



## Quick Check

## Big Ben and Westminster Palace

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

1. What is Big Ben?
  - Ⓐ the name of the Parliament building in London
  - Ⓑ a nickname for the king of England
  - Ⓒ the oldest building in Westminster Palace
  - Ⓓ a huge bell at the top of the Elizabeth Tower in London
2. What happened after the fire of 1834?
  - Ⓐ There was a huge fireworks show over Big Ben.
  - Ⓑ Kings and queens moved into Westminster Palace.
  - Ⓒ Bombs damaged one of Big Ben's clock faces.
  - Ⓓ Charles Barry was hired to rebuild Westminster Palace.
3. Which of these is a fact about Big Ben?
  - Ⓐ Big Ben is cleaned every year with soap and water.
  - Ⓑ Big Ben always looks amazing at night.
  - Ⓒ Big Ben is the biggest chiming clock in the world.
  - Ⓓ Big Ben is the most interesting landmark in London.
4. Which of the following is not a reason the author wrote this book?
  - Ⓐ to inform the reader about the history of Big Ben
  - Ⓑ to share a personal experience about visiting Big Ben
  - Ⓒ to give the reader information about Big Ben
  - Ⓓ to persuade the reader of the importance of Big Ben

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5. Read this sentence: *Westminster Palace is home to **Parliament**.*  
What does **Parliament** mean?

- Ⓐ part of the government of the United Kingdom
- Ⓑ the rules made by the government
- Ⓒ the city where the government's main offices are located
- Ⓓ the elected members of the government of the United States

6. **Extended Response:** Why is it important for the House of Lords to work with the House of Commons to make laws?



## Quick Check Answer Sheet

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1. **D** *Main Idea and Details*
2. **D** *Sequence Events*
3. **C** *Fact or Opinion*
4. **B** *Author's Purpose*
5. **A** *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary.