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Reading Explorer Foundations: Unit 9 Lesson A

DIRECTIONS: Choose the best answer for each question.

A Love Poem in Stone

[A] Often called "a love poem[1] in stone," the Taj Mahal is one of the most beautiful buildings ever made. It is also perhaps the most beautiful expression[2] of love in the world.

[B] The emperor Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal for his empress, Mumtaz Mahal. They lived happily together for 18 years. Then, in 1631, Mumtaz died during the birth of their fourteenth child. Before she died, the emperor made her a promise. To remember her, he would build the most beautiful monument in the world.

[C] Building the Taj Mahal was a huge task. It is said that it took more than 20,000 people and 1,000 elephants. They worked for over 20 years to build the monument and its central dome.[3]

[D] In 1658, five years after the building was finished, Shah Jahan's son became emperor. He put Shah Jahan in prison.[4] Shah Jahan stayed there until his death in 1666. His body was then put in the Taj Mahal with the woman he loved.

[E] There are many legends about the Taj Mahal. In one story, Shah Jahan had the builders' hands cut off after the building was complete. This was supposedly done so they could never build anything as beautiful as the Taj Mahal. Another says he also wanted to build a black Taj Mahal. These are interesting stories, but they are probably not true.

[F] The love story between Shah Jahan and his wife ended sadly. But the monument to their love still stands today. Millions of tourists visit every year. They come to see the marble change color in the light of the rising sun or a full moon.

Vocabulary study

[1] A **poem** is a piece of writing that usually has rhythm.
[2] An **expression** of love is a way of showing your feelings.
[3] A **dome** is a rounded roof.
[4] A **prison** is a place where people who break the law are kept.

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QUESTIONS
Choose the correct answers.

____ 1. The following sentence would be best placed at the end of which paragraph?

Like many love poems, there is also a sad part in this story.

a. Paragraph A
b. Paragraph D
c. Paragraph E
d. Paragraph F

____ 2. What is paragraph B mostly about?
a. how many children the emperor had
b. why Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal
c. what makes the Taj Mahal beautiful
d. what Mumtaz Mahal was like

____ 3. In the last sentence of paragraph C, what does *central* mean?
a. *noun;* a place with a lot of a type of thing
b. *adjective;* main or important
c. *adjective;* in, at, or near the middle of something
d. *adjective*; controlled from one main place

____ 4. What is true about the Taj Mahal?
a. It took over twenty years to build.
b. The building was completed after Shah Jahan's son became emperor.
c. Shah Jahan was kept in the building until his death in 1666.
d. The emperor used only black marble to build the Taj Mahal.

____ 5. According to the last sentence of the passage, why do millions of people visit the Taj Mahal every year?
a. to remember Mumtaz Mahal
b. to see the body of Shah Jahan
c. to see how beautiful the building is
d. to hear stories about the Taj Mahal

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Boldt Castle

[A] Once upon a time, a young German teenager headed across the Atlantic Ocean for the United States. Arriving in New York City in 1864, George Boldt got his first job working in a hotel kitchen and quickly worked his way up in the hotel industry. Twelve years later, Boldt met the love of his life, Louise Augusta Kehrer, and the two were married in 1877.

[B] After 20 years of marriage, Boldt had become a millionaire and bought his very own island in New York. As a token of his love, Boldt decided to build his wife a castle on the island. In 1900, many builders and artists helped him start work on the huge project. Four years later, however, tragedy struck.

[C] Boldt's wife Louise died of a heart problem at 42 years of age. Heartbroken, Boldt stopped the construction. Workers went home, and the castle was left unfinished. After George Boldt died, a local company took control of the property, and in 1977, construction began again. Millions of dollars were spent on the building. Eventually, it looked like George Boldt may have originally imagined.

[D] Although George and Louise Boldt never got to enjoy their beautiful castle, many other couples have begun their own love stories on the island. Today, Boldt Castle is a popular tourist destination for weddings and romantic vacations. Through couples like these, Boldt's love story lives on.

____ 6. This passage ____.
a. tells a story about why a building was constructed
b. compares different types of historical buildings
c. explains how a building was constructed
d. describes the story of how two people fell in love

____ 7. Which of the following is NOT true about George Boldt?
a. He was originally from Germany.
b. He arrived in the United States in 1877.
c. He became rich after working in the hotel industry.
d. He died before the castle was finished.

____ 8. In paragraph B, what does *tragedy struck* mean?
a. Work began to slow down.
b. The situation started to improve.
c. A very sad event happened.
d. He stopped loving her.

____ 9. According to the passage, which statement is true?
a. Boldt Castle was never finished.
b. Boldt Castle cost millions of dollars to build.
c. The castle was eventually built by Boldt's son.
d. George and Louise lived in Boldt Castle for 42 years.

____ 10. What is the main idea of paragraph D?
a. Thousands of weddings are held at Boldt Castle each year.
b. When George Boldt saw the finished castle, he was very happy.
c. George and Louise's love lives on through other couples who visit the castle.
d. Boldt Castle is one of the main tourist attractions in New York.

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____ 11. Which phrase from paragraph A means "to move to a higher position"?
a. once upon a time
b. work your way up
c. tragedy struck
d. live on

____ 12. When did Boldt get married?
a. 1864
b. 1877
c. 1900
d. 1977

____ 13. In paragraph B, what did the reader most likely not understand?
a. why Boldt built the castle
b. where the castle was built
c. the meaning of *millionaire*
d. the meaning of *tragedy struck*

____ 14. Which paragraph is about why Boldt castle was built?
a. Paragraph A
b. Paragraph B
c. Paragraph C
d. Paragraph D

____ 15. Which paragraph is mainly about what happened after Louise passed away?
a. Paragraph A
b. Paragraph B
c. Paragraph C
d. Paragraph D

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DIRECTIONS: Complete each sentence with the correct word from the box.

finish	complete	together	during

16. I don't think we could ever live _____, we would drive each other crazy!
17. It was a tough race, but I managed to _____ in second place.
18. The castle was destroyed _____ the war, but it was later rebuilt.
19. I'm not sure I believe you. Are you telling me the _____ story?

DIRECTIONS: Match each sentence starter with the correct ending.

a. is born.
b. will do it.
c. to visit.
d. the middle.

____ 20. A *central* piece of something is in ____

____ 21. A *birth* is when a baby ____

____ 22. A *tourist* is someone who comes to a place ____

____ 23. When you *promise* to do something, you ____

Write your answers here.

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Thanks!

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