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Adventure on the Amazon River

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

13. Answers will vary but could include: *Cammy learned how to relate to and understand people from a different culture; how to survive without all the comforts she was used to; how people from a different culture are like her in some ways; and how people who are different from her can be kind and caring.*

14. Answers will vary

Alternative Fuel Cars

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

13. Answers should include the idea: *When using hydrogen as a fuel, the waste created is pure water, which is not a pollutant.*

14. Answers will vary but likely would include: *The author wants to educate readers about why alternative fuels need to be studied and improved, and wants to inform readers about the different kinds that are now available.*

Ancient Cliff Dwellers

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

13. Answers will vary but might be similar to: *There are many artifacts left from the cliff dwellers and their ancestors who lived in the Four Corners area which prove them to be skilled artists, builders, and designers.*

14. Answers will vary but may include: *many people are interested in learning about and seeing how ancient people lived.*

Battle of the Alamo

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

13. Answers should include the idea: *the Centralists believed that everyone living under Mexican rule should be governed by a strong central government and the Texians wanted more freedom.*

14. Answers will vary somewhat but should include two events that occurred before the attack on the Alamo, such as: *Santa Anna vowed he would crush the uprising in Texas, marched his army across the Rio Grande, marched to San Antonio, demanded the surrender of the Alamo.*

Book of Blood

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

13. Answers will vary but should include: *exercise and eating right as ways to keep the heart healthy for years to come.*

14. Answers will vary but should include: *not all blood is the same, that people who are in accidents need blood transfusions, and that people with certain types of blood can only receive certain types of blood in transfusions.*

The Case of the Vanishing Anasazi

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

13. Answers will vary but likely will state that: *Jake changed his mind because Stanley was serious about learning about the Anasazi, not just to solve the mystery but also to help future generations.*

14. Answers will vary

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Everest: On Top of the World

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should include four of these facts: *cliffs of rock and ice, deep crevasses, moving slabs of ice and snow, less oxygen in the air, strong sun rays, high winds, and sub-zero temperatures.*

14. Answers will vary somewhat but would likely include: *people like adventures; like to test and challenge themselves; want to see the top of the world; and want to develop better climbing skills.*

Female Sports Stars

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

13. Answers will vary but would be similar to: *I believe that Mia Hamm's foundation that raises money for bone marrow research is the most helpful because she is helping people live longer.*

14. Answers will vary but would likely be similar to: *I have collected money for UNICEF, which helps poor children around the world. It made me feel proud and happy to be able to help others.*

Fungus Among Us

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should include two of the following facts: *yeast have only one cell, and mushrooms have more than one; some yeast can multiply from a bud, and a mushroom only multiplies from a spore; a mushroom has many parts, and yeast has only one; yeast is used to make bread rise, and mushrooms are not; yeasts are used to make beer and wine, and mushrooms are not; a mushroom can make a mycelium, and yeasts cannot.*

14. Answers will vary but should include two supporting ideas. Example: *I would like to go mushroom hunting because I like to be out in the forest and I think it would be exciting to find different kinds of mushrooms.*

Gems: Treasures From the Earth

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should include: *to find gems, strip mining destroys huge areas of land; people have been killed mining gems; and because they are rare, people have died trying to get them.*

14. Answers will vary somewhat but should include ideas such as: *the gems are valuable; the gems are special because they were owned by members of the family; the gems help younger members of a family remember their relatives; the gems are beautiful.*

How Little John Joined Robin Hood

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

13. Answers will vary but should include the ideas: *many yelled support during his fight with Little John, many jumped to his defense when Little John beat him, his men fought with him against the French leaders, etc.*

14. Answers will vary but should include the ideas: *Robin Hood believed in fairness and wanted Little John to join his band of Merry Men.*

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In the Name of Discovery

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

13. Answers will vary but should include: *Miguel remembered reading that Sir Francis Drake would trick people into thinking there were many more of his men than there really were by making a lot of noise. This gave Miguel the idea to try the same plan to rescue the professor.*

14. Answers will vary but should include: *he learned to appreciate how dangerous it was for the explorers of the past, and he was happy to just live his own life without so much excitement.*

Jazz Greats

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should include these ideas: *Louis Armstrong invented scat when his sheet music fell down and he couldn't remember the words; and Dizzy Gillespie's trumpet got bent when someone fell on it, but he liked the sound it made and had more trumpets made that way.*

14. Answers will vary

The Last Great Race

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but likely would include three of the following: *they are sturdy, tough, love to pull, have two layers of fur, like to work as a team, and will work hard to please their owner.*

14. Answers will vary

The Lost Dutchman

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

13. Answers will vary but would likely include: *Billy refused to go down the tunnel, so Mr. Martinez and Jacob went together. They told Billy he wouldn't get any gold. Billy went outside and talked to the burro, but then heard a shout of "gold." When Billy looked at the person coming out of the mine it looked like a very old man with a gold tooth. Billy said he wanted to go home to his mommy, and that's when he woke up.*

14. Answers will vary, but would likely state: *this is how Billy's daydream started, and maybe this time Mr. Martinez will really take the boys off in his truck to find the Lost Dutchman Gold Mine.*

Mexico's Fight for Independence

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

13. Answers will vary. Look for answers that explain the idea: *history shows that the Aztecs built beautiful cities, ruled over millions of people, and had great wealth.*

14. Answers will vary but should include: *a group formed to fight for independence but their plans were discovered so they had to start the fight early; there were many leaders and many battles over the next 11 years, then a revolution happened in Spain; the Mexicans tried again for independence and finally won when the Spanish commander Iturbide switched sides and conquered Mexico City for the Mexicans.*

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Mirroring Miranda

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

13. Answers will vary but would likely be similar to: *to encourage children to work hard to become writers; to encourage children to read more science fiction; to encourage children to read Miranda James' books; to explain to children how a writer gets ideas for stories.*

14. Answers will vary but should state a type of writing and why it is of interest to the student. For example: *I would like to be a sports writer and write for our local newspaper. This is because I really like to play most sports, to watch them, and to analyze what the players are doing.*

Mysterious Caves

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

13. Answers will vary but would likely be similar to: *Someone who is interested in going into a cave because they would learn the different kinds of caves, what sorts of things could be seen in the cave, and how to stay safe in the cave.*

14. Answers will vary

Natural Wonders

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

13. Answers will vary, but should be similar to: *I think the author prefers Mosi-oa-Tunya, which means smoke that thunders, because that name describes how the waterfall creates a loud noise like thunder and throws up a lot of mist that looks like smoke.*

14. Answers will vary, but should state: *the name of the site and two facts or opinions about the site that make it an interesting place to visit.*

Prehistoric Trade

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

13. Answers will vary but need to state two ways trade is different today, such as: *things that spoil can now be easily traded, trading happens more quickly today, things that are heavy can be traded, there are many more types of things traded today, etc.*

14. Answers will vary. Example: *I have a good pair of ski boots that are too small for me now, and I would like to trade them for a computer game.*

Pyramids

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

13. Answers will vary but should include: *evidence shows that the workers were highly skilled and were treated well.*

14. Answers will vary but would likely include: *the Egyptians had a very complex society; they built beautiful and complicated pyramids; they had many riches and art objects; they had a written language; they knew how to use the Nile River to their advantage; they knew how to use the stars; they developed a process for mummifying a corpse; they had a belief in the afterlife; and they carved beautiful statues.*

The Roman Empire Faces Attila

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

13. Answers should include two of the following facts: *The Huns became divided; Germanic tribes could tell the Huns were becoming weaker; Attila's sons split the empire; only Attila could hold the empire together; the Huns could no longer control the Germanic tribes that they had ruled.*

14. Answers should state: *Theodosius II agreed to give more gold to the Huns, which kept the Huns from invading the Roman Empire.*

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Sister Sleuth and the Silver Blaze

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

13. Answers will vary but should include: *Miguel's sister ends up solving the mystery of the missing horse named Silver Blaze, which makes his sister a sleuth.*

14. Answers will vary but should state: *in the beginning Miguel's sister irritated him, but in the end she helped him a lot by finding him on the moor and solving the mystery of the missing horse. This made him decide that it might be fun to have her with him for future adventures in the Great Gallardo's books.*

The Sun

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

13. Answers will vary but should include the idea: *all plants rely on the sun's energy to grow, so when we eat plants, or animals that have eaten plants, we are eating a form of the sun's energy to fuel ourselves.*

14. Answers will vary but should state: *a white or silver car would be best to stay cool because these colors would reflect the most radiant energy (or absorb the least).*

Treasure in the Puget Sound

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

13. Answers will vary but should include: *when Tim first met John Gold he was suspicious of him because he had only one leg. But Tim didn't think Gold was a ruthless pirate and Dr. Living thought Gold was honest. However, in the end Gold turned out to be dishonest and cruel.*

14. Answers will vary but should include: *John Gold planned to wait until Dr. Living and Jacks discovered the money and got it on the ship. Then he and his men would mutiny and take control of the ship, kill anyone who opposed them, and take all the money.*

Two Kettles

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

13. Answers will vary but should include valid similarities and differences.

14. Answers will vary but should include valid supporting arguments.

Volcanoes

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

13. Answers should include information such as: *The Ring of Fire is a region around the edges of Pacific Ocean. It is shaped like a ring and includes many active volcanoes.*

14. Answers should include information such as: *This book explains many things about volcanoes such as how and where volcanoes form, the differences between composite and shield volcanoes, and the different ways volcanoes erupt.*

Word Smith, Private I

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should include the ideas: *They were enemies because the PUNisher had left the grammar patrol and was now doing things that were against the rules, while Word Smith was still trying to enforce grammar correctly and work within the law.*

14. Answers will vary somewhat but would likely include the ideas: *the author enjoys wordplay and classic detective stories and wants to share this information with young readers in an entertaining way.*

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Yosemite and the Badge

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should state: *Nana's attitude about being in nature changed the most. Supporting facts: Nana was sad to leave Yosemite, Nana gave the narrator a list of other parks where she could take him so he could earn patches, she liked the view of the rushing river near their camp, she seemed eager to go to the Native American village, etc.*

14. Answers will vary. Example: *I would like to earn a badge because I live near a national park, and I really like to hike, to look at the plants, and to look for some wild animals.*

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