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14. Based on the essay, what does the author believe about young people?

- A Young people seldom experience frustration or anger.
- B Young people should participate in sports.
- C Young people can learn fairness and respect.
- D Young people can ignore the consequences of their actions.

CSR20623.038

15. An excerpt from a book titled *Staying Calm Under Pressure* would provide the *strongest* support for which section of the essay?

- A “Teaching Good Sportsmanship”
- B “Knowing Rules”
- C “Managing Frustration”
- D “Taking Responsibility”

CSR20617.038

16. Read this sentence from paragraph 7 of the essay.

Students need direction to become “good sports.”

As used in the sentence, what does the word direction mean?

- A location
- B guidance
- C ordering
- D administration

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The following questions are not about a passage. Read and answer each question.

17 Read this sentence.

At dinnertime Abuelita said, "It's time to put the horses back into the _____."

Which Spanish word meaning "enclosure" can be used to complete the sentence?

- A bronco
- B corral
- C rodeo
- D lasso

CSR013204

18 Which French expression would be *most* appropriate to say to someone about to go on a journey?

- A A la carte!
- B Bon voyage!
- C Merci beaucoup!
- D Bon appétit!

CSR00643.05A

19 A conversation can turn into an argument in the same way that a discussion can become

- A a privilege.
- B an examination.
- C a debate.
- D a quotation.

CSR00645.05A

20 Read this sentence.

We ate lunch at our favorite _____.

Which French word correctly fits in the sentence?

- A coupé
- B essay
- C café
- D entrée

CSR00146.05A

21 Read this sentence.

The merchant checked his stock to find out what he needed to order.

Without changing the meaning of the sentence, which word can *best* be used to replace the underlined part?

- A products
- B animals
- C soup
- D shares

CSR00363.05A

22 Read this sentence.

After staining the cabinet, the craftsman finished the wood with a wax.

Without changing the meaning of the sentence, which word or words can *best* be used to replace the underlined word?

- A polished
- B ended
- C destroyed
- D used up

CSR10414.05A

23 Read this sentence.

If this plan fails, we will have to go back to the drawing board.

In this sentence, what is the meaning of the underlined phrase?

- A start all over
- B support the decision
- C work faster
- D avoid mistakes

CSR20892.OSA

24 What is the difference between playing and practicing?

- A Playing is done by several people together, and practicing is done alone.
- B Playing usually takes less time than practicing does.
- C Playing is done just for fun, and practicing is done to become better at a skill.
- D Playing has to do with sports, and practicing has to do with music.

CSR00296.OSA

25 Read these sentences.

When they are together, Starr and Jenny are often heard to produce a steady stream of giggles. Jenny's brother, Arnie, is known for his sudden, alarming guffaws.

Which of these statements is *not* correct?

- A A guffaw is a loud burst of laughter.
- B Guffaws and giggles are both forms of laughter.
- C People who giggle are always mocking others.
- D Giggles are more continuous but quieter than guffaws.

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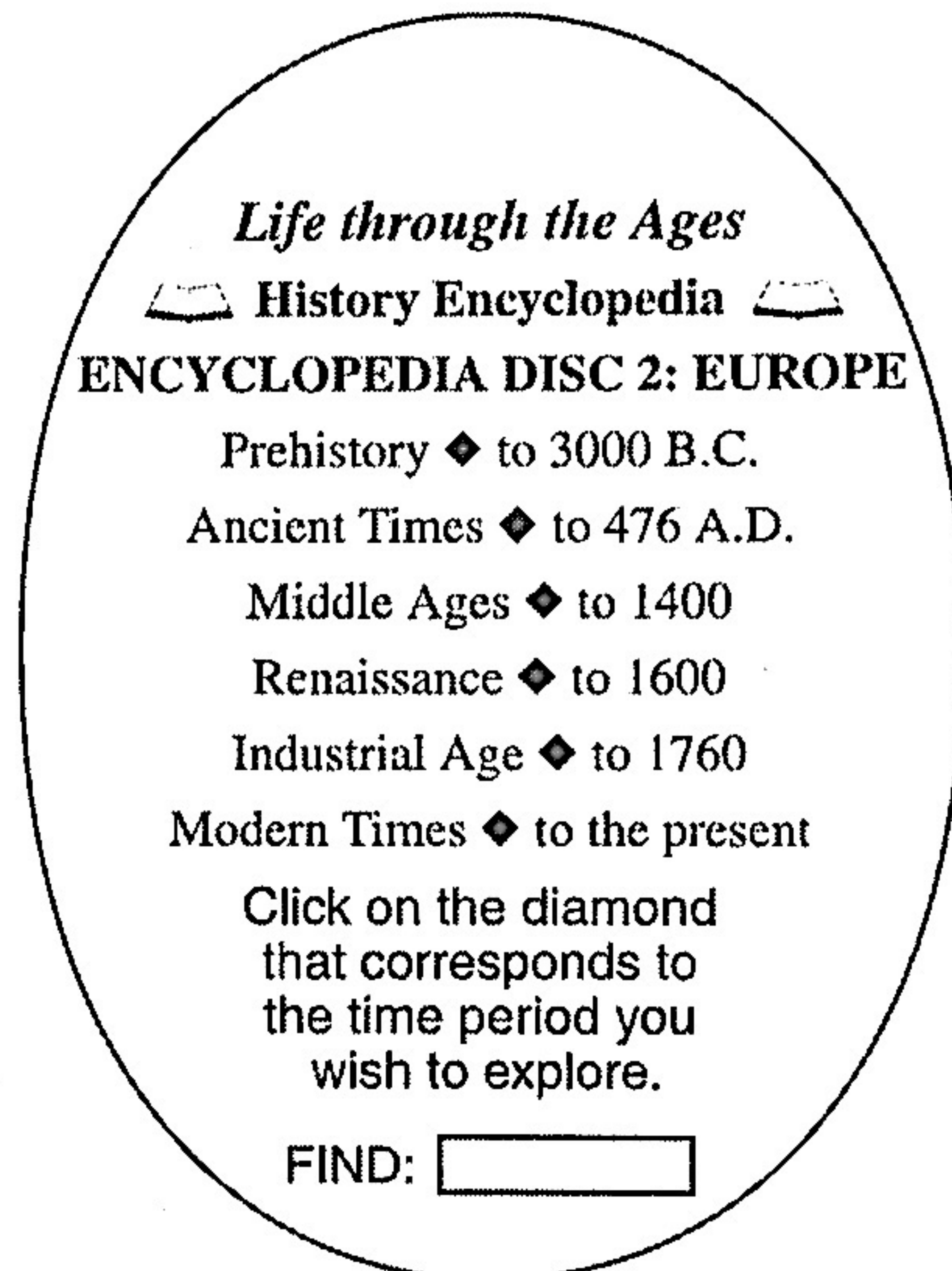
Miguel's teacher has asked the students to conduct research about what it was like to live in another time and to write about what they learn. Miguel wants to write about boys who became knights in the Middle Ages.

26' To complete this assignment, Miguel will write a

- A book review.
- B narrative poem.
- C factual report.
- D persuasive essay.

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27 Miguel used this CD-ROM encyclopedia to help him research his topic.



To find information about his topic, Miguel should use the mouse to click on the diamond next to

- A 476 A.D.
- B 1400.
- C 1600.
- D 1760.

CSWD0122 014

Here is Miguel's first draft, which may contain errors.

From Boyhood to Knighthood

- 1 In tales of medieval days, we are told that brave knights wore shining armor and rode beautiful horses. They carried bright, sharp weapons. In these stories, fair maidens in distress are rescued by these knights, who seem to appear mysteriously out of the mist. The truth is that the knights of the Middle Ages did not just appear from thin air.
- 2 In times of war, a young man who fought bravely on a battlefield could become a knight on the site where he had demonstrated his courage. A king or knight could tap him on the shoulder with a sword, giving him this title of honor.
- 3 In peacetime, becoming a knight was a more lengthy process. A boy began this training when he was about seven years old. He went to live in the home of a noble family, where he served as a page. He ran errands for the family, served their meals, and learned to ride horses and handle small weapons. He also learned a code of polite behavior that was as important as learning to fight.
- 4 When a page was about fourteen years old, he became a squire. A squire served a knight who was called his lord. He took care of his lord's horse and helped him practice hunting and fighting skills. If battle broke out, a squire rode beside his lord to the end.
- 5 Most squires were knighted by the time they were twenty-one years old. If not knighted on a battlefield, the squire might be knighted in an elaborate ceremony called dubbing. He bathed, cut his hair short, and prayed all night in a chapel. In the morning, he knelt before his lord who tapped him on both shoulders with a sword. He then gave him the spurs and sword of a knight.
- 6 Either in battle or in a dubbing ceremony, the squire rose from his knees as a knight. He promised to use his bravery and fighting skills to defend the weak and protect his homeland.

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- 28 Which sentence could Miguel *best* add at the end of the first paragraph of his report?
- A Knights used strong horses to help them fight battles.
 - B There probably were knights in other historical periods, too.
 - C A man was not simply born a knight; he had to earn such a title.
 - D Women could not become knights unless they pretended to be men.

CSW00037.006

29. If Miguel wants to write to his cousin in Mexico about what he is learning, he should write a
- A letter to the editor.
 - B personal letter.
 - C letter of request.
 - D business letter.

CSW00026.004

The following is a rough draft of a student's report, which may contain errors.

Sequoias

- 1 The sequoia is a redwood tree that was named in honor of a Native American chief called Sequoyah. This tree is one of the largest living things on Earth. It can grow nearly 400 feet high and 30 feet across. The sequoia is also one of the longest-living things on Earth. One tree can live as long as 2,000 years. A close relative, the giant sequoia, may live 3,000 or more years.
- 2 There is evidence that suggests that sequoias were found in many parts of the Northern Hemisphere during ancient times. Today they can be found in groves along the coast of northern California and southern Oregon. They grow only in altitudes below 3,300 feet.
- 3 The sequoia's trunk can rise about 100 feet without a single branch. As the sequoia ages, its lower branches fall away. The dark brown bark of the sequoia can be as thick as 12 inches. It has deep furrows, or rows, in it, and it is very spongy. The sequoia's thick bark helps the tree survive forest fires. The bark also helps the tree resist damage from insects.
- 4 If a sequoia falls over or is cut down, it begins to grow again soon afterward. It does this by producing new sprouts from the remaining stump. However, it takes hundreds of years for the new trees to reach full size. Every year many sequoia trees are cut down to make lumber. Redwood lumber is popular because it has an attractive color and lasts a long time. Redwood lumber is used for fence posts, paneling, shingles, and furniture. There are not as many sequoias as there used to be, but people are working to preserve more of these incredible trees.
- 5 Although these trees are cut for lumber, many sequoias can be found in protected groves within California's national parks. Redwood National Park, in Northwestern California, has among its thousands of acres of redwoods the tallest known sequoia, which rises 367.5 feet into the air.

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- 30 Read this sentence from paragraph 2.

There is evidence that suggests that sequoias were found in many parts of the Northern Hemisphere during ancient times.

What is the correct way to spell the underlined word?

- A segests
- B sugests
- C seggests
- D Leave as is.

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- 31 Read this sentence from paragraph 4.

There are not as many sequoias as there used to be, but people are working to preserve more of these incredible trees.

What is the correct way to write the underlined words?

- A used to be but people
- B used to be but, people
- C used to be, but, people
- D Leave as is.

CSL00105.021

- 32 Read this sentence from paragraph 5.

Although these trees are cut for lumber, many sequoias can be found in perctected groves within California's national parks.

What is the correct way to spell the underlined word?

- A prectected
- B protected
- C pratected
- D Leave as is.

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- 33 Read this part of a sentence from paragraph 5.

Redwood National Park, in Northwestern California, has . . .

What is the correct way to write the underlined words?

- A Redwood National Park, in northwestern California
- B Redwood national park, in Northwestern California
- C Redwood national park, in northwestern California
- D Leave as is.

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