

## Quick Check

## Landfills: What a Load of Garbage!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. What do many cities do with landfills after they are full?
  - Ⓐ put fences around them
  - Ⓑ fill them with water
  - Ⓒ turn them into parks and playgrounds
  - Ⓓ keep putting trash in them
2. Now that the landfill on Staten Island is closed, New York City has to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ dump its garbage in the ocean
  - Ⓑ burn its garbage inside the city
  - Ⓒ send its garbage to other states
  - Ⓓ stop collecting garbage
3. Most organic materials, such as fruits and vegetables, can be broken down by organisms, which means they are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ biodegradable
  - Ⓑ toxic
  - Ⓒ polluted
  - Ⓓ garbage
4. According to the book, old, covered landfills can still be a problem because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ they can leak
  - Ⓑ they smell
  - Ⓒ they can sometimes explode
  - Ⓓ they are ugly
5. What happens at a landfill after the trash is dumped?
  - Ⓐ Heavy trucks with spiky wheels smash it down.
  - Ⓑ Bulldozers cover it with leachate.
  - Ⓒ The garbage is trucked to another state.
  - Ⓓ The trash turns into biodegradable material.

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6. The author included charts and diagrams in this book to show \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) the percentage of landfills in the world
  - (B) how the amount of trash has increased over the years and what is done with it
  - (C) the positive effects of landfills
  - (D) the process of decomposition in a landfill
7. What type of book is *Landfills: What a Load of Garbage*?
  - (A) realistic fiction
  - (B) informational nonfiction
  - (C) fantasy
  - (D) biography
8. What did Trojans do with their trash?
  - (A) threw it on the floor
  - (B) dumped it in the water
  - (C) buried it in a village pit
  - (D) fed it to animals
9. Read this sentence: *A lot of garbage mixes with rainwater and creates **toxic** leachate.* What is another word for **toxic**?
  - (A) treated
  - (B) recycled
  - (C) poisonous
  - (D) organic
10. The author probably wrote this book to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) inform readers about types of landfills in the world
  - (B) inform readers about the relationship between garbage and landfills
  - (C) persuade readers that keeping garbage within state lines is best
  - (D) entertain readers with information about what future people will say about the trash we left behind

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**11. Extended Response:** Based on what you've read, do you think landfills will continue to be a good way for us to dispose of our trash? Why or why not?

**12. Extended Resonse:** What happens with trash after it gets picked up in the garbage truck?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

**Landfills: What a Load of Garbage!***Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events*

1. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
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3. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
6. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓑ *Identify Genre*
8. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
11. Answers will vary but should include conclusions drawn from the book, such as from the information cited on page 11 regarding landfills of the future.
12. Answers will vary slightly but should include information from page 7.