Quick Check

Ships of Discovery

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

- 1. What was one of the first improvements people made to early boats?
 - (A) They added masts and sails.
 - B They replaced oars with a steam engine.
 - ① They created a frame or hull.
 - ① They put in three tiers of rowers.
- 2. Which explorer died in the Philippines?
 - (A) Zheng He
 - (B) James Cook
 - © Ferdinand Magellan
 - ① Christopher Columbus

- **3.** What was the Age of Discovery?
 - A the time when canoes were replaced by rafts
 - B the time when Polynesians explored the Pacific Ocean
 - © the years when the Chinese sailed to Africa
 - ① the time when many European countries sent explorers out to find new lands
- **4.** Which type of ship could carry many cannons?
 - (A) knarr
 - (B) caravel
 - © galleon
 - ① clipper
- The word accustomed means ______.
 - (A) discovered
 - B used to or familiar with
 - (C) lived in
 - (D) dressed up

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- 6. Which of the following describes the Viking knarr boats?
 - (A) They were very stable.
 - B They were flat bottomed.
 - They could carry heavy loads.
 - ① All of the above
- 7. How did sails improve boats?
 - A They reduced the amount of wood needed to build boats.
 - B People didn't have to power the boats.
 - ① They kept boats from leaking.
 - (D) All of the above
- **8.** How were clipper ships different from previous ships?
 - (A) They were very fast.
 - B They were smaller but carried more.
 - ① They had steam engines instead of sails.
 - ① They were built with more than one mast.

- **9.** Why didn't the Chinese reach America before Columbus?
 - A They were afraid of sailing on the Pacific Ocean.
 - B They were busy fighting wars with their neighbors.
 - ① Their ships weren't very good.
 - ① They weren't interested in exploring.
- **10.** Why is Ferdinand Magellan known as a famous explorer?
 - (A) He discovered Canada.
 - B He beat Christopher Columbus in a sailing race.
 - © He designed and built the first galleon.
 - ① One of his ships was the first to sail around the world.
- **11. Extended Response:** List five facts you learned from this story.
- **12. Extended Response:** How would America be different if the Chinese had been the first to settle in the Americas?



LEVEL T

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

- **1.** © Sequence Events
- 2. (C) Main Idea and Details
- **3.** (D) Main Idea and Details
- **4.** © Compare and Contrast
- **5. (B)** *Vocabulary*
- **6.** (D) Main Idea and Details
- 7. (B) Main Idea and Details
- **8.** (A) Compare and Contrast
- **9.** (B) Cause and Effect
- **10.** (D) Cause and Effect
- **11.** Answers will vary but should include accurate information from the book.
- 12. Answers will vary but might include the following ideas: the West Coast would have been settled first, there would be more Chinese people living in America, there may not have been a United States as we know it, there may have been two countries in what is the United States, and so on.