Answer Key

WRITERS ON WRITING

Students' responses will vary. A sample response follows:

1. Yolen says that fairy tales and folklore were created by specific communities in specific eras with specific morals. Their lessons may not apply to our world today, so you must look beneath the surface and question their authority.
2. She realizes that Rumplestiltskin is the only character in the story that does everything he promises. All the other characters lie and trick each other.
3. Yolen wonders if it is based in part on the fact that many Jewish people in Germany throughout history were treated like Rumplestiltskin. This story may have been a representation of the treatment of Jewish people when the story was written.
4. She believes that these old stories helped keep a community united by suggesting that those inside the community are good and those outside are bad. She believes you have to view these stories based on who is telling them and what purposes are they are serving.
5. I would write a folk tale about Tiger Woods never losing a golf match and defeating evil spirits who try to make him miss all the big putts. The evil spirits would represent all of the sports writers and other golfers who would like to see Tiger fail. The whole story would be about a hero always working hard to do his best in spite of others wanting him to fail.

DIAGNOSTIC TEST

1. A	5. A	9. B
2. D	6. D	10. A
3. A	7. B	
4. B	8. D	

LITERARY FOCUS

Understanding Myths

1. T	4. T	7. F
2. F	5. F	8. F
3. T	6. F	

Understanding Folk Tales

9. told orally
10. talking animals
11. author
12. motifs; bravery
13. flew
14. beliefs; generation
15. instruct; consequences

READING FOCUS

Activity 1: Making Predictions

1. F	4. F	7. F
2. T	5. T	8. T
3. F	6. F	

Activity 2: Making Generalizations

9. YES	11. NO	13. YES
10. YES	12. NO	14. NO

LITERARY AND ACADEMIC VOCABULARY

Activity 1 Literary Vocabulary

1. myth
2. moral
3. escape story
4. animal tale
5. motif
6. folk-tale

Activity 2 Academic Vocabulary

7. A	9. C
8. B	10. C

ORPHEUS, THE GREAT MUSICIAN
RETOLD BY OLIVIA COOLIDGE

Reading Focus Graphic Organizers
Summarizing a Myth

Students' responses will vary. A sample response follows:

Title: "Orpheus, the Great Musician"
Author: Retold by Olivia Coolidge
Main Characters: Orpheus; Eurydice, a nymph and his soon-to-be bride; Hades, god of the underworld
Conflict: Orpheus wants to get Eurydice back after she dies and goes to the underworld.
Main Events: Eurydice is bitten by a snake and dies on the day she is to marry Orpheus;

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