Summary
This book is about the Neo-Assyrian Empire, the world’s most powerful empire.
Look at the picture and answer the questions.

1. What is a place with little water?

2. What kind of ruler kills many people?

3. What kind of opening helps keep up a building?

4. What are the old, broken remains of a building or city?
A Read and match.

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- a. chariot
- b. library
- c. iron
- d. paved road
- e. postal service
- f. toilet
- g. terror
- h. empire
B Write the word for each definition.

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<td>1.</td>
<td>the most important city in a country, region, or state</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>to pass something down the throat</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>to return something to its former condition</td>
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<td>to take a city or people by force</td>
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<td>a ruler or leader of an area of land</td>
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C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. After the Assyrians captured a city, they took all its money, gold, and jewels.
   a. treasure   b. iron   c. tablets   d. toilets

2. The Assyrian Empire became larger and covered much of Iraq.
   a. swallowed   b. restored   c. expanded   d. captured

3. The Assyrians forced captured people to become people owned by them who had to work for free.
   a. chariots   b. diplomats   c. slaves   d. governors

4. The Assyrian government expected all people in its empire to be faithful.
   a. loyal   b. cruel   c. paved   d. postal
Comprehension

A  Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

a. The Assyrian Empire had great works of art.
b. A British diplomat discovered the ruins of Sennacherib’s palace.
c. Slaves had to work thousands of kilometers away from their homes.

1. ________  2. ________  3. ________

B  Choose the best answer.

1. Which Assyrian ruler made the laws better?
   a. Tiglath Pileser III   b. Sargon II   c. Shalamaneser V   d. Cyprus II

2. What is NOT true about Nineveh?
   a. It was the capital of the Assyrian Empire.   b. It was destroyed by enemies of the empire.
   c. it was restored by Sennacherib.   d. It was captured by Sargon II.

3. What is the Assyrian Empire known for?
   a. Its method of government   b. Its destruction of Nineveh
c. How loyal its people were   d. How kind its leaders were
Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

a. Art showing an Assyrian chariot
b. A clay tablet in Ashurbanipal
c. A large empire covering the Middle East
d. A huge palace in the capital
e. An old door lock created by the Neo-Assyrians

1. ________ 2. ________ 3. ________ 4. ________

Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. ________ The Assyrians could expand because of their skill in war.
2. ________ The Assyrian Empire created many different cultural identities.
3. ________ The Assyrians made enemies because of their cruel treatment of people.
4. ________ Ideas from the Assyrian Empire still affect our modern society.
5. ________ The Assyrians did not think that art or knowledge was important.
**Complete the sentences with the correct words.**

1. The Assyrians used ____________ to make their weapons stronger.  
   - arches  
   - iron

2. The Assyrians made the first ______________ system.  
   - postal  
   - slave

3. Tablets in the ______________ of Ashurbanipal gave us a better understanding of world history.  
   - Capital  
   - Library

4. The Assyrian Empire ruled smaller areas through ______________.  
   - governors  
   - diplomats

5. King Sennacherib ______________ the city of Nineveh.  
   - restored  
   - captured

**Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.**

- a. _______ The Neo-Assyrians captured Babylon.
- b. _______ The capital was moved to Nineveh.
- c. _______ Enemies of the Neo-Assyrians attacked Nineveh.
- d. _______ Sargon II built up the Assyrian empire.
- e. _______ The ruins of Sennacherib’s palace was discovered.
A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

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<td>The world’s first empire was the ______________ Empire.</td>
<td>The Assyrians created new ways to make war, so they became very _____________.</td>
<td>The Neo-Assyrian Empire lasted from ____________ to 612 BC.</td>
<td>The Neo-Assyrian Empire covered the whole of the _____________.</td>
<td>The Assyrians were cruel and made many enemies who finally ____________ the city of Nineveh.</td>
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B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned ____________________________________________

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Before I read this book, I knew ____________________________________

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Now I also know ________________________________________________

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