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

1. How was Abigail different from most of the women of her time?
 - Ⓐ She had many children and stayed home to care for them.
 - Ⓑ She married John Adams when she was only twenty years old.
 - Ⓒ She ran the farm and took care of the family's money.
 - Ⓓ She went to school to learn to read and write.
2. What happened after Abigail became First Lady of the United States?
 - Ⓐ She spoke out against slavery and in favor of equal rights.
 - Ⓑ She cared for injured soldiers during the war.
 - Ⓒ She took care of the family farm and wrote letters to John.
 - Ⓓ She married the lawyer John Adams in 1764.
3. What is the main idea of this book?
 - Ⓐ Abigail Adams was a nice and friendly woman.
 - Ⓑ Abigail Adams helped shape the United States.
 - Ⓒ Abigail Adams was married to John Adams.
 - Ⓓ Abigail Adams showed that women should stay home.
4. Which of the following is a fact about Abigail?
 - Ⓐ Abigail was the first First Lady to live in the White House.
 - Ⓑ Abigail was the smartest First Lady and helped John run the country.
 - Ⓒ Abigail was the only First Lady who could read and write.
 - Ⓓ Abigail was the most beautiful First Lady of the United States.

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5. What is a **colony**?
 - Ⓐ an island to the northwest of mainland Europe
 - Ⓑ an area of land that is ruled by another country
 - Ⓒ a violent fight between two or more countries
 - Ⓓ a belief or idea that is supported by a group of people
6. What is the author's main purpose for writing this book?
 - Ⓐ to persuade the reader to research more about Abigail Adams
 - Ⓑ to inform the reader about the life of Abigail Adams
 - Ⓒ to entertain the reader with stories about Abigail Adams
 - Ⓓ to persuade the reader to be more like Abigail Adams
7. Which of these events happened first in Abigail's life?
 - Ⓐ Abigail helped injured soldiers during the war.
 - Ⓑ Abigail married John Adams in 1764.
 - Ⓒ Abigail was born in Massachusetts in 1744.
 - Ⓓ Abigail took care of the farm while John was away.
8. Why did the colonies go to war with Great Britain?
 - Ⓐ They wanted to be their own country.
 - Ⓑ They wanted to belong to France.
 - Ⓒ They wanted to pay more money to Great Britain.
 - Ⓓ They wanted to elect John Adams as king.

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9. What does it mean to be **independent**?
- Ⓐ controlled by a king or dictator
 - Ⓑ ruled by another country
 - Ⓒ not allowed to make you own decisions
 - Ⓓ not controlled or ruled by others
10. Which word best describes Abigail Adams?
- Ⓐ funny
 - Ⓑ silly
 - Ⓒ rude
 - Ⓓ smart
11. **Extended Response:** If Abigail had never learned to read and write, how would the United States have been different?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Abigail Adams

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
2. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
3. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓐ *Fact or Opinion*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
7. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
8. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓓ *Elements of a Biography*
11. Answers will vary, but should include that if Abigail hadn't learned to write, she wouldn't have been able to write letters to John sharing her ideas about helping the colonies become independent, and if she hadn't been able to share her ideas, the United States might have been very different than it is today.