

Can the Amazon's Last Tribes Survive?

Choose the best answer for each of the following questions.

CHECK COMPREHENSION

1. According to the article, the world's largest isolated cultures are in

- a Central America.
- b Peru and Brazil.
- c the mountains of New Guinea.
- d the Andaman Islands.

2. Which country is sponsoring a railroad in the Amazon?

- a China
- b the United States
- c Bolivia
- d Peru

3. Which of these is NOT mentioned as a valuable resource in the Amazon?

- a diamonds
- b gold
- c timber
- d oil

4. The author calls for the prosecution of

- a nonimmunized indigenous people.
- b developers trying to build a road across the Amazon.
- c illegal loggers.
- d all of the above.

ANALYZE THE TEXT

5. The word *proWess* on the first page of the article most nearly means

- a skill.
- b isolation.
- c competition.
- d exposure.

6. The author writes that "these conflicts are the last, lingering echoes of the collision of cultures that began in 1492." His use of *echoes* is an example of

- a alliteration.
- b simile.
- c irony.
- d metaphor.

7. What does the author mean by the statement quoted in question 6?

- a Scholars and aid groups should do more to bring the cultures of native tribes into the 21st century.
- b Native tribal cultures are as unpredictable today as they were more than 500 years ago.
- c Conflicts between native peoples and villagers are growing more deadly.
- d Today's conflicts are similar to those that happened between settlers and native peoples long ago.

8. The central idea of the article is that the Amazon's indigenous tribes

- a are in danger of dying out.
- b are using up the region's dwindling resources.
- c have begun sharing their cultures with outsiders.
- d are driving the region's economic development.

IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS Please use the other side of this paper for your responses.

9. Why are some indigenous tribes fighting among themselves?

10. The article notes that remote indigenous peoples have no voice in the politics of their countries. Do you think they would want such a voice? Explain.