

Quick Check

Two Artists: Vermeer's Forger

Name _____ Date _____

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

1. What did experts not look at to decide if Vermeer was the real painter of a picture?
 - Ⓐ the brushstrokes
 - Ⓑ the type of paint
 - Ⓒ the picture frame
 - Ⓓ the folds in skirts in the paintings
2. What caused Han Van Meegeren to become angry with art critics?
 - Ⓐ They said he had no talent.
 - Ⓑ They said he had stolen paintings.
 - Ⓒ They said he tried to copy master artists' works.
 - Ⓓ They said he didn't paint the right subjects.
3. What is a **forgery**?
 - Ⓐ something new and different
 - Ⓑ something fake or copied
 - Ⓒ a style of painting from long ago
 - Ⓓ a piece of artwork from France
4. What caused a man in 1993 to take a painting called *A Young Woman Seated at the Virginal* to an art house?
 - Ⓐ He wanted to learn how to paint like the artist.
 - Ⓑ He wanted to know if it could be sold.
 - Ⓒ He wanted to know if it was a real Vermeer.
 - Ⓓ He wanted to know if it was a new or old painting.
5. What did Han Van Meegeren do to make his paintings look old?
 - Ⓐ He chose special paints and brushes.
 - Ⓑ He added varnish to make the paintings look old.
 - Ⓒ He chose subjects from the time period he was painting.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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6. The author of this book stated that Han Van Meegeren was greedy. Why did the author think this?
 - Ⓐ After Han earned a lot of money for his first fake Vermeer painting, he decided to paint more of them.
 - Ⓑ Han would steal other people's paintings and sell them for a great deal of money.
 - Ⓒ Han decided to change art critics' opinions by creating a special type of painting that sold for a lot of money.
 - Ⓓ Han discovered that a friend's paintings could sell for a great deal of money but didn't tell his friend.
7. Han Van Meegeren didn't go to jail after his trial because _____.
 - Ⓐ he moved to the United States
 - Ⓑ he went into hiding
 - Ⓒ he died
 - Ⓓ he was found innocent
8. What did Han Van Meegeren do before he started art school?
 - Ⓐ He studied English.
 - Ⓑ He worked in a bakery.
 - Ⓒ He built trains.
 - Ⓓ He studied architecture.
9. If something is **convincing**, it _____.
 - Ⓐ seems to be true
 - Ⓑ cannot be repeated
 - Ⓒ is incomplete
 - Ⓓ must be destroyed
10. Johannes Vermeer was an expert at _____.
 - Ⓐ using light effectively
 - Ⓑ painting animals
 - Ⓒ painting with very bright colors
 - Ⓓ all of the above
11. **Extended Response:** What do you think Johannes Vermeer would have say to Han Van Meegeren if he could speak to him?
12. **Extended Response:** Why did Han Van Meegeren copy another artist's style?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
7. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
9. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary. Example:
I think he would tell him he was very angry that Van Meegeren had created fake Vermeer paintings and made a lot of money from them.
12. Answers should include one of the following ideas: *he wanted to prove to the critics that he was talented; he thought he could make a lot of money.*