



## LOST & FOUND

# Pok-A-Tok Pursuit

Perri and Archer travel to Guatemala to play Pok-A-Tok and learn about Maya culture and the stars.

### What did you learn?

#### QUESTIONS

1. The Maya developed a civilization in what area?
  - a. Central America
  - b. Poland
  - c. Australia
  - d. Nigeria
2. The Maya produced remarkable examples of what?
  - a. Architecture
  - b. Painting
  - c. Pottery
  - d. All the above
3. Why did people play Pok-A-Tok?
  - a. To encourage the stars to move
  - b. To settle political disputes or warfare
  - c. To mark boundaries
  - d. All of the above
4. The Long Count was based on a cycle of how many years?
  - a. 1,800 years
  - b. 50 years
  - c. 5,128 years
  - d. 100,000 years
5. Can you describe what Perri and Archer see when they look at Tikal for the first time?
6. Can you describe what protective gear Archer had to wear to play Pok-A-Tok?

#### TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. The Maya civilization reached its period of greatest development about A.D. 650. | _____ 4. Perri plays Pok-A-Tok with Archer and Aapo.                               |
| _____ 2. <i>Stelae</i> are large, stone monuments on which records are kept.              | _____ 5. According to Itzel, calendars indicate whether a day is lucky or unlucky. |
| _____ 3. When playing Pok-A-Tok, you can use your hands.                                  | _____ 6. The Maya used cacao for trading and currency.                             |



## ANSWERS

- 1. a. Central America.** According to page 28, we know that the Maya “developed a magnificent civilization in Central America and south Mexico.” So, the correct answer is A.
- 2. d. All of the above.** According to page 28, we know that, “The Maya produced remarkable architecture, painting, pottery, and sculpture.” So, the correct answer is D.
- 3. d. All of the above.** According to page 62, we know that, “We play Pok-A-Tok to encourage the stars to move. To settle politics or warfare. To mark boundaries.” So, the correct answer is D.
- 4. c. 5,128 years.** According to page 107, we know that, “The longest calendar was called the Long Count. It was based on a 5,128-year cycle.” So, the correct answer is C.
- 5.** According to page 39, we know that, “Thick, stone buildings towered over the land. A long road ran through the center. On either side stood structures of all different sizes ... Like a fern, there was a main artery from which sprouted wings of essential parts of the city. While some looked like grand, important places, others looked more practical. But they sure weren’t ordinary—they were covered in beautiful designs.”
- 6.** According to page 83, we know that, “There was a thick, heavy, stone belt for his midsection and pretty measly knee pads.”

## TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. False.** According to page 28, we know that, “The Maya civilization reached its period of greatest development about A.D. 250.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 2. True.** According to page 54, we know that stelae are “large, stone monuments. We keep records on them.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 3. False.** According to page 64, we know that, “You can only pass and shoot with your thighs and hips.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 4. False.** According to page 74, we know that Perri is not allowed to play because Aapo says, “This game is for men.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True.** According to page 80, we know that Itzel says, “The calendars keep track of time and tell us which days are lucky and which days are unlucky.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. True.** According to page 109, we know that, “The Maya used cacao for trading and currency.” So, the correct answer is True.