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

1. The purpose of this book is to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ entertain readers with president jokes
  - Ⓑ inform readers about the current president
  - Ⓒ inform readers about Presidents' Day
  - Ⓓ persuade readers to run for president
2. Which of the following details about George Washington is an opinion?
  - Ⓐ He was a great leader.
  - Ⓑ His birthday was February 22.
  - Ⓒ He led the colonist army.
  - Ⓓ He was the first president.
3. What caused George Washington to lead the army against the British?
  - Ⓐ Colonists wanted to elect him as their leader.
  - Ⓑ He was the president of the United States.
  - Ⓒ He disliked British people and their king.
  - Ⓓ The colonies wanted to be free from British rule.
4. What is the main idea of the section "Abraham Lincoln"?
  - Ⓐ Abraham Lincoln was another amazing president.
  - Ⓑ People celebrated Washington's birthday on February 22.
  - Ⓒ Presidents' Day has a lot to do with George Washington.
  - Ⓓ Presidents don't get the day off for the holiday.

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5. What is the author's purpose for the section "The Country Celebrates"?
  - Ⓐ to inform readers about possible ways a country can celebrate a national holiday
  - Ⓑ to persuade readers to join in the celebrations of Washington's birthday
  - Ⓒ to inform readers about Washington's birthday becoming a national holiday
  - Ⓓ to entertain readers with a silly story about holiday celebrations
6. The word \_\_\_\_\_ means *a special day of celebration or remembering*.
  - Ⓐ weekend
  - Ⓑ holiday
  - Ⓒ celebrate
  - Ⓓ Monday
7. In which section should a reader look to learn more about the main idea of the entire book?
  - Ⓐ "George Washington"
  - Ⓑ "Introduction"
  - Ⓒ "Abraham Lincoln"
  - Ⓓ "Glossary"
8. Read the following sentence from the book: *Presidents' Day is a time to **honor** all U.S. presidents.* What does the word **honor** mean in this sentence?
  - Ⓐ to accept or pay a debt
  - Ⓑ a person of superior standing
  - Ⓒ an award in a contest or competition
  - Ⓓ to show respect for or think well of
9. How is Presidents' Day different from other national holidays?
  - Ⓐ It honors the presidents of the United States.
  - Ⓑ It is a day off from work or school for many people.
  - Ⓒ It happens once every year.
  - Ⓓ It is celebrated with special shows and events.

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10. Why do some presidents visit George Washington's home on Presidents' Day?

- Ⓐ They get a discount on that day.
- Ⓑ He was the first man to have their job.
- Ⓒ It is a federal law.
- Ⓓ They are looking for help in running the country.

11. **Extended Response:** Why does the author include detailed information about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln in a book on Presidents' Day? Do these details support the main idea, and if so, in what ways? What president would you add to this book as another topic to support the main idea, and what details would you include?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Presidents' Day

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓐ *Fact or Opinion*
3. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
6. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓑ *Text Structure*
8. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
10. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Answers will vary but should explain that the author describes George Washington and Abraham Lincoln because they are the two most famous presidents. Answers should indicate that these details support the main idea, which is about Presidents' Day honoring presidents. Answers should offer reasons why these details are supportive, such as the following: *they show why people want to honor important leaders, they explain why Presidents' Day is February 22, and so on.* Finally, the answer should identify one new president the student would include in the book and should describe two or three facts about that president.