

NONFICTION: "The Girl Who Discovered the Dinosaurs" and "Dinosaurs for Sale" • SKILL: Test Prep

"The Girl Who Discovered the Dinosaurs" Quiz

Directions: Read "The Girl Who Discovered the Dinosaurs" and "Dinosaurs for Sale." Then answer the multiple-choice questions below.

- The author of "The Girl Who Discovered the Dinosaurs" would most likely agree that**

 - (A) piecing together fossilized bones is the only way to discover what dinosaurs looked like.
 - (B) Greek and Roman mythology would not exist if ancient people had not found fossils.
 - (C) studying fossils can teach us a lot about the natural world.
 - (D) most scientists in the 1800s were uneducated.
- Which quote from the article best supports your answer to question No. 1?**

 - (A) "The world's most respected scientists believed that Earth was only about 6,000 years old."
 - (B) "These discoveries also offer clues that can help us understand our world and, especially, our environment . . ."
 - (C) "It's likely that many of the giants and monsters from ancient myths were in fact inspired by fossil discoveries."
 - (D) "Discoveries of fossilized skin and muscle are helping paleontologists create clearer pictures of the prehistoric world."
- What is the meaning of the word *fantastic* as it is used in the following sentence?**
"Mary's creature came from a place far more fantastic than any book."

 - (A) excellent
 - (B) exotic
 - (C) absurd
 - (D) imaginary
- The author mentions President Thomas Jefferson in order to**

 - (A) explain why Mary decided to search for fossils.
 - (B) support the claim that fossils can be found in America.
 - (C) provide an example of the belief that dinosaur fossils came from animals that still existed.
 - (D) prove how important the study of fossils is.
- What is the purpose of this sentence on page 7?**
"For months, she returned to the beach every day, braving roaring waves and falling rocks."

 - (A) It illustrates the theme that nothing great can be achieved without hard work.
 - (B) It emphasizes how dedicated Mary was.
 - (C) It shows how much Mary enjoyed taking risks.
 - (D) It helps develop the idea that people should not take credit for others' discoveries.
- According to "Dinosaurs for Sale," some fossil collectors**

 - (A) will never donate their collections to museums.
 - (B) would rather show off fossils than study them.
 - (C) are willing to spend millions on rare fossils.
 - (D) all of the above.
- Which of the following is a key reason why fossils have become so expensive?**

 - (A) Only a few fossils are left to be found.
 - (B) People who find them refuse to sell them.
 - (C) Private collectors have driven the prices up.
 - (D) Most fossils sold now are *Tyrannosaurus* skulls.

Directions: Write your answers on the back of this paper or type them up on a computer.

- During her life, Mary Anning never received the respect she deserved. Does "The Girl Who Discovered the Dinosaurs" support this claim? Use text evidence in your response.
- How does the author develop the idea that Mary's discovery changed the world? Include details from the text to support your answer.