

## Reading Comprehension

## Journey Back in Time

**A** Read the main idea. Then check (✓) the details that support the main idea.

## Main idea

Many countries have made important contributions to modern day life.

## Details

- 1 Mesopotamia is now called Iraq. ☐
- 2 Egyptians learned to make paper from a plant. ☐
- 3 The Chinese invented a device called a compass to help sailors navigate. ☐
- 4 The Maya developed a written language using hieroglyphs. ☐
- 5 The Maya were an ancient civilization in Mexico. ☐

**B** Read the problems. Write the solutions.

Problems	Solutions
1 People needed a faster, easier way to travel on rivers to trade and explore.	_____
2 Clay tablets were heavy.	_____
3 It was difficult to navigate the ocean.	_____
4 People wanted a drink for special ceremonies and to make people healthy.	_____



**C** Complete the sentences. Then answer the question.

*Journey Back in Time* is a \_\_\_\_\_.

It's a \_\_\_\_\_ story about things that have already happened.

What's the difference between historical narrative and historical fiction?

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**D** Circle *True* or *False*.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 The people in Sumer used clay tablets for special ceremonies.        | <b>True</b> | <b>False</b> |
| 2 The Egyptians used a form of writing called hieroglyphics.           | <b>True</b> | <b>False</b> |
| 3 The Chinese invented the compass to help people build pyramids.      | <b>True</b> | <b>False</b> |
| 4 The Maya made all kinds of important things using very simple tools. | <b>True</b> | <b>False</b> |



**E** Read the clues and write the country.

- 1 It's 5,000 miles away from Egypt. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 It was located between two rivers. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 You can see the coast of this country from the Mediterranean Sea. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 It's far from China, across the Pacific Ocean. \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra** Read the words. Write the definitions.

1 trade

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2 ancient

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3 tools

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