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

1. Which of the following might pirates have done when they attacked a ship?
 - Ⓐ destroyed masts and rigging
 - Ⓑ thrown smoke bombs
 - Ⓒ taken hostages
 - Ⓓ all of the above
2. Why would the pirates fire a warning shot toward the ship they were ready to attack?
 - Ⓐ The other ship's crew would come on deck to fight.
 - Ⓑ The crew and captain might give up their cargo without a fight.
 - Ⓒ It would kill as many of the crew as they could before they could fight back.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
3. Why did pirates have the reputation as ruthless villains?
 - Ⓐ They attacked cargo ships that had no weapons.
 - Ⓑ They attacked at night and killed many of the crew.
 - Ⓒ They threw smoke bombs to frighten the crew.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
4. What is a **cutlass**?
 - Ⓐ a grenade
 - Ⓑ a small sword
 - Ⓒ a flintlock pistol
 - Ⓓ a type of smoke bomb
5. Why did the pirates take so few of their own things onboard the ships?
 - Ⓐ They lived in very small spaces with little privacy.
 - Ⓑ They were quite poor and did not own much.
 - Ⓒ The captains would steal from them.
 - Ⓓ They did not need many things.

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6. Which of the following is not something Sir Francis Drake did as a privateer?
 - Ⓐ attacked mule trains
 - Ⓑ captained his own ship
 - Ⓒ stole treasures for Queen Elizabeth
 - Ⓓ limited his pirating activities to the sea
7. Why did the captain wear fancier clothes than the crew?
 - Ⓐ The crew didn't want to wear anything but simple clothes.
 - Ⓑ The captain didn't have to do much physical work and wanted to look different from the crew.
 - Ⓒ The crew would try to steal the captain's clothes so they could look nicer.
 - Ⓓ The captain stole the crew's nice clothes so that he would be the only one with nice things.
8. What did Blackbeard do that caused him to be so feared?
 - Ⓐ He would place smoking flares in his beard to scare people.
 - Ⓑ He would cut peoples' fingers off to get their rings.
 - Ⓒ He fought fiercely.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
9. Why would Queen Elizabeth not have considered Sir Francis Drake a pirate?
 - Ⓐ He didn't attack ships and steal gold and treasures.
 - Ⓑ He only attacked people on land at mines owned by others.
 - Ⓒ He attacked Spanish ships and gave the treasures to Queen Elizabeth.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
10. What is a **helmsman**?
 - Ⓐ a person who leads pirates onto a ship
 - Ⓑ a woman who dresses as a pirate
 - Ⓒ a person who steers a ship
 - Ⓓ a person who mends sails

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11. Extended Response: Explain two ways pirates today are different from pirates of yesterday.

12. Extended Response: What conclusion can you draw about life on a pirate ship. Use details from the text to support your answer.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Pirates and Privateers

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
4. Ⓑ Vocabulary
5. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
6. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
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8. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
10. Ⓒ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary but should include the following: *pirates today still attack ships on seas, but they use high-powered speedboats, attack small boats that are out for pleasure along with bigger ships, and sell the valuables on the black market.*
12. Answers may vary but might include the following: *A pirate's life was hard and not very glamorous. Pirates had to constantly be on guard and often couldn't even trust their fellow crew members. The work was hard and dangerous. Many lost legs, arms, fingers, eyes, and even their lives in fierce battles. Living conditions were not pleasant.*