

Dr. Anthony Fauci Reading Comprehension

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BACKGROUND

Dr. Anthony Fauci (pronounce FOW-CHEE) is a world renowned immunologist. An immunologist is a doctor that specializes in the human immune system. Fauci is currently the head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), a post he's held since 1984. He's often called the "nation's leading expert on infectious diseases", and thus, has served as the voice of the medical community and United States Government concerning the COVID-19 virus (Coronavirus).

EARLY LIFE

Fauci was born in Brooklyn, New York, on December 24, 1940. His parents were pharmacists, and Anthony (known as Tony by his friends) helped them by delivering prescriptions. Fauci attended Holy Cross University and Cornell Medical School.

MEDICAL CAREER

Fauci's illustrious career in medicine began when he was hired as a clinical associate at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He proved to be an extremely hard worker and took on important research and administrative positions in the infectious diseases department at NIH. Fauci's research has led to the development of therapies for diseases that were once fatal and has headed research on the prevention and treatment of diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria, and various respiratory illnesses. He has also conducted extensive research on HIV/AIDS and the EBOLA virus, and is considered one of the world's leading experts on both.

COVID-19

Fauci is one of the world's foremost voices concerning the COVID-19 virus that spread across the world in 2019 and 2020. As head of the NIAID, Fauci has developed protocols and recommendations for slowing the spread of the virus. He has also served as the government's chief communication officer concerning information on the virus. He has appeared in numerous press conferences and news shows to communicate vital information, recommendations, and facts about COVID-19 to the American public and beyond.

- 1. Which of the following best describes Dr. Anthony Fauci?**
 - a. An American immunologist
 - b. An American doctor who is conducting research on the COVID-19 virus.
 - c. An American immunologist who has headed research for many diseases, including the COVID-19 virus
 - d. An American immunologist who is considered the world's foremost expert on cancer.

- 2. Which of the following IS NOT one of Fauci's responsibilities?**
 - a. To inform the American public about guidelines and recommendations for preventing the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
 - b. To serve as the medical voice of the United States Government concerning the COVID-19 virus.
 - c. To make sure the public has up-to-date information about the COVID-19 virus.
 - d. To make laws about where people who have the COVID-19 virus can stay and recover.

- 3. Which experience LIKELY influenced Dr. Fauci's career choice?**
 - a. Enrolling in Cornell Medical School
 - b. His experience working in his parents' pharmacy
 - c. His research on tuberculosis, AIDS, and EBOLA
 - d. Recommendations from friends and family

- 4. Which of the following best describes the meaning of "protocols" in the following sentence?**

As head of the NIAID, Fauci has developed protocols and recommendations for slowing the spread of the virus.

- a. Requirements
- b. Steps to Follow
- c. Suggestions
- d. Information

5. If the answer to a question is:

“He has appeared in numerous press conferences and news shows to communicate vital information, recommendations, and facts about COVID-19 to the American public and beyond.”

What could the question be?

- a. What experience does Dr. Fauci have with COVID-19?
- b. How did Dr. Fauci become head of the NIAID?
- c. How has Dr. Fauci helped to education people about COVID-19?
- d. What research has Dr. Fauci conducted in regards to COVID-19?

6. In which of the following paragraphs would the following sentence fit?

“In 2008, Dr. Fauci was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest possible civilian award.”

- a. Background
- b. Early Life
- c. Medical Career
- d. COVID-19

7. Which question IS NOT answered in the passage?

- a. What diseases as Dr. Fauci conducted research on?
- b. What recommendations does Dr. Fauci make on avoiding the COVID-19 virus?
- c. Why is Dr. Fauci called “nation’s leading expert on infectious diseases”?
- d. When did the COVID-19 virus start spreading across the world?