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

1. Which of the following words does the author use to describe Muir's writing?
 - (A) remote
 - (B) organized
 - (C) controversial
 - (D) eloquent
2. Muir inspired people to _____.
 - (A) clear the wilderness
 - (B) protect the wilderness
 - (C) build in the wilderness
 - (D) buy up the wilderness
3. The author views Muir's connection to nature as _____.
 - (A) a distraction that took him away from supporting his wife and family
 - (B) not a true profession, but a hobby
 - (C) a gift that helped expand public awareness of the wilderness areas
 - (D) a quality that was unique to John Muir
4. After the Wisconsin State Agricultural Fair, _____.
 - (A) Muir returned home for a short stay before leaving again
 - (B) Muir decided to stay in Madison and go to college
 - (C) Muir sent his cash prize home to share with his parents
 - (D) Muir left with Jeanne Carr for California
5. What caused Muir to leave college before completing his degree?
 - (A) Muir did not enjoy living in Madison and wanted to see new cities.
 - (B) Muir preferred to be outside in the wilds to study the land.
 - (C) Muir was bored with the classes because he was incredibly intelligent.
 - (D) Muir met Louisa Strentzel and left college to marry her.

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6. Just after arriving in San Francisco, _____.
- Ⓐ Muir decided to meet with President Roosevelt
 - Ⓑ Muir met and married his wife Louisa
 - Ⓒ Muir boarded a ship for Cuba to eventually travel to the Amazon
 - Ⓓ Muir made his way to the Sierra Nevada Mountains
7. What did Muir refer to as the “University of the Wilderness”?
- Ⓐ the science and botany classes he attended
 - Ⓑ the college he attended in Canada
 - Ⓒ the learning he did by traveling through nature on foot
 - Ⓓ the classes he took taught by Ezra Carr
8. What was Muir’s purpose for writing about his experiences in Yosemite?
- Ⓐ Muir’s writing brought to light a part of the country that was relatively unexplored and expressed to people its beauty and the importance of protecting it.
 - Ⓑ Muir’s writing was mostly about how the laws of government were not written to protect natural areas, and his goal was to get people angry that this land was not being defended.
 - Ⓒ Muir’s writing was meant to be for his own records to remember his experiences, but someone found his notes and published them.
 - Ⓓ Muir’s writing consisted mostly of letters to his family that he wrote to tell them about his experiences living in Yosemite.

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9. What was the effect of Muir meeting with President Roosevelt?
- Ⓐ The National Park Service was created.
 - Ⓑ More parts of Yosemite became part of the national park.
 - Ⓒ The Sierra Club was established.
 - Ⓓ Muir was given a medal of honor by the president.
10. Muir worked passionately to **conserve** nature. What is a synonym for **conserve**?
- Ⓐ inspire
 - Ⓑ harm
 - Ⓒ protect
 - Ⓓ clear
11. **Extended Response:** In what ways is John Muir a role model for others who are committed to caring for the natural world?
12. **Extended Response:** In what ways did John Muir struggle to find his true path in life?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

John Muir

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Point of View

1. Ⓓ Vocabulary
2. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓒ Author's Point of View
4. Ⓑ Sequence Events
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7. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
8. Ⓐ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
9. Ⓑ Compare and Contrast
10. Ⓒ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary but should include the following information: *John Muir's life demonstrated that following one's passion can lead to impactful results. He showed that when people are able to appreciate and understand the beauty of the natural world, they are more likely to protect it. Muir also showed the power of bringing awareness to members of the government in order to create laws to protect wild areas.*
12. Answers will vary but should include the following ideas: *Even though John Muir had a great love for the natural world, he made several decisions during his life that were not aligned with his true path. For example, Muir took a job as a mechanic in Indiana and quickly discovered that he was not following his passion. After marrying his wife Louisa, he struggled to live and work on the ranch and not spend his time exploring the mountains.*