Quick Check

William Shakespeare

Name	Date

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

- **1.** Which of the following sentences states an opinion?
 - A People around the world can read Shakespeare's plays in their own language.
 - B People will continue to enjoy Shakespeare's works for hundreds of years to come.
 - © Shakespeare's plays might have been lost if his friends hadn't saved them.
 - ① The goal of theater in Shakespeare's time was to wow the audience with sword fights and beautiful costumes.
- 2. What is this book mostly about?
 - A the way Shakespeare's use of language sets him apart from other writers
 - (B) what the Queen of England thought of William Shakespeare's plays
 - © the life and writings of William Shakespeare
 - (I) the history of England during William Shakespeare's life

- **3.** Why did the author write *William Shakespeare*?
 - A to inform readers about the style of writing used by William Shakespeare
 - B to entertain readers with stories written by William Shakespeare
 - © to persuade readers that William Shakespeare should be their favorite writer
 - ① to inform readers about the life and writings of William Shakespeare
- **4.** What is the effect of Shakespeare being a great writer?
 - A He was given an award by the Queen of England.
 - B People are reading his plays hundreds of years later.
 - (C) His plays are carried in every library in the world.
 - ① His plays must be taught to students in high school.

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- **5.** When something is enjoyed by many people, it is ______.
 - (A) complex
 - B popular
 - © published
 - ① exciting
- **6.** Which of the following sentences states a fact?
 - A Shakespeare's plays are exciting and fun, and they also touch people.
 - B Shakespeare's comedies were often funny love stories with happy endings.
 - © Shakespeare's characters are more interesting than the characters of any other writer.
 - Shakespeare is the best writer of all time.
- 7. Which of the following events happened last in Shakespeare's life?
 - (A) He moved to London.
 - B His twins were born.
 - ① He was married to Anne Hathaway.
 - ① He opened the Globe Theatre.

- **8.** Shakespeare's historical plays are mostly about the _____.
 - (A) kings of England
 - **B** queens of England
 - (C) princes of England
 - ① princesses of England
- **9.** Which event happened first in Shakespeare's life?
 - (A) He started and owned a theater group.
 - (B) He moved to London.
 - (C) His daughter, Susanna, was born.
 - (D) He visited the United States.
- **10.** A person who plays a role on stage is called _____.
 - (A) a director
 - (B) an actor
 - (C) an artist
 - (D) an author
- 11. Extended Response: Why does the author believe that people will continue to enjoy Shakespeare's work for hundreds of years to come?



LEVEL 0

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Fact or Opinion

- **1.** B Fact or Opinion
- 2. (C) Main Idea and Details
- **3.** D Author's Purpose
- **4.** (B) Cause and Effect
- **5. (B)** Vocabulary
- **6.** B Fact or Opinion
- **7.** ① Sequence Events
- **8.** (A) Main Idea and Details
- **9.** © Sequence Events
- **10.** B Vocabulary
- 11. Answers will vary but should include the following ideas:

 Shakespeare's plays are funny and exciting and many people can connect to the experiences of his complex characters; his plays show both the beauty and the difficulty of life, which makes them relatable.