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“Whispers from the Grave” Multiple Choice and Short Response Questions

Answer the following questions based on your reading of “Whispers from the Grave” by Katia Bachko

1. Which of the following statements about the Sarah Winchester story is true?
 - A. It is a fictional ghost story.
 - B. It is a nonfiction article.
 - C. It is fiction that seems like nonfiction.
 - D. It is based on a Hollywood movie.
2. Which of the following activities was considered a popular form of entertainment in Sarah Winchester’s day?
 - A. Going to see the moving pictures
 - B. Watching televised ghost hunter shows
 - C. Visiting a medium
 - D. Having conversations with deceased loved ones
3. What is Sarah’s connection to the famous Winchester rifle?
 - A. Her husband invented it.
 - B. Her husband was killed by one.
 - C. Her daughter was killed by one.
 - D. Her father-in-law invented it.
4. In which section of this article could a reader look for information about why Sarah felt she was being plagued by evil?
 - A. Hunting for Ghosts
 - B. Fact or Fiction?
 - C. Out for Vengeance
 - D. A cursed Obsession
5. In the third paragraph on page 6, what does the word **rattled** most likely mean?
 - A. Flustered
 - B. Deafened
 - C. Soothed
 - D. Annoyed
6. Which statement best summarized the reason Sarah built The Winchester House?
 - A. She thought a grand home would be a lovely tribute to her deceased husband and daughter.
 - B. She thought she would die if she didn’t build it.
 - C. She needed a big project to keep her mind of the things Coons told her.
 - D. She built it in hopes of her husband’s spirit returning to give her a message.

7. What is the main idea of the section subtitled, "Hunting for Ghosts"?
- A. To explain why Sarah believed in Adam Coons's words.
 - B. To explain the show *Ghost Hunters*
 - C. To explain the long history of people's fascination with the idea of spirits.
 - D. To explore whether or not ghosts are real or just imaginary.
8. What is one of the bizarre features of The Winchester House?
- A. Numerous blueprint revisions
 - B. Staircases to nowhere
 - C. Three elevators
 - D. A landmark declaration
9. Throughout the article, the word **menacing** is used several times. What is meant by the word **menacing**?
- A. Intimidating
 - B. Jovial
 - C. Eccentric
 - D. Paranormal
10. According to the article, which of these is NOT a reason ghost stories resonate with people?
- A. They serve to entertain people.
 - B. They are exciting and suspenseful.
 - C. They appeal to our curiosity about life after death.
 - D. They are historical accounts of the many people who lived before us.
11. What is one way the *Ghost Hunters* test for paranormal activity?
- A. They measure temperature changes in a room.
 - B. They sit in a room quietly and wait to hear voices.
 - C. They check the floor plans for areas where ghosts could be hiding.
 - D. They take video and check the footage for blurs or light anomalies.

Paragraph Prompts (choose 1 and complete on loose leaf with an MLA heading):

12. Decide whether or not most Americans believe in ghosts. Write a paragraph in which you use facts from the article to support your claim.

OR

13. Explain the role that fear played in Sarah Winchester's life in a well-written paragraph.