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

1. The Secret Service was originally formed in 1865 to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ guard kings and queens
  - Ⓑ find and catch counterfeiters
  - Ⓒ track down foreign spies
  - Ⓓ patrol Washington, D.C.
2. After President William McKinley was assassinated in Buffalo, New York, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ the Secret Service began protecting all presidents
  - Ⓑ the Washington police department was formed
  - Ⓒ the Civil War ended
  - Ⓓ all of the above
3. Read this sentence from the book: *Agents take every threat seriously and **investigate** it.* What does the word **investigate** mean?
  - Ⓐ to write about
  - Ⓑ to hold or attend meetings
  - Ⓒ to find out facts or information about something
  - Ⓓ to speak to the President
4. Why might some people say that it is difficult to be the child of a president?
  - Ⓐ Your every move is watched.
  - Ⓑ You can't go anywhere whenever you want.
  - Ⓒ Secret Service agents accompany you wherever you go.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
5. According to the book, which of the following does the Secret Service protect?
  - Ⓐ presidential candidates and the vice president
  - Ⓑ the president and police officers
  - Ⓒ officials from other countries and fans at football games
  - Ⓓ athletes and residents of Washington, D.C.

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6. What was the author's purpose for writing this book?
  - Ⓐ to explain the history and role of the Secret Service
  - Ⓑ to describe what terrorism means
  - Ⓒ to help readers understand why presidents sometimes get assassinated
  - Ⓓ to persuade readers to become Secret Service agents
7. According to the book, how do threats come to the attention of the president and others?
  - Ⓐ in the mail
  - Ⓑ over the telephone
  - Ⓒ over the Internet
  - Ⓓ all of the above
8. When Lincoln spoke of living "in a cage," what did he mean?
  - Ⓐ bodyguards would be too restrictive to the president's work
  - Ⓑ the White House was too much like a prison
  - Ⓒ being president was too much like being a king
  - Ⓓ threats made him feel like a zoo animal
9. Read this sentence: *Secret Service agents swear an **oath** to protect the president.* What is an **oath**?
  - Ⓐ a curse
  - Ⓑ a formal promise
  - Ⓒ a contract
  - Ⓓ a speech
10. Which of the following would be considered an opinion?
  - Ⓐ Secret Service agents often wear sunglasses.
  - Ⓑ Secret Service agents have a dangerous job.
  - Ⓒ Men are better Secret Service agents than women.
  - Ⓓ Secret Service agents rarely leave the president's side.
11. **Extended Response:** Explain in your own words why the Secret Service's protection of the president is such an important job.
12. **Extended Response:** All presidents and members of the president's family get a code name from the Secret Service. What would be your code name? Why?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## The Secret Service

*Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details*

1. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
7. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
9. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓒ *Fact and Opinion*
11. Answers will vary but should include conclusions drawn from the book. Example: *The death of a president can change the course of history.*
12. Answers will vary according to personal experiences and opinions.