



Quick Check

Big Ben and Westminster Palace

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

1. What is the main idea of this book?
 - (A) Big Ben was named after Sir Benjamin Hall in 1859.
 - (B) Big Ben chimes every 15 minutes.
 - (C) Big Ben is cleaned every five years using soap and water.
 - (D) Big Ben is one of the most famous landmarks in Britain.
2. What two houses make up the English Parliament?
 - (A) The House of Representatives and the Senate
 - (B) The House of Representatives and the House of Commons
 - (C) The House of Commons and The House of Royalty
 - (D) The House of Lords and the House of Commons
3. Which of the following is an opinion about Westminster Palace?
 - (A) Westminster Palace is also known as Parliament.
 - (B) Westminster Palace stands on the banks of the River Thames in London.
 - (C) Westminster Palace is the most important landmark to visit in London.
 - (D) Westminster Palace was home to King Henry VIII.
4. What caused Guy Fawkes to attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament?
 - (A) He was frustrated that he lost the contest to design Westminster Hall.
 - (B) He was angry that he wasn't free to practice his religion.
 - (C) He wanted to be the new king of England.
 - (D) He was upset after being fired from working in Parliament.

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5. What does **coronation** mean?

- Ⓐ the ceremony in which a new king or queen is crowned
- Ⓑ the ringing sound of a bell or clock
- Ⓒ an important or recognizable symbol
- Ⓓ the place where a person lives

6. **Extended Response:** Why is it important that the English Parliament is made up of two separate houses? What role do each of these houses play in making new laws?



1. **D** *Main Idea and Details*
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3. **C** *Fact or Opinion*
4. **B** *Cause and Effect*
5. **A** *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary but should include the basic role of the House of Commons and the House of Lords and why they are important.