

RW question 15

Rabinal Achí is a precolonial Maya dance drama performed annually in Rabinal, a town in the Guatemalan highlands. Based on events that occurred when Rabinal was a city-state ruled by a king, _____ had once been an ally of the king but was later captured while leading an invading force against him.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A) *Rabinal Achí* tells the story of K'iche' Achí, a military leader who
- B) K'iche' Achí, the military leader in the story of *Rabinal Achí*,
- C) there was a military leader, K'iche' Achí, who in *Rabinal Achí*
- D) the military leader whose story is told in *Rabinal Achí*, K'iche' Achí,

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Key Explanation: Choice A is the best answer. This choice ensures that the introductory participial phrase “Based on events that occurred when Rabinal was a city-state ruled by a king” appears immediately before the noun it modifies, “Rabinal Achí.”

Distractor Explanations: Choices B, C, and D are incorrect because “Based on events that occurred when Rabinal was a city-state ruled by a king” should appear next to the words it modifies, “Rabinal Achí,” whereas all these choices result in dangling modifiers.