

Reading Check

Directions: Recall the ideas and information in Samuel Johnson’s work of nonfiction. Then answer the questions in phrases or sentences.

1. What does Johnson say is all that a writer of dictionaries can hope for?

2. Why did Johnson seek quotations from writers for the dictionary?

3. What did Johnson hope that the quotations he wanted to include in the dictionary would achieve beyond illustrating words?

4. What decision did Johnson make when he began to alphabetize the entries in his dictionary?

5. To what did Johnson devote his dictionary?
