Larry Bird Answers

True/False Questions:

- 1. **False** Larry Bird grew up in a poor family.
- 2. **True** Larry Bird won the NBA's Most Valuable Player (MVP) award three times.
- 3. **False** Larry Bird was known for being smart and skilled, not for being fast and strong.
- 4. **True** Larry Bird's team lost the college championship game in 1979.
- 5. **True** After retiring, Larry Bird became a coach and executive for the Indiana Pacers.

Open-Ended Questions:

- 1. How did Larry Bird practice basketball when he was young?
 - He practiced every day in his neighborhood, working hard to get better at the game.
- 2. What year did Larry Bird start playing in the NBA?
 - o Larry Bird started playing in the NBA in 1979.
- 3. What special skill made Larry Bird different from other faster or stronger players?
 - Larry Bird was very smart and could see the game in a special way. He made smart decisions on the court.
- 4. How many times did Larry Bird win the NBA Finals MVP award?
 - o He won the NBA Finals MVP award two times, in 1984 and 1986.
- 5. What was Larry Bird's role with the Indiana Pacers after he retired from playing?
 - He became a coach and later a team executive for the Indiana Pacers.