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

1. Jacob Waltz was a _____ who could survive in the desert.
 - Ⓐ miner
 - Ⓑ farmer
 - Ⓒ rancher
 - Ⓓ all of the above
2. At lunch the second day it became clear to Billy that Jacob and Mr. Martinez _____.
 - Ⓐ were dehydrated
 - Ⓑ saw Jacob Waltz
 - Ⓒ had gold fever
 - Ⓓ all of the above
3. What was odd about Mr. Martinez's behavior outside the classroom?
 - Ⓐ He put Heather in charge of the class and left the school.
 - Ⓑ Mr. Martinez didn't call the boys' parents.
 - Ⓒ He took Jake and Billy to his truck and drove away with them.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
4. How did Billy feel about going to look for the gold mine as they drove toward the desert?
 - Ⓐ concerned
 - Ⓑ worried
 - Ⓒ uneasy
 - Ⓓ all of the above
5. How are Jacob and Mr. Martinez similar?
 - Ⓐ They believe the story of Jacob Waltz is a legend.
 - Ⓑ They are not afraid to look for the mine.
 - Ⓒ They think Billy has gold fever.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
6. What is a **legendary** mine?
 - Ⓐ one with a lot of gold or minerals
 - Ⓑ one that is well known for its history and stories
 - Ⓒ one that is in bad condition
 - Ⓓ one where some people have died

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7. Why did Billy suggest they all go to the doctor as they drove into the desert?
 - Ⓐ He thought they were all sick.
 - Ⓑ He wanted to trick them into going back to town.
 - Ⓒ He knew that if they got medicine, they would all be better.
 - Ⓓ He didn't think they would be able to find the gold mine if they were sick.
8. Which of the following is not a sign that a person has gold fever?
 - Ⓐ big, yellow eyes
 - Ⓑ pale, clammy skin
 - Ⓒ scratching head
 - Ⓓ laughing for ten seconds at nothing
9. What remained a mystery about the Lost Dutchman Mine?
 - Ⓐ how the owner, Jacob Waltz, died
 - Ⓑ where Jacob Waltz hid his gold
 - Ⓒ the location of the gold mine
 - Ⓓ who owned the gold mine
10. Why did Heather pass Billy a note at the end of the story?
 - Ⓐ She needed an answer to a test question.
 - Ⓑ She wanted to meet him after class.
 - Ⓒ She wanted to give him her phone number.
 - Ⓓ She wanted to tease him.
11. **Extended Response:** What happened inside the gold mine during Billy's daydream?
12. **Extended Response:** What do you think Billy was thinking when Mr. Martinez asked to see Billy, Jacob, and Heather outside the classroom at the end of the story?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Lost Dutchman

Main Comprehension Skill: Story Elements

1. Ⓓ *Story Elements*
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5. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
6. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
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11. Answers will vary but would likely include the following: *Billy refused to go down the tunnel, so Mr. Martinez and Jacob went together. They told Billy he wouldn't get any gold. Billy went outside and talked to the burro, but then heard a shout of "gold." When Billy looked at the person coming out of the mine, it looked like a very old man with a gold tooth. Billy said he wanted to go home to his mommy, and that's when he woke up.*
12. Answers will vary, but would likely state the following: *this is how Billy's daydream started, and maybe this time Mr. Martinez will really take the boys off in his truck to find the Lost Dutchman Gold Mine.*