

Quick Check

The Treasure of El Dorado

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

1. Why does Andre believe that he and his team have an advantage over other people who have investigated Lake Guatavita?
 - Ⓐ They have an unlimited amount of time to spend in Colombia and will not leave until they find something of value.
 - Ⓑ Andre's professor, Kat, is one of the leading researchers in the country and is known for her ability to find treasure.
 - Ⓒ Andre's abuelo has provided him with a very detailed map about the location of pieces of treasure at the bottom of the lake.
 - Ⓓ They are using technology that has never been used in the lake to locate artifacts.
2. Andre and the research crew use a **submersible** robot to help them explore the bottom of the lake. Which of the following best describes a **submersible** robot?
 - Ⓐ a robot used in the dark
 - Ⓑ a robot used underwater
 - Ⓒ a robot used for locating old objects
 - Ⓓ a robot used for keeping objects dry
3. How are Abuelo and Andre similar?
 - Ⓐ They have both spent time living in Colombia.
 - Ⓑ They are both fascinated by the legend of El Dorado.
 - Ⓒ They went to the same college.
 - Ⓓ They are both scientists and have studied Lake Guatavita.

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4. What conclusions can you draw about Jamie's character based on his actions in the story?

- Ⓐ Jamie is equally as excited as Andre about Abuelo's map and believes that the team will find great treasures.
- Ⓑ Jamie regrets going on the expedition because it does not turn out how he had planned.
- Ⓒ Jamie is very interested in the research but is not enthusiastic about Andre's video updates.
- Ⓓ Jamie is so interested in the gold that he has no interest in the culture of the Muisca civilization

5. Why does Andre start to lose hope during the expedition?

- Ⓐ There is a big storm that halts their research.
- Ⓑ Andre's computer crashes, and he cannot operate the robot.
- Ⓒ Andre's professor does not want to search for gold and is more interested in ancient buildings at the bottom of the lake.
- Ⓓ Jamie gets seasick, and they cannot go back out on the boat.

6. How does Andre use a **blog**?

- Ⓐ he uses it to keep the laptops dry during the storm
- Ⓑ he uses it to help him find Abuelo's figurine
- Ⓒ he uses it to document the trip
- Ⓓ he uses it to communicate back and forth with Abuelo

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7. Based on the story, which two words best describe Andre?
 - Ⓐ serious and overbearing
 - Ⓑ impatient and unskilled
 - Ⓒ curious and careless
 - Ⓓ enthusiastic and determined
8. What conclusion can you draw about how Andre feels just after he finds the figurine in the water?
 - Ⓐ He feels excited to have found exactly what he was looking for.
 - Ⓑ He feels disappointed and questions his efforts to find real treasure.
 - Ⓒ He feels hopeful that there is still treasure to be found and that finding the figurine is a good omen.
 - Ⓓ He feels angry because he thinks his grandfather has lied to him about the treasure in the lake.
9. Andre and his class were looking for Muisca **artifacts**. **Artifacts** are _____.
 - Ⓐ objects made and used by humans to look for treasure
 - Ⓑ objects made and used by humans long ago
 - Ⓒ objects made and used by humans to read maps
 - Ⓓ objects made and used by humans to explore space

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10. Why is Abuelo emotional when Andre shows him the figurine?

- Ⓐ The figurine is important to Abuelo and his ancestors, and he is touched to see it again after so many years.
- Ⓑ Abuelo put the figurine in the lake years ago and is upset because he wanted it to remain in his homeland.
- Ⓒ Abuelo thought the figurine would be missing forever and was overjoyed to see it because it is valuable, and he will be able to sell it for a large sum of money.
- Ⓓ The figurine reminds Abuelo of his father who died long ago, and it causes him to miss his father greatly.

11. **Extended Response:** Why does Abuelo refer to the figurine found by Andre as “our treasure”?

12. **Extended Response:** Why do you think the author chose to write this story in such an unusual format?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

1. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓑ Vocabulary
3. Ⓑ Compare and Contrast
4. Ⓒ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
5. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
6. Ⓒ Vocabulary
7. Ⓓ Analyze Character
8. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
9. Ⓑ Vocabulary
10. Ⓐ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
11. Students' responses will vary but should include the idea that the figurine had been passed down through many generations of Andre's family, so it belongs to all family members.
12. Students' responses will vary but should include the following ideas: *By using the format of a live blog, the author is able to invite the reader deeper into Andre's experience at Lake Guatavita. This format also makes the story more exciting because it gives the reader the experience of being right there with Andre during his adventures.*