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

1. Which country is Patrick's homeland?
 - Ⓐ England
 - Ⓑ Ireland
 - Ⓒ Australia
 - Ⓓ United States
2. Which of the following is true?
 - Ⓐ The potato famine of 1846 was not very bad.
 - Ⓑ Patrick's family did not eat potatoes.
 - Ⓒ There would be no food for Patrick's family in the United States.
 - Ⓓ Patrick's family might have starved to death if they had not left their homeland.
3. What is the author's purpose for having Patrick meet First Mate Thomas O'Brien?
 - Ⓐ to let the reader know what traveling aboard a ship was like
 - Ⓑ to scare Patrick
 - Ⓒ to introduce a new character
 - Ⓓ to make Patrick want to become a sailor
4. If Patrick is standing at the **stern** of the ship, where is he?
 - Ⓐ on the right side of the ship
 - Ⓑ at the rear of the ship
 - Ⓒ at the front of the ship
 - Ⓓ on the left side of the ship
5. What is First Mate Thomas O'Brien's most important message to Patrick?
 - Ⓐ The voyage will be difficult.
 - Ⓑ The *Donegal* is a good ship.
 - Ⓒ People who have a lot of money travel in better conditions.
 - Ⓓ Opportunities for a new life await Patrick in America.

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6. Why is Patrick so eager to watch the sailors handle the boat during the storm?
Ⓐ He likes to watch the waves crashing against the boat.
Ⓑ His sister is sick.
Ⓒ He wants to be a sailor.
Ⓓ His dream is to be a hero.
7. Why does the Captain allow Patrick to climb the mast?
Ⓐ All of the sailors have other duties.
Ⓑ Patrick does not weigh as much as the grown men.
Ⓒ The Captain wants him to get out of the way.
Ⓓ The Captain does not allow Patrick to climb the mast.
8. Which of the following best explains how Patrick felt while climbing the mast?
Ⓐ happy and scared
Ⓑ scared and sad
Ⓒ happy and sad
Ⓓ scared and excited
9. What is the name of the ship that will take Patrick and his family to America?
Ⓐ The Dublin Bay
Ⓑ The Atlantic
Ⓒ The Donegal
Ⓓ The O'Brien
10. Which word best completes the sentence? The student has the _____ of a scientist.
Ⓐ immigrant
Ⓑ bustle
Ⓒ crest
Ⓓ makings
11. **Extended Response:** Imagine you are Patrick and have just climbed the mast to free the sail. Write a journal entry that tells what it was like to climb the sail and how it felt afterward.
12. **Extended Response:** Why does Patrick's family think they would have a chance at a better life in America?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Atlantic Crossing

Main Comprehension Skill: Problem and Solution

1. Ⓑ Story Elements
2. Ⓓ Problem and Solution
3. Ⓐ Author's Purpose
4. Ⓑ Vocabulary
5. Ⓓ Analyze Character
6. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
7. Ⓑ Problem and Solution
8. Ⓓ Analyze Character
9. Ⓒ Story Elements
10. Ⓓ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary.
12. Answers will vary but should include the following ideas: *there wasn't a potato famine, there was more land to farm, there was more opportunity for Patrick's dad to work, and everyone kept telling them it would be better.*