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

1. What is the main idea of this book?
  - Ⓐ Barges travel along the Mississippi River to carry food and supplies.
  - Ⓑ Many wild animals live along the shores of the Mississippi River.
  - Ⓒ The Mississippi River is a giant river that travels through ten states in the United States.
  - Ⓓ The Mississippi River is famous for its floods.
2. Where is the last place the water from the Mississippi River will go?
  - Ⓐ a lake in Minnesota
  - Ⓑ Iowa
  - Ⓒ the Missouri River
  - Ⓓ the Gulf of Mexico
3. How do **locks** help boats on the river?
  - Ⓐ They raise the water level and help the boats to pass.
  - Ⓑ They pull boats and help them go faster.
  - Ⓒ They keep boats from floating down the river.
  - Ⓓ They load boats with corn and grain.
4. Which of the following details expresses an opinion?
  - Ⓐ More than fifty types of mammals live along the upper river.
  - Ⓑ Watching an eagle catch a fish in the Mississippi River is a beautiful sight.
  - Ⓒ Playful otters hunt and swim in the upper river.
  - Ⓓ At least 260 kinds of fish live in the Mississippi River.

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5. How are the Missouri River and the Mississippi River different?
  - Ⓐ The waters of the Missouri River are muddy, and the waters of the Mississippi River are clear.
  - Ⓑ There are locks and dams on the Mississippi River but not on the Missouri River.
  - Ⓒ People like to fish in the Missouri River but not in the Mississippi River.
  - Ⓓ The Mississippi River has wildlife on its shores, but the Missouri River does not.
6. Which of the following is a fact from the section "The Upper River"?
  - Ⓐ The Ohio River comes in from the east and joins the Mississippi.
  - Ⓑ Bald eagles nest in the tall trees and eat the fish that swim in the rivers.
  - Ⓒ Several types of turtles call this part of the river home.
  - Ⓓ The Mississippi watershed is the fourth largest in the world.
7. What is the effect of the Mississippi River flooding?
  - Ⓐ People can go water-skiing more often.
  - Ⓑ Big walls were built to keep the water in.
  - Ⓒ The soil becomes good for farming.
  - Ⓓ There are more fish that live in the river.
8. How does the chart on page 7 show that a barge is a good way to carry a big load?
  - Ⓐ It shows that it would take fewer barges than trains to move a big load.
  - Ⓑ It shows that it would take more trucks than trains to move a big load.
  - Ⓒ It shows that trains move faster than barges.
  - Ⓓ It does not show that barges are a good way of carry a big load.

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9. What is the author's purpose for writing this book?
  - Ⓐ to entertain readers with stories about the Mississippi River
  - Ⓑ to persuade the reader to visit the Mississippi River
  - Ⓒ to inform the reader about the Gulf of Mexico
  - Ⓓ to inform the reader about the Mississippi River
  
10. A dam \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ increases the flow of water
  - Ⓑ stops the flow of water
  - Ⓒ freezes water
  - Ⓓ creates a waterfall
  
11. **Extended Response:** Why do you think the Mississippi River is called *the Mighty Mississippi*? Use details from the text to support your response.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## The Mighty Mississippi

*Main Comprehension Skill: Fact and Opinion*

1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
3. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
5. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
6. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
7. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
9. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
10. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary, but they should mention the size and the length of the Mississippi. Additionally, answers could include the idea that it is called *mighty* because of the impact and magnitude of its flooding. Be sure students use details from the text to support their response.