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

1. Which sentence best tells the main idea of this book?
 - Ⓐ Some people build special altars in their homes to welcome the spirits of loved ones on Día de los Muertos.
 - Ⓑ Día de los Muertos might seem like Halloween, but the two holidays are different.
 - Ⓒ People celebrate Día de los Muertos to honor loved ones who have died.
 - Ⓓ Children in Mexico and the United States love eating the sweet skulls made for Día de los Muertos.
2. Which of the following is the definition of **altars**?
 - Ⓐ beliefs or customs that are passed down from year to year and generation to generation
 - Ⓑ a formal parade
 - Ⓒ family members from long ago
 - Ⓓ tables or other raised surfaces that are used for religious or spiritual purposes
3. What type of book is *Día de los Muertos*?
 - Ⓐ realistic fiction
 - Ⓑ descriptive nonfiction
 - Ⓒ fantasy fiction
 - Ⓓ informational nonfiction
4. What is the author's main purpose in this book?
 - Ⓐ to inform
 - Ⓑ to persuade
 - Ⓒ to explain a process
 - Ⓓ to entertain
5. Three of these sentences are supporting details. Which sentence tells their main idea?
 - Ⓐ Día de los Muertos and Halloween are two different holidays.
 - Ⓑ Halloween is often about scaring people.
 - Ⓒ Día de los Muertos is a time of joy.
 - Ⓓ People remember and celebrate loved ones who have died.

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6. Which statement is an opinion?

- Ⓐ No other holiday is so full of life, costumes, masks, joy, memories, and love.
- Ⓑ Children and adults paint the masks and wear them in the parade.
- Ⓒ People in Mexico have celebrated holidays like this one for thousands of years.
- Ⓓ Día de los Muertos has many other traditions.

7. How is Halloween different from Día de los Muertos?

- Ⓐ Children wear costumes.
- Ⓑ Adults wear face paint.
- Ⓒ People scare each other.
- Ⓓ People eat special treats.

8. *Skeleton toys, photos, and candles* are supporting details to which main idea?

- Ⓐ Some people make sugar skulls for Día de los Muertos.
- Ⓑ Lidia Teran-Cooper grew up in Mexico.
- Ⓒ Children and adults paint masks and wear them in a parade.
- Ⓓ Some people build altars in their homes for Día de los Muertos.

9. How do people celebrate friends and family members during Día de los Muertos?

- Ⓐ They make paintings and put up photos of a person who has died.
- Ⓑ They make special bread and take part in a Halloween parade.
- Ⓒ They tell stories about family members still living and have picnics in a cemetery.
- Ⓓ They decorate altars every day of the year and hire bands to special songs.

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10. What is a tradition?

- Ⓐ a belief or custom that is passed down from year to year and generation to generation
- Ⓑ a table used for religious purposes
- Ⓒ a place where dead people are buried
- Ⓓ a formal parade

11. Extended Response: What are some things you might wear if you were in a parade on Día de los Muertos?**12. Extended Response:** What are some examples of things people do to celebrate Día de los Muertos?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Día de los Muertos

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓓ Vocabulary
3. Ⓓ Identify Genre
4. Ⓐ Author's Purpose
5. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
6. Ⓐ Fact or Opinion
7. Ⓒ Compare and Contrast
8. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
9. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
10. Ⓐ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary but should include examples from the text, such as the following: *painted masks, face paint, decorated cardboard wings, a costume, and so on.*
12. Answers will vary but should include examples from the text such as the following: *visit a cemetery and bring flowers and a picnic, tell stories about those who have died, listen to special music, walk in a parade, paint masks, paint faces, wear costumes, put up photos of the person who has died, and so on.*