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A Monumental Fight

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Use this week's cover story to answer the questions. For each question, circle the letter next to the best answer.

Analyze Text Structure (RI.5.5; RI.6.5)

- 1.** The author balances different points of view about President Trump's decision by
- A. describing the beliefs of each side, then supporting both sides with photographs.
 - B. including quotes from experts from both groups.
 - C. giving the history of each group's opinions, then explaining what is happening now.
 - D. focusing one section of the article on explaining each group's opinions and evidence.

Cite Evidence (RI.5.1; RI.6.1)

- 2.** Which sentence from the article *best* explains why people agree with President Trump's decision?
- A. "Protection ensures the land can be used for scientific exploration."
 - B. "They argue that the president does not have the power to significantly change monuments set aside by other presidents."
 - C. "Some say the act has been misused to set aside areas that are bigger than they need to be."
 - D. "Trump is not the first president to shrink monuments."

Read for Detail (RI.5.1; RI.6.1)

- 3.** What is unique about President Trump's decision?
- A. He chose to reduce the size of a monument.
 - B. He chose to increase the size of a monument.
 - C. His decision resulted in a lawsuit.
 - D. His decision reversed the decision of a previous president.

Define Words and Phrases (RI.5.4; RI.6.4)

- 4.** In paragraph 7, the author states, "The area includes rock art and cliff dwellings sacred to the tribes." What is another word for *sacred* in this sentence?
- A. honored
 - B. fragile
 - C. interesting
 - D. ancient

Identify Central Idea and Key Details (RI.5.2; RI.6.2)

- 5.** What is the central idea of the "How Big?" section of the article?
- A. President Trump is trying to figure out the correct size for some of our protected land.
 - B. There is a debate about how big the president should be allowed to make our protected land.
 - C. The Grand Canyon is an example of how big a national monument can be.
 - D. Presidents have not agreed about how big some of our monuments should be.

Identify Central Idea and Key Details (RI.5.2; RI.6.2)

- 6.** How does the "Ancient Rock Art" photograph support the central idea of the article?
- A. It shows the size of the Bears Ears national monument.
 - B. It gives an example of some of the sacred rock art that the Bears Ears monument protects.
 - C. It shows sample dinosaur fossils that were once protected by the national monument.
 - D. It compares Bears Ears with the Grand Canyon.

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Make Connections (RI.5.3; RI.6.3)

- 7.** Why does the author include information about the Grand Canyon in the article?
- A. to explain how various types of land could be designated as protected areas
 - B. to compare two different types of national monuments
 - C. to show how other national monuments changed in size in the past
 - D. to compare President Trump’s decision with President Roosevelt’s decision

Read for Detail (RI.5.1; RI.6.1)

- 8.** Why did Earthjustice file a lawsuit?
- A. They want to protect dinosaur fossils.
 - B. They want to protect the environment.
 - C. They want to protect the rock art and cliff dwellings.
 - D. They want people to be able to enjoy the outdoor area.

Make Inferences (RI.5.1; RI.6.1)

- 9.** Why does James Adaki compare Bears Ears to Mount Rushmore?
- A. to compare the cave drawings and cliff dwellings of Bears Ears with the special carvings of the presidents on Mount Rushmore
 - B. to show that reducing the size of Bears Ears would damage the Native American art
 - C. to show that Bears Ears is as important to Native Americans as Mount Rushmore is to other Americans
 - D. to convince readers that Bears Ears should also have a large carving like the carvings of the presidents on Mount Rushmore

Summarize (RI.5.2; RI.6.2)

- 10.** Which is the best summary of the article?
- A. President Trump’s decision to reduce the size of a few monuments has caused controversy; some people believe that he was helping the economy with the decision, while others believe that he was taking away important land.
 - B. President Trump’s recent decision to reduce the size of a few monuments has sparked debate about how much power a president should have and how best to determine the size of a national monument.
 - C. Obama and Trump disagree about the size of specific national monuments, and this disagreement is reflected in lawsuits that were recently filed.
 - D. The article compares a variety of national monuments, describing their size and importance to various Americans.

Bonus Imagine that you are on a committee to help a president choose a new national monument. What area would you designate as protected land, or what statue or monument should we build? Write a letter to the president explaining your choice. Write your answer below or on separate paper.
