Questions about *Taj Mahal*

**Directions:** Read each question and write a sentence or two in response.

1. Where did Kurram and Arjumand first meet?

2. When Kurram asked his father, Jahangir, for permission to marry Arjumand, what did his father say?

3. Why was Kurram’s name changed to Shah Jahan? What does the name mean?

4. Who changed Arjumand’s name? What was her new name and what does it mean?

5. Where was Shah Jahan when his father died?

6. What were the last words that Mumtaz Mahal spoke to her husband?

7. Once the Taj Mahal was completed, Shah Jahan “envisioned a tomb for himself on the opposite bank of the river. Mirroring the Taj Mahal, the tomb would be made of black marble instead of white.” Why did he want his tomb to be black instead of white?

8. Why was the Mughal Empire considered to be one of the richest in 14th century Asia?

9. Who was Shah Jahan’s son and how did he betray his father?

10. How did Shah Jahan spend the last 8 years of his life?

11. Is this piece of writing fiction or non-fiction? Why do you think so?