

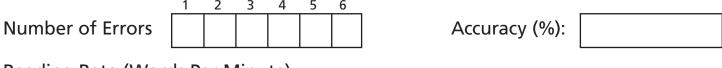
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For years, Native Americans lived around the place that would become Philadelphia. Then, in the 1600s, explorers from Europe began to explore the area. They were drawn by the many natural resources.	8 16 25 32
In 1682, the King of England gave William Penn a large	43
area of land surrounding this place. Penn decided to build	53
a city where others had lived before him. It would be the	65
capital of his colony. He began by building his own home,	76
which was the first brick house built in this country.	86
The city grew quickly. It was located on water and land	97
trade routes. This helped it become a busy shipping center.	107
New businesses started. By 1760, it had become the largest	117
city in the land. Because so many leaders lived there, it also	129
became the birthplace of our government.	135



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