



1. Malaria is a serious disease carried by mosquitoes. Many Africans were bitten and caught the disease. But some of these people who were bitten stayed well because of changes in the cells of their bodies. These changes protected them from the illness. Over the years this change was passed down to their children.

2. Many books printed long ago are falling apart. A chemical in the paper causes the paper to crack. Wrapping old books in plastic and freezing them can preserve them. Most libraries use special gases to stop the paper from cracking.

3. There was an African American woman who couldn't walk from age 4 to age 6. But she became "the fastest woman alive." Several serious illnesses left Wilma Rudolph's legs weak. But her family helped her exercise. She learned to walk again. At 16 she ran in the Olympic games. At 20 she won 3 Olympic gold medals.

4. Years ago a strange explosion occurred over a remote place called Siberia. The shock waves traveled an incredible distance. A firestorm lit the sky for hundreds of miles. Then strange black rain fell. Some people think a meteorite crashed into Earth.

5. Katherine Bates was a scholar and a poet. In 1893 she traveled from New England to Pike's Peak. The beauty all around made her write a poem called "America the Beautiful." Some people didn't think *beautiful* was the right word. Bates said it best described America and refused to change it. Later the poem was set to music.

SCORE



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1. The story mainly tells  
 A. how a change in body cells protected people  
 B. what malaria is and how it's spread  
 C. where the change in the genes occurred  
 D. who is likely to have the change in genes

2. The story mainly tells  
 A. how books can be frozen  
 B. how old books can be preserved  
 C. what causes the paper to become brittle  
 D. how much it costs to preserve a book

3. The story mainly tells  
 A. how Rudolph's family helped her  
 B. about the age limits of the Olympics  
 C. how overcoming illness led to 3 gold medals  
 D. the number of track records set by Rudolph

4. The story mainly tells  
 A. how far shock waves traveled  
 B. what lit the sky for miles  
 C. about a strange explosion over Siberia  
 D. where Siberia is

5. The story mainly tells  
 A. where Katherine Bates traveled  
 B. when Bates went to Pike's Peak  
 C. how Bates wrote "America the Beautiful"  
 D. why people didn't like the word *beautiful*