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Alaska: The Last Frontier

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

13. Answers will vary, but should include the ideas: *Alaska's area is much larger than its population; the population of Alaska is less than one of the smallest states; the next largest state has more than 30 times the population of Alaska, etc.*

14. Answers will vary. Example: *Oil drilling is an important part of Alaska's economy. Alaska should be able to decide what to do about oil drilling.*

All About Chocolate

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should include: *cacao beans were so valuable to the Aztecs that they used beans like money. Cortez figured he could plant and grow cacao beans and have lots of Aztec money.*

14. Answers will vary. Example: *I like chocolate a lot because it tastes really good.*

All About Kites

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

13. Answers should include one use: *fishing, spying, carrying instruments, dodging bullets, fun, etc.*

14. Answers should state yes or no with an explanation. Sample: *No I don't think the story is true because there weren't any kites then that could carry a person through the air.*

An Apple a Day

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

13. Possible answers include: *make sure to eat a balanced diet; pay attention to labels on foods; become aware of good and bad foods; talk to parents, teachers, coaches about ideas for snacks, etc.*

14. Proteins build and repair cells and are important for building strong muscles.

Arrows

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

13. Answers will vary. Example: *My code jumbles up all the letters in the alphabet. Here's the key:*
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQ
RSTUVWXYZ
SXACFJMOTUWBDZPEG
LKVHINQRY
Here's my message:
T NLPVF S ATEOFL.

14. Answers will vary but might be similar to: *Poloma could try to find out more information about the Underground Railroad or Civil War ciphers by doing an Internet search or going to the library; or she could contact someone at a local museum or historical society to tell about the arrows to see if they know any stories about it.*

Bessie Coleman

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

13. Answers will vary but should include: *there was a flight school for African-Americans opened and named after her in Chicago.*

14. Answers will vary but likely would include: *even though Bessie was born to a poor, black family she got an education, had a dream, and worked hard to prove to Americans that blacks were as smart and courageous as anyone.*

Charlene's Sea of Cortez Journal

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

13. Answers will vary but should state something similar to: *She wrote the journal so she could better remember all the interesting things she saw and did on her trip.*

14. Answers will vary but should be similar to: *I would like to have been with Charlene when she swam with the sea lions because I like to swim a lot, and it would have been so exciting to be able to play with sea lions while swimming.*

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Charly Dances 'Til It Drops

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

13. Answers should include the ideas: *Charly was happy because it was pouring rain on her garden but others in the town were upset because their parade had been rained out.*

14. Answers should include the idea: *Because Aunt Dee was a pilot she knew other pilots who were working on a cloud-making experiment that could make rain.*

Charly Did It

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

13. Answers will vary but likely will state: *that Charly would rather spend time with Aunt Dee because she is more fun to be around.*

14. Answers will vary. Sample: *I can make my grandmother smile by singing her a song.*

Charly's New Year's Revolution

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

13. Answers will vary but should include: *Apples contain nutrients that support good health; apples contain vitamins.*

14. Answers will vary but should be related to this story. Sample: *I think that Charly will sneak water to her garden and that people will find out but say it's okay because they like her garden.*

Exploring Tide Pools

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

13. Possible answers include: *move slowly and don't step on it; don't pick it up unless an adult says it's OK; keep your hands moist if you pick up an animal; be gentle; put it back in its habitat, etc.*

14. Answers will vary

Fishing in Simplicity

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

13. Answers will vary but could include: *thoughtful because he was going to give the prize to his granddaddy; determined because he didn't quit while fishing; a daydreamer since he was late to school because he was dreaming about the prize; competitive because he wanted to win the contest and the contest within the contest.*

14. Answers will vary

The Hard Stuff! All About Bones

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

13. Responses will vary but should include a fact from the book such as: *bones are important because they help animals move; large bones make blood cells.*

14. Answers will vary but should include the idea that their hands would be less flexible and precise.

How the Robin Stole Fire

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

13. Answers will vary

14. Answers will vary

Inventions

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

13. Answers will vary but should include the idea: *Inventors create something new to help make life easier while explorers are people who go new places to discover new things.*

14. Answers will vary. Sample: *Everyday I have to make my bed, and I would like to invent something that would make my bed for me.*

Morty's Roadside Refreshments

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

13. Answers will vary but should include the idea: *They would make sure they sold good lemonade and charged a fair price for everything.*

14. Answers should contain two of the following ideas: *his customers had been very generous; he and his friends had enough money to go to camp; he and his friends had made it up to their customers; his parents were proud of him.*

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Mozart

1. d **2.** c **3.** d **4.** a
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9. a **10.** b **11.** a **12.** b

13. Mozart worked so hard at his music that he forgot to eat and he became exhausted. The family was poor and couldn't afford food or call a doctor.

14. Answers will vary

Murdoch's Path

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

13. Answers may include: *don't be greedy; don't try to trick others; be polite and courteous; etc.*

14. Answers will vary

Neighborhood Mystery

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but may include: *He would be joining them to learn more about playing mariachi music on his guitar and to practice playing.*

14. Answers will vary. Example: *My favorite music is country western because it is fun to listen to and usually has a guitar in it, which I am learning to play.*

The Olympics: Past and Present

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

13. Answers should include at least one idea such as: *countries compete instead of city-states; the Games are held in places other than Olympia, Greece; there are Winter and Summer Games; there are many more events now; etc.*

14. Answers will vary. Example: *I would like to go to the Olympics because I like to watch competitions such as running and swimming.*

Only One Aunt Maggie

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

13. Answers will vary. Sample: *I would suggest she ride a bike a couple times a week.*

14. Answers should include the idea: *They were afraid Aunt Maggie's heart would quit working because she was eating the wrong foods and weighed too much.*

Raining Cats, Dogs, and Other Animals

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but a likely answer is: *Charly should have stayed at home and cleaned up the mess before Gattie got home.*

14. Answers should include the idea: *Charly would not have tried this experiment and so the house would have stayed ready for Gattie's party.*

Rattlers

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but would include: *don't bother a snake; wear long pants; keep pets on leashes; don't stick your hands under rocks or logs; and if you hear a rattle, look around calmly and back away.*

14. Answers will vary somewhat but would include: *people are afraid of rattlesnakes and have killed many; rattlesnakes were captured, killed and skinned for meat, belts, wallets and purses; rattlers have been run over by cars; and people have destroyed their habitats.*

Robin Hood Wins the Sheriff's Golden Arrow

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

13. Answers will vary, but should include accurate detail.

14. Answers will vary, but must include valid supporting argument for the position.

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Sea Turtles

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

13. Answers may vary but should include: *sea turtles have streamlined bodies, long front flippers, and hind flippers used as rudders.*

14. Answers include: *there are now laws about shrimp nets; it is illegal to collect their eggs, or to hunt them for meat; screens are being put over their nests; eggs laid too close to the water are being moved; wildlife refuges are being created where they nest; and people are giving medical attention to injured turtles.*

Ships and Boats

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

13. Answers will vary but should include a reason such as: *they carry people, they help defend coasts, they carry cars, etc.*

14. Answers should state: *steam helped bend the frames for boats and to power boats.*

Skydiving

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

13. Answers will vary but would likely include: *more formations could be done and more could be seen, a jumper would more likely to hit a target, to win a competition, or to do more acrobatics in the air.*

14. Answers will vary

Speed

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

13. Answers will vary but should state: *speed helps animals catch their prey and escape predators.*

14. Answers will vary

Storm Chasers

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

13. Answers should include: *if possible, get inside a building and go to a basement if available. If not, go to the lowest floor. Get into a hallway or interior room. Get under a heavy piece of furniture such as a desk. Stay away from windows. If outside, go quickly to the lowest area and cover your head with arms.*

14. Answers will vary

The Thesaurus

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

13. Answers may vary but should include: *both a thesaurus and a hammer are tools a person can use to do a better job.*

14. Answers may vary but would likely include: *the title of the story, The Ponderous Brute, used very interesting words; saw a picture of a dinosaur that went with the story; she knew that Angie had a good imagination, which is helpful when writing stories.*

Treasure Found

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but would likely include one of the following ideas: *Mel Fisher spent so many years searching and didn't find the ship; his son and his son's wife died during the search for the ship.*

14. Answers will vary. Example: *I would like to search for valuable antiques because my grandmother is an antique dealer, and I like to go with her when she is looking for things for her shop.*

Turtle Tom

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

13. Answers will vary but would likely include: *he wouldn't be bothered by kids who make fun of his name, because he's now proud of it and happy to know how special turtles are.*

14. Answers will vary but would likely include: *she helped him be proud of his name; he knew and appreciated sea turtles; she motivated him to study marine animals and become a marine biologist.*

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Two Artists: Vermeer's Forger

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5. d **6.** a **7.** d **8.** d
9. b **10.** a **11.** a **12.** d

13. Answers will vary. Sample: *I think he would tell him he was very angry that Van Meegeren had copied his paintings and made a lot of money from them.*

14. Answers should include one of the following ideas: *he wanted to prove to the critics that he was talented; he thought he could make a lot of money.*

Weird Bird Beaks

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

13. Answers should include the idea: *most birds use their beaks to catch food.*

14. Answers will vary. Example: *I would like to see a toucan because it has such a large and colorful beak.*

We're In Business

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

13. Answers will vary but should be similar to: *The Adams Kids Co. would like to run an after-school reading program for children and adults to encourage them to read more and become better readers.*

14. Answers will vary but should explain: *the project the student would like to see at his or her school, and a reason why the student picked that project.*

Wonders of Nature

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

13. Answers will vary but should include supporting information such as: *both are birds (similarity); bell birds have wattles, bell birds use sounds to scare away their enemies, bell birds like to eat avocados, bell birds migrate to follow ripe avocados, bower birds build and decorate bowers (differences).*

14. Answers will vary but should include supporting information such as: *beavers chop down trees to create dams (destructive); the dams flood areas and make ponds (both destructive and helpful); the ponds and wetlands become home to many other animals (helpful); the wetlands help filter and clean the water (helpful).*

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