



Quick Check Arrows

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

- **1.** The setting of the story is _____.
 - (A) a Mississippi morning
 - B a whole day in Mississippi
 - (C) a big city in Mississippi
 - Missouri in the morning
- **2.** Why did Poloma think her discovery of the first arrow was significant?
 - A She had read about boulder arrows.
 - B She knew it was not the only arrow.
 - © She studied codes and carvings.
 - Papa said it was important.
- **3.** A **glyph** is ______.
 - A picture or character with special meaning
 - **B** Mayan Indian
 - © carving intended for decoration
 - special tool for carving in stone

- **4.** What was the main genre of the story?
 - (A) adventure
 - ® mystery
 - © biography
 - (D) historical fiction
- **5.** Poloma and Papa's research after finding the first arrow uncovered
 - (A) five more arrows
 - (B) a hidden treasure
 - (C) lots of boulders
 - (D) a secret stream
- **6.** Read this sentence: Poloma's grandfather won a medal for his work with cryptography. What do you think cryptography is?
 - (A) the study of crypts
 - **B** secret writing using codes
 - © writing about the Civil War
 - World War II fighting machines



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- **7.** Papa's experience in World War II helped because ______.
 - A he was prepared for any danger
 - B he recognized the message was a cipher
 - (C) he knew Native Americans had not written the code
 - ① all of the above
- **8.** Ciphers and cryptograms have been used for centuries to help win _____.
 - (A) wars
 - B rides on a train
 - (C) Caesar's election
 - (D) all of the above
- **9.** Why were the spaces in the code so important to deciphering it?
 - (A) They showed where the carvers quit.
 - B The spaces stood for missing words.
 - © The spaces were there to confuse people.
 - ① The spaces showed divisions between words.

- **10.** The purpose of the cipher was ______.
 - A to defeat enemies during the Civil War
 - B to protect the forest during the Civil War
 - (C) to point slaves to freedom
 - (D) to teach about the stars
- **11. Extended Response:** How do you know Poloma and Papa's search took a long time?
- **12. Extended Response:** Create your own cipher with its key. Write a short message using your code.

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Quick Check Answer Sheet

Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences

- **1.** B Story Elements
- **2.** (C) Cause and Effect
- **3.** A Vocabulary
- **4.** B Identify Genre
- **5.** A Story Elements
- **6.** B Vocabulary
- **7.** (B) Cause and Effect
- **8.** (A) Main Idea and Details
- **9.** (D) Cause and Effect
- **10.** (C) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 11. Answers will vary, but should include time indicators from the story such as the following: the sun was shining at the beginning of the story, and the stars were out at the end of it.
- 12. Answers will vary. Example:

 My code jumbles up all the letters
 in the alphabet.

 Here's the key:

 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

 SXACFJMOTUWBDZPEGLKVHINQRY

 Here's my message:

 T NLPVF S ATEOFL.