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**After reading Full Steam Ahead: How “Fulton’s Folly” Transformed America, answer the following questions.**

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| **1.** **What was the author’s purpose in writing this article?****A.** To tell the story of how the USS *Fulton* became the first steam-powered vessel in the American fleet.**B.** To explain how Robert Livingston and Robert Fulton met each other in France.**C.** To inform readers about how Robert Fulton’s newly built steam boat revolutionized the way Americans traveled.**D.** To inform readers about Robert Livingston’s role in purchasing the entire Louisiana Territory. |

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| **2. What does the author mean when he says that “the returning expatriate harnessed the best shipbuilding talents along New York’s East River docks to fulfill his specifications”?****A.** Robert Fulton returned to New York from France and brought with him his newly built steamboat.**B**. Upon returning from France, Robert Fulton found many talented shipbuilders in New York to help him build his new steamboat.**C.** Robert Livingston designed a new vessel and called it the North River Boat.**D.** Robert Fulton returned to New York and using only his own talents, built a new boat to meet his specifications. |

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| **3. Part A- What is the meaning of the word “glitch” as it is used in paragraph 4 of the article?****A.** A small part of a ship.**B.** An evil monster that attacks ships.**C.** A problem that has no solution.**D.**  A minor malfunction that causes a temporary setback. **Part B – Which evidence from the article supports the correct answer in Part A?****A.** “This is the way ignorant men compliment what they call philosophers and projectors.”**B.** “Fulton… soon rectified “a slight maladjustment of some of the work” and off the needle-like vessel went…”**C.** “The crowd gathered at the Christopher Street dock expected an explosion.”**D.** “…clanking and hissing, every bit a monster.” |

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| **4. How did Fulton make steamship travel more acceptable to the upper class?****A.** He made the *Clermont* a more attractive boat by hiding the boiler and the engine and providing accommodations that would make steamboat travel a more pleasant experience.**B.** He added a pair of paddle wheels to his boat.**C.** He put a sturdysteam engine on his boat.**D.** He added a fire-spewing boiler to his design. |

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| **5. Part A – What is the central idea of the article?****A.** Robert Fulton and Robert Livingston had a very successful business relationship; it even helped Fulton move up a notch in society by marrying a relative of Livingston’s.**B.** Robert Fulton’s new steamboat, the *Clermont,* ushered in a new age of travel in the United States, and changed the nation in many ways.**C.** Robert Fulton’s new steamboat was named the Clermont because that was the name of Livingston’s estate.**D.** Robert Fulton’s first steam-powered vessel sank in the Seine River, but his second steamboat, the Clermont, made a successful first voyage.  **Part B – Which evidence from the article best supports the answer to Part A?****A.** “It was a huge success, at least in the ten minutes before the hull cracked and it sank.”**B.** “Twenty-four hours and 110 miles later, it stopped at Livingston’s estate, from which the boat takes it popular name, the *Clermont*.**C.** “At that moment, the Age of Sail was doomed. America became a smaller continent, and the oceans shrank.”**D.**  “In a similar way he upscaled himself, and married Livingston’s second cousin Harriet. |

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| **6. Why did the author decide to write this article about Robert Fulton for the February 2015 edition of Smithsonian? In your answer, cite evidence from the article to support your answer.****\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |