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

1. Why did Maui ask the sky god, Ru, for help in lifting the sky?
 - Ⓐ He was not strong enough to lift the sky on his own.
 - Ⓑ He did not have permission to lift the sky without Ru's help.
 - Ⓒ His mother and grandmother suggested he ask Ru for help.
 - Ⓓ His brothers did not think he was strong enough to do it on his own.
2. What do all the Polynesian islands have in common?
 - Ⓐ They are all about the same size and shape.
 - Ⓑ They all have myths about the demigod Maui.
 - Ⓒ They were all discovered in the same year.
 - Ⓓ They all have the same traditions, culture, and history.
3. Which of the following is true of Maui's actions?
 - Ⓐ Maui's actions were often selfish and done in his own interests.
 - Ⓑ Maui's actions were often careless and led to negative consequences.
 - Ⓒ Maui's actions gained him popularity and riches.
 - Ⓓ Maui's actions helped people have a better life.
4. What did Maui do in the story to show that his mother and grandmother were important to him?
 - Ⓐ He separated the sky from the earth to help them move around.
 - Ⓑ He fished for days to provide them with food when they were hungry.
 - Ⓒ He listened when they complained of the days being too short.
 - Ⓓ He worked to give them the gift of immortality.

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5. Which phrase from the book helps readers understand what **immortality** means?
 - Ⓐ Maui gave humankind many gifts, including the gift of summer, the gift of the islands, and the gift of the sky.
 - Ⓑ Maui knew that the only way to steal the secret was to steal Hine's heart.
 - Ⓒ She caught Maui in her teeth and killed him.
 - Ⓓ Maui believed that it was not right that people should die.
6. Why did Maui's brothers refuse to take him fishing?
 - Ⓐ Maui was the oldest brother and was supposed to fish on his own.
 - Ⓑ Maui was unkind to his brothers and yelled at them.
 - Ⓒ Maui played tricks so the fish always ended up in his net.
 - Ⓓ There was not enough room in the small canoe.
7. What was the effect of Maui capturing the Sun?
 - Ⓐ New islands came out of the ocean.
 - Ⓑ Seasons were created.
 - Ⓒ More fish were caught in his net.
 - Ⓓ People did not have to crawl around.
8. Which of the following best describes Maui?
 - Ⓐ loved to play tricks
 - Ⓑ very smart in school
 - Ⓒ good at fishing
 - Ⓓ only thought about himself

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9. Which event happened first in the myth "Maui Pulls Up the Islands"?
- Ⓐ Maui created a new fishing hook to catch the greatest fish in the world.
 - Ⓑ Maui turned into a beetle and hid in his brothers' boat.
 - Ⓒ Maui's brothers paddled with all their might to raise the island.
 - Ⓓ Maui's brothers rested their oars in the shallow waters next to the island.

10. Read this sentence from the book: *Maui reasoned that if he could **snare** those legs, he could stop the Sun in his tracks and bargain with him.* What is another word for **snare**?

- Ⓐ change
- Ⓑ feel
- Ⓒ watch
- Ⓓ catch

11. **Extended Response:** List three words that best describe Maui. Then, write about why you chose each word. Use details from the text to support your answers.

12. **Extended Response:** According to the book, what impact did Maui have on the Polynesian Islands and the people who live there?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Hero Maui

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
4. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
9. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
10. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include three words that accurately describe Maui and specific examples from the text to support each word.
12. Answers will vary but should include the following ideas:
Maui helped to separate the sky from the earth, giving Polynesians room to move around; he captured the Sun to help lengthen the days; and he lifted the islands out of the sea.