Dam.
2. Why did the government build Boulder City?
 - Ⓐ to establish a city where desert animals would be protected from Hoover Dam
 - Ⓑ to provide improved living conditions for Hoover Dam construction workers and their families
 - Ⓒ to force construction workers to work 24 hours a day to speed up the completion of Hoover Dam
 - Ⓓ to establish a new capital of the western half of the United States
3. What made Hoover Dam an engineering feat at the time it was built?
 - Ⓐ It was built in three years.
 - Ⓑ It was the first dam built in the United States.
 - Ⓒ It was the only gravity dam built on the Colorado River.
 - Ⓓ Its design combined features of a gravity dam and an arch dam.

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4. What had to happen before Hoover Dam could be built?
 - Ⓐ Workers had to lower huge buckets of wet concrete into block-shaped molds.
 - Ⓑ Spillways had to be built to carry high water around the dam in case the Colorado River ever flooded.
 - Ⓒ President Roosevelt had to dedicate the dam and give a motivational speech to the workers.
 - Ⓓ The Colorado River's water had to be diverted in order to dry the dam site.

5. What is another word for **innovative**?
 - Ⓐ original
 - Ⓑ old
 - Ⓒ worn
 - Ⓓ traditional

6. **Extended Response:** How has Hoover Dam affected the lives of those living in the southwestern part of the United States?



1. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
5. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary but should include the idea that Hoover Dam brought water and electricity to people in the southwestern part of the United States.