



Reading Comprehension

1. **Main Idea** What is the passage mainly about?
 - a. why demand for sugar continues to increase
 - b. places where sugarcane was important in the past
 - c. the process of making sugarcane juice into sugar crystals
 - d. how sugar has changed from a simple plant into a global industry
2. **Purpose** The main purpose of the first paragraph is to
 - a. describe the uses of sugarcane juice
 - b. explain how sugar spread beyond Asia
 - c. show how trade routes connected Europe and Asia
 - d. introduce some of the inventions of ancient India
3. **Vocabulary** The word **Running** in the passage is closest in meaning to
 - a. Managing
 - b. Moving
 - c. Growing
 - d. Producing
4. **Detail** Why were the Caribbean islands good places for sugarcane production?
 - a. The cost of labor was lower there than in Europe.
 - b. They were connected to Africa by trade routes.
 - c. The weather was ideal for growing the plant.
 - d. More European colonists were there than anywhere else.
5. **Detail** Which is NOT mentioned as a key event in the development of sugar?
 - a. the discovery that it could be made into crystals
 - b. the creation of mass-production techniques
 - c. the drop in its price
 - d. the invention of a method for collecting sugarcane juice
6. **Inference** What can be inferred about sugar before the 18th century?
 - a. Its cost was not very high.
 - b. It was not in very high demand.
 - c. Most people did not like the taste of it.
 - d. It did not grow well in the Caribbean islands.

Graphic Organizer & Summary

Step 1 Fill in the blanks to best describe the main text.

