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

1. What was the first thing the boys found in the woods that caught their attention?
 - Ⓐ treasure
 - Ⓑ a large hole
 - Ⓒ a strange animal
 - Ⓓ a light from the woods
2. Which of the following was an important event in this book?
 - Ⓐ The boys fell on a pile of rocks.
 - Ⓑ Archaeologists came to study the cave.
 - Ⓒ The scientists found it to be very dark in the cave.
 - Ⓓ Marcel was the one picked to go into the small space.
3. What question could the archaeologists never answer?
 - Ⓐ How old was the artwork?
 - Ⓑ Why did the artists carve or paint the pictures?
 - Ⓒ What was the purpose for the holes found in the walls?
 - Ⓓ How many years ago did the boys find the cave?
4. Which is the best idea of what the boys might have been thinking when they entered the hole?
 - Ⓐ This is sort of scary, but let's go in and be really careful.
 - Ⓑ I know there's buried treasure here, so let's go find it.
 - Ⓒ I'm too scared to go down, so you go without me.
 - Ⓓ I bet there's nothing down here worth anything.
5. What does it mean to **descend**?
 - Ⓐ to discover something
 - Ⓑ to be surprised
 - Ⓒ to go downward
 - Ⓓ to give information to someone

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6. What did the scientists find that solved the mystery of how the artists could see in the dark cave?
 - Ⓐ They found candle wax.
 - Ⓑ They discovered that the carvers had matches.
 - Ⓒ They decided that they probably had flashlights.
 - Ⓓ They saw a stone that had some animal fat that they had burned.
7. What might have happened if the tree in the forest had never been struck by lightning and fallen over?
 - Ⓐ The boys might have had to dig more to get to the cave.
 - Ⓑ No one probably would have found the cave and the artwork.
 - Ⓒ The scientists would have come sooner to the cave.
 - Ⓓ Animals would have destroyed the carvings.
8. If someone is **befuddled**, he or she is _____.
 - Ⓐ confused
 - Ⓑ determined
 - Ⓒ worried
 - Ⓓ excited
9. Why do you think the author wrote this book?
 - Ⓐ to write a funny story
 - Ⓑ to give information about people who lived long ago
 - Ⓒ to explain to readers what an archaeologist does
 - Ⓓ to show readers how to find old things
10. What gave the scientists the most accurate information about when the artists created the pictures?
 - Ⓐ paint
 - Ⓑ flint and bone fragments
 - Ⓒ the drawings themselves
 - Ⓓ all of the above

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11. Extended Response: Explain two things that the scientists knew about the people who lived during the time the artwork was made.

12. Extended Response: How did four teenage boys discover the cave with the paintings?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

What the Boys Found

Main Comprehension Skill: Problem and Solution

1. Ⓑ Sequence Events
2. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
3. Ⓑ Problem and Solution
4. Ⓐ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
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9. Ⓑ Author's Purpose
10. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
11. Answers should include the following:
in the Stone Age, artists lit their workplaces by burning lamps with animal fat; Stone Age artists used temporary scaffolds that they climbed and stood on as they painted.
12. Answers should include some of the following details: *lightning hit a large pine tree and exposed a gaping entrance to the cave; then the boys went into the hole with a lantern, digging as they went to enlarge the hole; they saw another entrance and kept going deeper into a narrow passage and sent one friend in with a lantern and rope, digging as he went; then he dropped himself down a shaft into a cavernous room where he saw the drawings.*