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1. **What is the article mainly about?**
   1. Why the ancient Egyptians made mummies
   2. What the study of mummies can teach us
   3. Where an ancient Egyptian mummy was found
   4. How researchers unwrap mummies
2. **According to the article, what did scientists in the past do to study mummies?**
   1. They looked through microscopes.
   2. They analyzed food remains.
   3. They cut through the bodies.
   4. They soaked the bodies in chemicals.
3. **The article says that Hatshepsut reigned in Egypt more than 3,500 years ago. This means that Hatshepsut**
   1. was the ruler of Egypt
   2. took control illegally
   3. treated Egyptians unfairly
   4. had a very long life
4. **How did scientists identify Hatshepsut’s mummy?**
   1. They used the results of DNA testing.
   2. They found her family tomb.
   3. They located her husband's remains.
   4. They decoded the writing on her mummy case.
5. **Scientists think the study of mummies could someday help to make sick people better. Use information from the article to explain why.**
6. **Bob Brier says that “mummies are crucial to medical science.” Brier means that**
   1. scientists are surprised about what mummies can teach them
   2. research on mummies should be done only by doctors
   3. scientists are worried that mummies may bring back old diseases.
   4. information about mummies is very important to doctors
7. **Explain how “Unwrapping the Past” could be seen as both a good title and a bad title for this article. Support your answer with information from the article.**
8. **What does Bob Brier mean by the phrase “to ‘read’ a mummy”?**
   1. To understand the words written on a mummy
   2. To visit museum exhibitions about mummies
   3. To gather information by examining a mummy
   4. To make sense of the stories about mummies