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

1. What are **ruins**?
 - (A) flat-topped hills with steep sides
 - (B) places where students go on field trips
 - (C) remains of old, historic buildings
 - (D) huge cliff caves where people once lived

2. Which of the following describes Ricky's character?
 - (A) He doesn't like to get in trouble.
 - (B) He isn't a good friend of Stanley.
 - (C) He doesn't like being on the field trip.
 - (D) All of the above

3. Which is a likely reason why Jake changes his mind and takes Stanley to the petroglyphs?
 - (A) He doesn't feel like driving back to the museum.
 - (B) He realizes Stanley is serious about solving the mystery.
 - (C) He feels bad for Stanley.
 - (D) He thinks Stanley will get some sleep on the ride there.

4. Stanley doesn't discover the exact reason why the Anasazi left. What does Jake tell him?
 - (A) The Anasazi left to start a new life.
 - (B) The Anasazi needed to find water.
 - (C) The Anasazi vanished into thin air.
 - (D) The Anasazi wanted to escape attackers.

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5. What is true about Stanley?
 - Ⓐ He is very curious.
 - Ⓑ He is willing to take risks.
 - Ⓒ He has a great imagination.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

6. What happens to Stanley's decoder ring when he takes it out of the sipapu?
 - Ⓐ It becomes invisible.
 - Ⓑ It has become a rock.
 - Ⓒ It has Anasazi symbols on it.
 - Ⓓ It speaks to him about the Anasazi.

7. Which is not a clue Stanley notes after listening to Ranger John?
 - Ⓐ The small hole in the kiva goes into the spirit world.
 - Ⓑ A kiva is a place to tell stories, sing, and pray.
 - Ⓒ Clothes are left hanging on pegs.
 - Ⓓ Pottery is left on the ground.

8. In the kiva, the big hole in the ground was used _____.
 - Ⓐ as a fire pit
 - Ⓑ to store corn and beans
 - Ⓒ to store paint for pottery
 - Ⓓ as an entrance to the spirit world

9. Why does Stanley have branches on his detective hat after the bus left?
 - Ⓐ to decorate his hat
 - Ⓑ to keep cool
 - Ⓒ to keep from being seen in his hiding place
 - Ⓓ to take the branches with him

10. Why does Stanley want Ricky to tell Mr. Rhodes he is sleeping?
 - Ⓐ so Mr. Rhodes won't look for him
 - Ⓑ so Stanley can stay at the Cliff Palace ruins
 - Ⓒ so Mr. Rhodes will tell the bus driver to drive away
 - Ⓓ all of the above

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11. Extended Response: Do you think researchers will ever solve the mystery of the vanishing Anasazi? Explain why or why not.

12. Extended Response: Do you think Stanley's encounter with Jake was a dream? Explain your answer.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Case of the Vanishing Anasazi

Main Comprehension Skill: Story Elements

1. Ⓒ Vocabulary
2. Ⓐ Story Elements
3. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
4. Ⓐ Story Elements
5. Ⓓ Story Elements
6. Ⓒ Sequence Events
7. Ⓑ Story Elements
8. Ⓐ Vocabulary
9. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
10. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
11. Answers will vary but should include valid supporting arguments.
 Examples: *Yes, I think researchers will solve the mystery because they are learning more about ancient civilizations all the time, and they might find more clues.*
No, I don't think researchers will solve the mystery because the Anasazi disappeared over 700 years ago, and we still don't know why.
12. Answers will vary.