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Reading – *Cyprus and the Other*

Read the article *Cyprus and the Other* carefully. Answer the questions below, using complete sentences.

1. How long and wide is the island of Cyprus?
The island is 160 miles long and 60 miles wide at its widest point.
2. What body of water surrounds the island?
The Mediterranean Sea surrounds the island.
3. Why has Cyprus been described as a “crossroads of history”?
Cyprus has been a place where sea travelers from Europe, Africa, and Asia could rest and find fresh water and supplies. It was also a supplier of copper. It controlled the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea.
4. List three cultures that have conquered or influenced Cyprus in its history.
Phoenician - Ancient Greek – Roman – Crusaders – Lusignans – Egyptians – Byzantine – Ottoman - British
5. What two major world religions have influenced the island?
The two major influential religions on Cyprus have been and are Christianity (Greek Orthodox) and Islam.
6. When did the UN (United Nations) arrive to help keep peace in Cyprus?
The United Nations arrived in 1974 with a peacekeeping force to stop the civil war.
7. What two major cultures dominate Cyprus today?
The two major cultures that dominate Cyprus today are Greek and Turkish.
8. What is “The Green Line”? Who established it?
“The Green Line” is a buffer zone that separates Greek Cyprus from Turkish Cyprus, and was established by the UN.
9. Why is Cyprus still divided?
The two sides have not been able to agree on how they can come together.
10. If you were in charge of solving the Cyprus problem, what kind of resolution might you try to help them unify?
Answers will vary.