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Amelia Earhart

1. d **2.** c **3.** d **4.** c
5. c **6.** d **7.** d **8.** a
9. c **10.** d **11.** b **12.** b

13. Answers will vary but should include: *the fact that no trace of her or her plane was ever found. It was an intriguing mystery, and many people tried to come up with an explanation.*

14. Answers will vary.

Arthur's Bad News Day

1. a **2.** d **3.** b **4.** d
5. c **6.** a **7.** b **8.** a
9. d **10.** c **11.** d **12.** b

13. Answers will vary, but should include: *why the person was initially not liked, and why later he or she was.*

14. Answers will vary. Example: *I really like after school when I go to gymnastics class because I really like tumbling.*

The Castaway Pines

1. a **2.** c **3.** d **4.** a
5. b **6.** a **7.** b **8.** b
9. b **10.** a **11.** d **12.** a

13. Responses will vary. Sample: *The trees would like to be Christmas trees because they would be in a warm house with people singing, have lights, tinsel and garland on them and packages under them; they would like to be the center of attention during the holiday.*

14. Responses will vary. Possible answers would include: *the little Pine would be cared for, fed, and watered. It will sleep during the winter and the logger will be with it in the spring. Its pinecones will grow a new forest.*

Castles

1. d **2.** a **3.** b **4.** b
5. d **6.** a **7.** a **8.** b
9. b **10.** b **11.** d **12.** c

13. Responses will vary somewhat but would include that: *the main idea of this book was to explain the appearance, history, purposes, and people who lived in European castles during the Middle Ages.*

14. Answers will vary.

Chili Pepper Powder Surprise

1. b **2.** a **3.** a **4.** d
5. c **6.** b **7.** d **8.** c
9. b **10.** a **11.** c **12.** d

13. Answers will vary, but should take a position and support it with details from the story. Sample: *I think Trisha's uncle was right to be upset because the horse was his favorite thoroughbred, Trisha knew she shouldn't be riding the horse, and she almost got hurt.*

14. Answers will vary, but should include the following ideas: *walk away from the person daring her, ask for help from adult when she's feeling uneasy about something, follow her own thoughts about what is right and wrong.*

China

1. a **2.** b **3.** d **4.** d
5. b **6.** d **7.** a **8.** a
9. a **10.** d **11.** b **12.** b

13. Answers will vary.

14. Possible answers include: *writing, paper, gunpowder, silk cloth, kites, porcelain, compass; foods we get from our local Chinese restaurant; festivals that we may celebrate in our neighborhoods such as Chinese New Year; sports; action heroes such as Jackie Chan, etc.*

Chinzaemon the Silent

1. b **2.** a **3.** c **4.** a
5. b **6.** d **7.** b **8.** b
9. d **10.** a **11.** a **12.** b

13. Responses will vary somewhat but would include the idea that: *other people thought Chinzaemon was whispering things about them into the prince's ear before they asked favors of the prince. The people thought Chinzaemon could affect whether they got their wish, so they gave him valuable things and money so he would speak well about them to the prince and the prince would grant their request.*

14. Responses will vary. Possible answers would include: *what Chinzaemon would do now that he is rich and owns land.*

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Coral Reefs

1. b **2.** c **3.** a **4.** b **5.** d
6. a **7.** d **8.** c **9.** b **10.** b

11. Answers will vary but should include these ideas: *people can follow the rules and laws when visiting reefs; never throw things in the water; learn what makes bacteria grow; and learn what makes oceans warmer.*

12. Answers will vary. Example: *If all coral reefs were destroyed, then fish would have no places to hide from predators; moray eels would have to look for other homes; people would have a harder time catching fish; and medicines from reefs would not be available.*

Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Tsunamis

1. d **2.** c **3.** d **4.** a
5. d **6.** a **7.** a **8.** b
9. d **10.** c **11.** d **12.** a

13. Answers should include the idea: *Lava melts snow, which creates floods and mudslides.*

14. Answers will vary.

Eleventeen

1. d **2.** d **3.** a **4.** d **5.** b
6. c **7.** a **8.** b **9.** b **10.** b

11. Answers should include two of the following: *She could walk into stores like a cool teenager; she could choose how long she stayed in a store; she could decide which store to go to next; she could look at something for as long as she wanted.*

12. Answers will vary. Example: *I can walk my dog by myself around the block. I like this because it is fun to be by myself with my dog.*

Emily

1. b **2.** a **3.** c **4.** b
5. c **6.** d **7.** c **8.** b
9. a **10.** a **11.** d **12.** b

13. Answers will vary. Example: *Yes, Mary's mom wanted Mary to like Harry and wanted her to be happy.*

14. Answers will vary. Example: *No, Mary misses spending time alone with Mom; Mom spending time with Harry makes her jealous.*

Extreme Animals

1. a **2.** c **3.** b **4.** a
5. b **6.** d **7.** c **8.** d
9. c **10.** b **11.** b **12.** c

13. Answers will vary. Example: *The author's purpose was to inform, and she wanted readers to learn interesting facts about some extreme animals.*

14. Answers will vary, but should include: *one animal from the book, the animal's characteristics, and valid examples.*

Famous First Ladies

1. b **2.** a **3.** c **4.** d
5. b **6.** d **7.** b **8.** c
9. d **10.** b **11.** a **12.** d

13. Answers will vary.

14. Answers will vary.

Fireworks

1. b **2.** d **3.** c **4.** c
5. b **6.** a **7.** b **8.** d
9. a **10.** b **11.** a **12.** a

13. Responses will vary somewhat but would include: *fireworks can explode, a hand could be blown off, sparks could go into eyes, fires can happen, and also smoke and noise. Safety tips would include watching from a safe distance, never picking up debris, wearing ear and eye protection, have water handy, and never lighting any without an adult to assist.*

14. Answers will vary.

First Day of School

1. d **2.** a **3.** b **4.** c
5. b **6.** c **7.** a **8.** b
9. b **10.** d **11.** d **12.** c

13. Answers will vary. Example: *As a new student, I would probably be nervous about meeting new people, as Sarah was. I would also want to look my best.*

14. Answers will vary. Example: *Yes, Sarah knew to visit the school before the first day and she said the kids were exactly like the kids everywhere else.*

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The Footprint

1. c **2.** d **3.** a **4.** a
5. c **6.** d **7.** d **8.** b
9. d **10.** a **11.** d **12.** c

13. Answers will vary but should include these ideas: *they had found the print in mud that had hardened because it hadn't rained, and the print was on the top layer of the ground.*

14. Answers will vary but be similar to: *I would like to find out more about my favorite basketball player. I could get more information about him on the Internet or in sports magazines.*

The Golden Flute

1. c **2.** c **3.** a **4.** d
5. d **6.** d **7.** b **8.** a
9. d **10.** a **11.** b **12.** b

13. Answers will vary but would likely include: *Bayberry had to work very long and hard to kill the dragon just like it is long and hard work to dig a deep well and to pull roots or weeds; Little Red is saying that it is important to be thorough when doing a task.*

14. Answers will vary.

Horseshoes Aren't Just for Good Luck

1. d **2.** c **3.** a **4.** a
5. c **6.** a **7.** c **8.** b
9. a **10.** c **11.** c **12.** b

13. Answers will vary but should include logical outcomes. Sample: *The narrator might have gone into the ocean and drowned.*

14. Answers will vary but should include accurate details. Sample: *I think the narrator will remember saving a lot of horseshoe crabs by throwing them back into the ocean.*

How Glooskap Found Summer

1. c **2.** b **3.** d **4.** d
5. c **6.** d **7.** a **8.** b
9. c **10.** b **11.** a **12.** d

13. Answers will vary. Sample: *I do like to have both seasons because I can play in the snow in the winter and swim in the lake in the summer.*

14. Answers should include the idea: *Summer was powerful and could help Glooskap defeat Winter, who was starving his people.*

The Legend of Nessie

1. b **2.** a **3.** d **4.** d
5. b **6.** d **7.** c **8.** a
9. c **10.** a **11.** b **12.** d

13. Answers should include: *scientists did find a large, moving object deep in the loch, but didn't know what it was.*

14. Answers will vary. Sample: *I don't believe Nessie is a real animal because I don't think an animal could have lived for so long.*

The Little Fir Tree

1. c **2.** d **3.** d **4.** a
5. a **6.** c **7.** d **8.** a
9. b **10.** a **11.** b **12.** c

13. Answers will vary but would likely include: *how the author uses the word "he" to tell about the tree; when the fir tree feels excited while waiting for people to come; when it feels disappointed the people don't pick him; when he felt so good to be decorated and sung to; when he felt sad the family was ignoring him, etc.*

14. Answers will vary but would likely state: *the tree really liked being the center of attention and being part of a family.*

Mermaid in a Teacup

1. b **2.** b **3.** a **4.** a
5. c **6.** b **7.** c **8.** d
9. a **10.** c **11.** d **12.** a

13. Responses will vary. Possible answers would include: *whether the student believes Hattie or doesn't and two ideas to support this view.*

14. Responses will vary somewhat but answers would include: *water seeps down from the mountain onto the rock and makes the rock appear to cry.*

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Mike Van Zee: Special Olympian

1. c **2.** b **3.** a **4.** b
5. a **6.** d **7.** b **8.** a
9. b **10.** d **11.** b **12.** a

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should include the idea: *Coach Pat found that Mike wanted to work hard and try to improve.*

14. Answers will vary but should include yes or no and a reason for the answer. Sample: *I would like to meet Mike because he sounds like someone who likes to do a lot of fun things.*

Morty and the Oatmeal Babysitter

1. a **2.** a **3.** d **4.** c
5. d **6.** a **7.** c **8.** a
9. d **10.** a **11.** c **12.** d

13. Answers will vary but should state whether the punishment was fair and at least one supporting reason.

14. Answers will vary. Sample: *I am like Morty Mouse because I sometimes have to help take care of my little brother. But I do not put my little brother in an oatmeal bath.*

Morty and the Suitcase Caper

1. d **2.** a **3.** d **4.** c
5. a **6.** b **7.** d **8.** b
9. b **10.** a **11.** c **12.** d

13. Answers could be either but need to be supported with facts from the story. Example: *I think his grandparents would be proud of Morty because he admitted right away that it was his fault that his sister didn't have any of the things she needed.*

14. Answers will vary but need to give two reasons. Example: *I am like Morty because I like to inline skate and I have grandparents who live on a farm.*

Morty and the Teacher's Apples

1. b **2.** a **3.** b **4.** d
5. b **6.** c **7.** c **8.** d
9. a **10.** b **11.** a **12.** c

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should include: *he had to spend a lot of time cleaning all the rotten apples out of Miss Snickerwiser's car, he was sick of the smell of these apples and the smell would remind him of the prank he had played.*

14. Answers will vary. Sample: *I would have asked Morty if he really had thought about the trouble he was causing for Miss Snickerwiser and if she deserved to be treated this way.*

My Earth Day Birthday

1. b **2.** c **3.** d **4.** b **5.** d
6. a **7.** c **8.** c **9.** a **10.** a

11. Answers will vary but should include valid supporting reasons for choosing one event from the fair as the best.

12. Answers will vary but should include valid supporting information from the text. Example: *I think Tara did a good job because she worked hard to organize things and helped the other students with their projects.*

Mystery at Camp White Cloud

1. c **2.** d **3.** a **4.** b
5. c **6.** b **7.** a **8.** d
9. d **10.** b **11.** c **12.** b

13. Answers will vary but would likely include: *he understood how she felt and/or he felt bad that he had been so involved with camp that he had been ignoring her.*

14. Answers will vary but should include the main ideas of the story such as: *there were problems at camp and everybody thought a ghost, Old Man Looper, was haunting the camp and trying to get everyone to leave. It turned out that she and her friend, Gil, solved the mystery and discovered it was the daughter of the camp director.*

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The New Soccer Ball

1. b **2.** d **3.** c **4.** a **5.** d
6. c **7.** a **8.** c **9.** b **10.** d

11. Answers will vary but should include information about what the students learned. Example: *I think the students learned that you shouldn't be mean to someone just because they come from another country and are different from you.*

12. Answers will vary but will likely include the idea that refugee camps are important because they help people who have to flee their homes because of wars.

On Eagle River

1. b **2.** a **3.** c **4.** d
5. c **6.** a **7.** d **8.** b
9. d **10.** c **11.** a **12.** a

13. Answers will vary, but should include a yes or no response with a supporting detail from the text. Examples: *Yes, it made Devon relax and realize how silly the story was. It made fishing fun with Grandpa. No, the story made Devon scared of alligators and fishing.*

14. Answers will vary, but should include the idea: *Clay and Grandpa are very similar characters so the story might be slightly different, but would probably be similar.*

Plight of the Polar Bear

1. b **2.** d **3.** d **4.** b
5. a **6.** c **7.** c **8.** a
9. d **10.** a **11.** d **12.** b

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should include the following idea: *The numbers of polar bears are decreasing because of melting ice caps in the Arctic caused by global warming.*

14. Answers will vary. Sample: *I could teach my family and friends about how global warming is causing problems for the polar bears, and I could ride my bike to my friends' houses instead of asking my mom or dad to drive me there.*

Robin Hood and the King

1. b **2.** b **3.** a **4.** d
5. c **6.** c **7.** d **8.** b
9. a **10.** d **11.** a **12.** a

13. Answers will vary but should include valid supporting information. Sample: *King Richard was a good king because he cared about his subjects. He put himself at risk to see Robin Hood and was fair to him and his men.*

14. Answers will vary. Sample: *I would like to meet Robin Hood and his Merry Men because I would like to see them shoot arrows at a target.*

Salmon: A Link in the Food Chain

1. c **2.** a **3.** d **4.** b
5. a **6.** d **7.** b **8.** a
9. d **10.** d **11.** b **12.** d

13. Answers will vary, but should include: *salmon are a link in the food chain that includes many animals, even humans. If a salmon is poisoned, it will die, and the animals above it on the food chain will have to find other sources of food or won't eat.*

14. Answers will vary, but should include: *bears need to eat a great deal of fat during the summer and fall to make it through winter hibernation; and salmon, especially the skin, contains a lot of fat.*

Sharks

1. b **2.** d **3.** d **4.** b **5.** b
6. b **7.** d **8.** a **9.** a **10.** a

11. Answers should be similar to this one: *Different sharks eat different kinds of food, but most sharks eat meat.*

12. Answers should include at least two of the following: *few shark babies live to become adults; people are afraid of sharks so they want to kill them; sharks are killed and used for many purposes.*

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SPRAK!

1. d **2.** a **3.** d **4.** a **5.** b
6. a **7.** b **8.** b **9.** c **10.** c

11. Answers should include a variation of these ideas: *They all wanted to help other people, or it made them feel better to help other people.*

12. Answers will vary somewhat but likely will include this idea: *random acts of kindness might encourage more people to help others.*

Summer Olympics Events

1. b **2.** a **3.** a **4.** d
5. b **6.** a **7.** d **8.** a
9. c **10.** b **11.** c **12.** a

13. Answers will vary. Example: *I would like to compete in the balance beam event because I have great balance and I like to flip and twirl.*

14. Answers will vary. Example: *The pentathlon requires the greatest overall strength because athletes have to perform many tasks that all use different parts of their bodies.*

Sweet Potato Challenge

1. c **2.** a **3.** d **4.** c **5.** a
6. d **7.** b **8.** d **9.** d **10.** a

11. Answers will vary but should include this idea: *Grandma and Grandpa both liked Lantanya's dish so well they wanted it to be part of their family's recipes.*

12. Answers will vary but should be similar to: *My aunt makes the best chocolate cake. I think it would win a contest because it has chocolate chips in it and special cream cheese filling.*

The Three-R Plan

1. b **2.** a **3.** c **4.** a
5. d **6.** a **7.** d **8.** c
9. a **10.** c **11.** a **12.** b

13. Answers will vary, but should state the idea: *The three plans worked together because people could reduce the amount of things they needed, then they could reuse the things they had, and then they could recycle anything that couldn't be used or reused again.*

14. Answers will vary, but should give two examples of reducing, reusing, or recycling.

Vincent's Bedroom

1. d **2.** c **3.** d **4.** c
5. c **6.** b **7.** b **8.** d
9. a **10.** a **11.** a **12.** d

13. Answers will vary but should include an idea such as: *the author really likes Vincent Van Gogh's painting or the author wants others to know about Van Gogh's work, etc.*

14. Answers will vary but should state whether the child likes or dislikes the painting and include an explanation of why. Sample: *I really like the painting because the stars look very bright and real.*

A Visit to Kitt Peak

1. a **2.** d **3.** a **4.** a
5. b **6.** a **7.** d **8.** c
9. b **10.** c **11.** a **12.** d

13. Answers should include the idea: *Most stars, except for the Sun, can only be seen when it is dark, so astronomers have to be up during the night and sleep during the day.*

14. Answers will vary, but all should include two reasons. Example: *I would like to go to Kitt Peak because I think studying the stars is really fun, and I would be able to see the stars through the powerful telescopes there.*

Walking in Roman Footsteps

1. a **2.** a **3.** d **4.** c
5. c **6.** d **7.** a **8.** b
9. c **10.** a **11.** d **12.** b

13. Answers should include two ideas. Possible answers: *ancient buildings such as the Roman Forum or the Colosseum; the piazza; people speaking Italian; new foods; people dressed differently; etc.*

14. Answers will vary. Example: *I think their parents asked them if they enjoyed dancing with the performers because they didn't know the girls went back in time.*

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Zookeeping

1. d **2.** b **3.** d **4.** b
5. a **6.** a **7.** c **8.** b
9. a **10.** d **11.** d **12.** b

13. Answers will vary.

14. Responses will vary somewhat but would include: *the ostriches were sitting down and couldn't get up because the ice was too slippery. Jeff sat down on a melted area and pushed each ostrich like a hockey puck across the ice to where they could get up.*

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