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

1. How do the trees on Crete help the Minoans?
 - Ⓐ The trees help many plants to grow.
 - Ⓑ The Minoans sell the trees for a lot of money.
 - Ⓒ The Minoans build ships from the trees.
 - Ⓓ Many more people move to the island to live near the trees.
2. Read this sentence: *This book states that theories are based on **evidence**.* What is **evidence**?
 - Ⓐ something guessed about
 - Ⓑ something made by nature
 - Ⓒ a special type of jewelry
 - Ⓓ proof of something
3. Why does Crete become part of Greece?
 - Ⓐ People from Greece attacked and took over Crete.
 - Ⓑ No one lived there anymore, so the Greeks moved in.
 - Ⓒ The Minoans asked them for help after the volcano erupted.
 - Ⓓ The Minoans tried to take over Greece, but they lost and also lost Crete.
4. Read this sentence: *Researchers think the Minoan culture **collapsed** around 1450.* What does **collapsed** mean?
 - Ⓐ gained strength
 - Ⓑ fought enemies
 - Ⓒ fell apart
 - Ⓓ burned
5. How did the Minoans grow rich?
 - Ⓐ through trade
 - Ⓑ through farming
 - Ⓒ through painting frescoes
 - Ⓓ all of the above

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6. Most likely no one lived on Thera just after the eruption of the volcano. Why?
 - Ⓐ It was covered in ash and rocks.
 - Ⓑ Most of the people living there were killed.
 - Ⓒ Much of the island was left below water.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
7. In which section of this book would you find information about what life was like when the Minoans ruled Crete?
 - Ⓐ "Was Crete Atlantis?"
 - Ⓑ "The Island of Crete"
 - Ⓒ "The Minoan Culture"
 - Ⓓ "The Explosion of Thera"
8. What was the author's purpose for writing this book?
 - Ⓐ to prove that Homer was writing a true story about Helen
 - Ⓑ to describe what it is like to live on the island of Crete today
 - Ⓒ to share how a culture from long ago developed and then disappeared
 - Ⓓ to explain how the eruption of a volcano long ago had an effect on people's lives
9. What does **prospered** mean?
 - Ⓐ to become wealthy
 - Ⓑ to find old, lost items
 - Ⓒ to be taken over by force
 - Ⓓ to be covered in ash and rocks

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10. People now think Homer's stories from long ago are true because _____.
- Ⓐ researchers have found a diary from Helen
 - Ⓑ there is no proof the volcano exploded near Crete
 - Ⓒ an old city has been found that matches the description of Troy
 - Ⓓ all of the above
11. **Extended Response:** Explain why you think the title, *Mysteries of the Lost Civilization*, is or is not a good title for this book.
12. **Extended Response:** How would life have been different for the Minoans if there had been no trees growing on the island of Crete?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Mysteries of the Lost Civilization

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
2. Ⓓ Vocabulary
3. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
4. Ⓒ Vocabulary
5. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
6. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
7. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
8. Ⓒ Author's Purpose
9. Ⓐ Vocabulary
10. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
11. Answers will vary but will likely include the following idea: *it is a good title because there are still many mysteries about the Minoan civilization, and we don't know why it disappeared.*
12. Answers will vary somewhat but should include the following: *If there had been no trees, there would have been no wood to build ships. That means the Minoans could not become the great traders they were and would not have had a wealthy culture.*