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“The Palace of the Eagles”

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Read the sentence from the passage.

“They looked too regular to be mere rocks, and on approaching nearer the king was sure that a huge building must be at the top of the mountain.”

How does the author’s use of foreshadowing in the sentence affect the passage?

1. It hints that the mountain is the home to a family of eagles.
2. It hints that the king is more intelligent than his companions.
3. It hints that the climb to the top of the mountain is difficult.
4. It hints that the king may be in for the surprise.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Read the sentences from the passage.

“ ‘On a tower still higher dwells my father, and on yet a higher tower my grandfather, who is two thousand years old. He may know something. I know nothing.’

After considerable difficulty the topmost tower was reached and the venerable bird discovered.”

What does the word venerable mean?

1. worthy of respect because of age and character
2. capable of good acts and kindness
3. able to move quickly and nimbly
4. wanting to achieve fame and fortune
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Read the sentence from the passage.

“ ‘Wherefore we die, bequeathing this Palace to the eagles who will build their eyries on our towers.’ “

What does the word bequeathing mean as used in the sentence?

1. transferring ownership of
2. dedicating in memory of
3. rebuilding the foundation of
4. extending the height of
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Read the sentences from the passage.

“Some of the party suggested a prompt return home. They feared hidden dangers now. But the king remained resolute.”

Why does the king most likely want to continue investigating the palace?

1. He wants to get away from his companions.
2. He worries about returning home with nothing.
3. He feels responsible for learning from the previous kings of the palace.
4. He believes that the eagles have an important message waiting for him.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Which word is a synonym for the word accumulated?  
   1. drifted
   2. gathered
   3. waited
   4. changed
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Which description **best** summarizes the passage?  
   1. After years of easy living, a king is forced to explore new areas because his people are upset. The king finds friendly eagles on a mountain that are willing to help him.
   2. A king neglects his responsibilities as a leader of his people, which leads to trouble. The king travels past a barrier to a new land where he finds a palace that contains a secret from the past.
   3. While enjoying a life of leisurely hunting, a king finds his kingdom in danger. The king decides to go on a hunting adventure and is surprised by a new land that he discovers.
   4. A king facing a problem brought on by his own doing seeks answers by exploring an unknown area. At the top of a mountain, the king finds a palace with information that leads to a solution.
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If the passage were written from the first person point of view of the king, what would most likely be different?  
   1. The theme would be less apparent to the reader.
   2. The change in the king’s character would be more apparent to the reader. “
   3. The setting would be described more clearly for the reader.
   4. The importance of the king’s companions would be less apparent to the reader.
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Which characteristic of the passage **best** indicates to readers that it is fiction rather than literary nonfiction?  
   1. the use of third person point of view
   2. the use of references to past events
   3. the use of figurative language
   4. the use of animals with human qualities