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

1. The Empire State Building is \_\_\_\_\_ because *it is famous and easily recognizable*.
  - Ⓐ mundane
  - Ⓑ iconic
  - Ⓒ beautiful
  - Ⓓ irrelevant
2. What is the author's purpose for writing this book?
  - Ⓐ to persuade the reader that living in New York City is dangerous
  - Ⓑ to inform the reader about the history of skyscrapers in the United States
  - Ⓒ to persuade the reader to plan a trip to New York City to see the skyline
  - Ⓓ to inform the reader about the evolution and history of New York City's skyline
3. Which detail from the text supports the main idea of the section "A New Tower Rises from the Ashes"?
  - Ⓐ By the late 1920s, New York City's skyline had risen to new heights.
  - Ⓑ On the morning of September 11, 2001, hijackers flew two jets into the World Trade Center towers.
  - Ⓒ New Yorkers vowed to rebuild at the World Trade Center site.
  - Ⓓ Workers broke ground on the Empire State Building in January 1930.

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4. Which of the following details expresses an opinion?
  - Ⓐ A memorial park is an ideal way to commemorate those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.
  - Ⓑ The Port Authority unveiled the design for the new World Trade Center complex.
  - Ⓒ The site of the original World Trade Center towers now contains reflecting pools with cascading waterfalls.
  - Ⓓ For thirty years, the World Trade Center towers were the tallest buildings in New York.
5. An **architect** is a person who \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ ensures that buildings are safe places for people to reside
  - Ⓑ organizes and directs a construction crew
  - Ⓒ designs buildings and other structures
  - Ⓓ records and documents historical events
6. In what way have sky lobbies caused an increase in the size of skyscrapers?
  - Ⓐ Sky lobbies make skyscrapers safer, so they can be built taller than ever before.
  - Ⓑ Sky lobbies take up a lot of room, so skyscrapers must be built larger to make room for the lobbies.
  - Ⓒ Sky lobbies make it more efficient for people to get around in large buildings; therefore, skyscrapers are increasing in size.
  - Ⓓ People enjoy spending time in sky lobbies, and bigger skyscrapers accommodate these people with more floors.

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7. Which event occurred after the building of the Empire State Building?
  - Ⓐ Elisha Otis invented the safety elevator.
  - Ⓑ Freed slaves from the South and immigrants from Europe made their way to New York to find jobs.
  - Ⓒ The plans for the Woolworth Building were finally completed.
  - Ⓓ The construction of skyscrapers slowed down because of a slump in the economy.
8. How was the construction of the World Trade Center towers different from the construction of other skyscrapers?
  - Ⓐ The construction of the towers was stopped mid-project because of a lack of funds.
  - Ⓑ The towers were built using a newly developed material.
  - Ⓒ The towers were built using a tube-frame construction rather than steel-frame construction.
  - Ⓓ The towers were built by people from other countries, instead of workers from the United States.
9. A \_\_\_\_\_ is the *innermost structure of a building*.
  - Ⓐ complex
  - Ⓑ skeleton
  - Ⓒ skyline
  - Ⓓ design

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10. Which event occurred in 1921?

- Ⓐ The construction of the World Trade Towers was initiated.
- Ⓑ Elisha Otis helped design the first elevator.
- Ⓒ The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey was founded.
- Ⓓ The first skyscraper in New York City was completed.

11. **Extended Response:** In what ways does New York City's skyline reflect the spirit of a city that continues to adapt and change?

12. **Extended Response:** Why were new building methods needed once New York City's population grew in the nineteenth century?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## A New Skyline

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓑ Vocabulary
2. Ⓓ Author's Purpose
3. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
4. Ⓐ Fact or Opinion
5. Ⓒ Vocabulary
6. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
7. Ⓓ Sequence Events
8. Ⓒ Compare and Contrast
9. Ⓑ Vocabulary
10. Ⓒ Sequence Events
11. Students should note that New York City has a rich history of rapid change, which has influenced the skyline. Students should include evidence from the book of New York City's ability to adapt and change, with details such as: the creation of new building methods in order to build multistory buildings; the creation of the World Trade Center complex in response to the attacks on September 11, 2001; and so on.
12. Students should note that during the nineteenth century the population of New York City grew tremendously after an influx of immigrants from Europe and freed slaves from the South. Because of the increased population, the area became very crowded, and the only way to accommodate so many people was with multileveled buildings. It was out of necessity that new building methods were established.