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

1. Which of the following describes Karen?
 - Ⓐ studious
 - Ⓑ curious
 - Ⓒ passionate
 - Ⓓ all of the above
2. Which word describes *a group of ships or vehicles operating under one commander or owner*?
 - Ⓐ a fleet
 - Ⓑ a channel
 - Ⓒ a voyage
 - Ⓓ an admiral
3. Which sentence helps readers know that Billy enjoyed learning about Christopher Columbus?
 - Ⓐ "The Vikings? No way!"
 - Ⓑ "This is getting interesting," Billy said.
 - Ⓒ "So how's it going, Miss Research Expert?"
 - Ⓓ All of the above
4. Why do you think Karen's dad said, "This is *your* report. You should find out for yourself"?
 - Ⓐ He didn't know the answer to her question.
 - Ⓑ He wanted Karen to discover the answers for herself.
 - Ⓒ He didn't want to help Karen.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
5. Which sentence helps readers understand how Karen first felt about having to write a report about Christopher Columbus?
 - Ⓐ "It seems kind of unfair that the New World didn't get named for Columbus."
 - Ⓑ "Okay," Karen said, "now we're getting to the interesting part."
 - Ⓒ Karen Palmer looked like a human thundercloud as she sat down at the dinner table.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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6. Which of the following is a **settlement**?
- Ⓐ a person who is legally owned and completely controlled by another person
 - Ⓑ a new place where people live
 - Ⓒ a risky project or undertaking
 - Ⓓ a wide passage of water that connects two larger bodies of water
7. How was Columbus's second return home from Hispaniola different from his first return?
- Ⓐ First he was celebrated as a hero and made governor of the new lands; later he was stripped of his titles and hauled back to Spain in chains.
 - Ⓑ First he was attacked by the natives; later he became friends with them.
 - Ⓒ First he couldn't find Hispaniola; later he knew just where the island was located and could sail right to it.
 - Ⓓ First he left crew members on the island to establish a European settlement; later he asked the natives to move into the fort and run things peacefully.

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8. *Born in 1451 in Genoa, Italy, as the oldest of five children, Christopher Columbus's name in Italian was Cristoforo Colombo.* Does this sentence inform, persuade, or entertain readers?
 - Ⓐ inform
 - Ⓑ persuade
 - Ⓒ entertain
 - Ⓓ none of the above
9. Which sentence tells an opinion?
 - Ⓐ At one time, spices were very rare and expensive.
 - Ⓑ The loss of Constantinople took away European traders' link to the Far East.
 - Ⓒ Columbus probably thought his fortune was made.
 - Ⓓ Columbus sailed around and found other islands, including Cuba.
10. What caused Columbus to spend a year in Jamaica in 1503?
 - Ⓐ He was looking for gold in Panama.
 - Ⓑ He and his men got shipwrecked and were stranded there.
 - Ⓒ The king and queen of Spain ordered him to take another voyage.
 - Ⓓ He spent two years in disgrace, thinking he'd never again see the lands he thought were the Indies.
11. **Extended Response:** In what ways did Karen's opinion of Christopher Columbus change?
12. **Extended Response:** List some characteristics that Christopher Columbus and Karen share. Provide examples from the text that support these characteristics.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Christopher Columbus

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
2. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
4. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
6. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
8. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
9. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
10. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
11. Answers will vary but should include the idea that she became excited to learn about Columbus's history, as well as valid supporting information from the text, such as that she was eager to share with her brother what she was learning about Christopher Columbus, and she was excited to present her report to the class.
12. Answers will vary but should include descriptions such as *resourceful*, *intelligent*, and *hard-working*, as well as support from the text for each description.