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**Answer the following questions based on what you read on page 46. Then, finish reading the story at the bottom of the page.**

**1.–5. Write T for true or F for false.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Pompeii was destroyed by a flood.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Pompeii was a town in Greece.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Pompeii was built on the Bay of Naples.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ In the year 62 A.D., Pompeii was destroyed by an earthquake.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Everyone in Pompeii knew that Mount Vesuvius was a volcano.

6. Which of the following words BEST completes this sentence?

A volcano explodes, or \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. exits
- b. interrupts
- c. erupts
- d. erodes

7. The first part of the story describes all of the following EXCEPT—

- a. what scientists have found in Pompeii.
- b. how people who were hiding in the town of Pompeii died.
- c. what Pompeii was like before the volcano exploded.
- d. where Pompeii was located.

Thousands of people were killed in Pompeii by the ash, the rain of rocks, and the blast of heat from the surge cloud. The people who escaped and returned weeks later found that the whole town was buried. They tried to dig tunnels into the town to find their houses and the bodies of those who had died. But, it was too hard. After a while, the people gave up.

Pompeii was a tomb. It remained buried for 1,700 years. It was not until the 1700s that people first started to dig up the buried town. The ash and mud had protected the city. Whole houses were still standing. The paintings on the walls were still clear. Scientists could even make casts of the bodies that they found. They were so detailed that they showed the expressions on the people's faces. Scientists have learned so much from this ancient place that was both destroyed and "saved" by a volcano.

