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

1. People who rushed to settle or work in an area of new opportunity are called _____.
 - Ⓐ bandits
 - Ⓑ gold diggers
 - Ⓒ boomers
 - Ⓓ cowboys
2. According to the book, by 1889 _____.
 - Ⓐ there was no more land in the United States to settle
 - Ⓑ most of the central United States was settled
 - Ⓒ people were no longer interested in getting more land
 - Ⓓ the United States gave the Native Americans their land back
3. What problem does Chief Black Eagle have in the book?
 - Ⓐ He is lost and cannot find his way home.
 - Ⓑ He is not allowed to participate in the race.
 - Ⓒ He cannot find enough food for his people.
 - Ⓓ The government has taken his people's land.
4. What is the most likely reason the author wrote this book?
 - Ⓐ to inform the reader about what it was like to be a teacher in the late 1800s
 - Ⓑ to persuade the reader that land should be returned to Native Americans
 - Ⓒ to inform the reader about the settling of the Oklahoma Territory
 - Ⓓ to entertain the reader with stories of early settlers

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5. To **claim** something means to _____.
 - Ⓐ sell it for a small amount of money
 - Ⓑ say that something is one's right or property
 - Ⓒ create and build a new town
 - Ⓓ give away land for free
6. On September 16, 1893, _____.
 - Ⓐ all land in the United States was claimed
 - Ⓑ a war broke out in the Oklahoma Territory
 - Ⓒ people gave up on trying to get new land
 - Ⓓ thousands of people lined up to race for free land
7. What does the caption under the map on page 4 tell the reader?
 - Ⓐ It explains the history of settling the Oklahoma Territory.
 - Ⓑ It explains the challenges faced by early settlers.
 - Ⓒ It discusses the Native American territories.
 - Ⓓ It explains the path many settlers took to get to California.
8. The first thing the schoolteacher, Daisy, must do to build a school is _____.
 - Ⓐ find some students
 - Ⓑ go to college
 - Ⓒ get the land
 - Ⓓ buy building materials

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9. What is the main reason Lizzie is excited about the race?

- Ⓐ She is excited about having a log cabin.
- Ⓑ She is excited to win first place.
- Ⓒ She is excited to see a new part of the country.
- Ⓓ She is excited to go to the new school.

10. In what ways are Sam and Joe similar?

- Ⓐ They are both new to the land.
- Ⓑ They both already own land.
- Ⓒ They both stopped to check their horses' hooves.
- Ⓓ They are both not worried about the race.

11. **Extended Response:** What does the author mean when she writes, *It's a crazy idea, but a beautiful day*? How do you know?

Quick Check Answer Sheet**The Great Land Run**

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
2. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
3. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
4. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
7. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
9. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
11. Students answers will vary but they should touch on how the author is referring to the idea of tens of thousands of people racing for free land in the Oklahoma Territory, and how chaotic this must have been.