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The Twin Towers

The side-by-side towers in New York City, which were home to Manhattan's World Trade Center, were more commonly known as the Twin Towers. Each skyscraper was an incredible one hundred and ten stories high. Then, on September 11, 2001, the World Trade Center was attacked by terrorists. What happened on that date in history should never be forgotten.

The attack on September 11th was not the first time the area had been targeted. In 1993, a bomb had been detonated in the North Tower. This explosion killed six people and injured thousands of others. The tower, however, was able to withstand the explosive power of the blast.

In 2001, both towers were attacked. Two planes were flown directly into the buildings. The effect of these attacks was immediately catastrophic. Neither building was built to withstand such structural damage, and the collapse of each building was imminent. The south tower fell in less than one hour after being attacked, and the north tower collapsed soon afterwards. Both towers were completely gone. The land where the World Trade Center once stood is now known as Ground Zero. The day when the towers were attacked is remembered as one of the most infamous days in America's history.

Text Questions

1. What is most likely the reason the World Trade Center buildings were also called the Twin Towers?
   a. The two buildings had similar working hours.
   b. The two buildings were built on the same acre of land.
   c. The two buildings were identical in design.
   d. The two buildings were nothing alike.
2. Which statement is a fact about the story?
   a. The World Trade Center was attacked more than once.
   b. The buildings would have survived the attack if they had not been identical in design.
   c. September 11, 2001, is the most infamous date in America's history.
   d. No one should ever construct another building at Ground Zero.
3. Which is a synonym for the word *infamous* as it is used in the last paragraph?
   a. notorious
   b. fabulous
   c. famous
   d. cordial
4. Which title would be a good alternative for this text?
   a. "September: A Bad Month"
   b. "The End of Time"
   c. "The World Trade Center Attack"
   d. "A Day When All Hope Died"
5. Using information from the third paragraph, list three things in sequential order that happened that day.
   a. _____
   b. _____
   c. _____

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