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

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| <p>1. What is the main idea of the book?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Barges travel along the Mississippi River to carry big loads. Ⓑ Many wild animals live along the shores of the Mississippi River. Ⓒ The Mississippi River is a giant river that travels through ten states in the United States. Ⓓ The Mississippi River is famous for its floods. <p>2. Which of the following details expresses an opinion?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ More than fifty types of mammals live along the upper river. Ⓑ Watching an eagle catch a fish in the Mississippi River is a beautiful sight. Ⓒ Playful otters hunt and swim in the upper river. Ⓓ At least 260 kinds of fish live in the Mississippi River. | <p>3. What is the effect of the Mississippi River flooding?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ People can go water-skiing more often. Ⓑ Big walls were built to keep the water in. Ⓒ The soil becomes good for farming. Ⓓ There are more fish that live in the river. <p>4. How do the map and caption on page 6 show the reader that the Mississippi River gets bigger as it moves south?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ It shows that many rivers join the Mississippi. Ⓑ It shows that there is more rain in the south. Ⓒ It shows that more fish live in the south. Ⓓ It does not show how the Mississippi River gets bigger. |
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5. A dam _____.

- Ⓐ increases the flow of water
- Ⓑ stops the flow of water
- Ⓒ freezes water
- Ⓓ creates a waterfall

6. **Extended Response:** Why do you think the Mississippi River is called *the Mighty Mississippi*? Include details from the text to support your answer.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Mighty Mississippi

Main Comprehension Skill: Fact or Opinion

1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
3. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary but should include the size and the length of the Mississippi. Additionally, it may be called *mighty* because of the impact and magnitude of its flooding. Students should cite details from the text to support their response.