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Stories listed alphabetically

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 but should include descriptive words.

The Amazing Amazon

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

13. Answers will vary but likely would state: *the rainforest has plants that can be made into medicines to help cure people; it has many very interesting animals; and many good foods grow there such as chocolate, pineapples, and bananas.*

14. Answers will vary

Arrows

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

13. Answers will vary but might be similar to: *I think Poloma ran to her grandfather because she spent a lot of time with him, and she thought he would have the time to help her figure this out.*

14. Answers will vary but might be similar to: *I would try to find out more information about the Underground Railroad by doing an Internet search or going to the library; or I would contact someone at a local museum to tell them about the arrows my grandfather and I discovered and what we think they mean.*

Australia

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but likely would include: *Australia has unique animals that draw tourists and animal researchers; diamonds and natural materials for mining; beautiful beaches; and it exports meat, wool, and wheat.*

14. Answers will vary

Coral Reefs

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

13. 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.*

14. Answers will vary, but must have a reason pertaining to the type of coral chosen.

Don't Wake the Mummy

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should include: *by being able to read the name of the dead pharaoh, he woke the mummy who then chased them. But because he could read the writing, he was able to read the chant from the wall that would put the mummy back to sleep.*

14. Answers will vary

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Galapagos Wonder

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should include two of the following ideas: *sea lions are friendlier, live in larger groups, live on beaches rather than rocky shores, and are more numerous than the fur seals.*

14. Answers will vary but should state something similar to: *The Galapagos Islands are a fascinating and unique environment containing many plants and animals found nowhere else on earth.*

Get Moving! All About Muscles

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

13. Answers will vary, but should include: *if you had to think about what involuntary muscles did to make them work you probably wouldn't be living, or at least wouldn't be doing much other than thinking about breathing, pumping blood, and moving food through your system.*

14. Answers will vary, but look for answers that say: *exercise keeps muscles working properly; you can do more activities when muscles are strong; and muscles work more efficiently when exercised.*

The Great Gallardo's Books

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

13. Answers will vary, but should include: *because of his adventures with the three books, Miguel had very exciting and vivid experiences with reading that he could put into his essay about how "Reading Is an Adventure."*

14. Answers will vary, but will likely include: *the author wants her readers to think books are exciting adventures that can transport readers to new places and give them experiences they would not have otherwise.*

The Hard Stuff! All About Bones

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

13. Responses will vary but should include two facts from the book. Sample: *Bones are important because they help humans move and they make blood cells.*

14. Responses should include at least two ideas such as: *a bone may need to be put back in place in order to heal properly; the bone may need to have a cast put on it; bones begin to heal right away; it can be very painful to break a bone.*

How to Build a Greenhouse

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

13. Answers should include two of the following: *to grow flowers, vegetables, or other plants; to sell flowers, vegetables, or other plants; as a hobby; to start plants for a garden; etc.*

14. Answers will vary. Sample: *I think it would be fun to build this with my mom because she could teach me how to grow flowers.*

How Sound Works

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

13. Answers will vary but should state: *first the outer ear gathers sound, next the middle and inner ears transfer the sound to nerves, and finally the nerves carry impulses to the brain.*

14. Answers will vary but will be similar to: *I can hear the bell at school so I know when classes start and when recess is over; I can hear my dog bark to tell me when someone is coming to our door; I can hear the buzz of smoke detectors that warn me of a fire.*

The Inuit: Northern Living

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should include: *that it is important for modern children to learn and to experience how their ancestors lived so they can carry on some of the traditions.*

14. Answers will vary

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The Jr. Iditarod

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9. a **10.** b **11.** d **12.** b

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should include: *the Jr. Iditarod is similar to the Iditarod, so young people who race in it will know more about how to prepare for the Iditarod and/or whether they would really want to complete the longer race.*

14. Answers will vary but should include: *every young person who enters the Jr. Iditarod has to work very hard to prepare and participate in the race. The dedication required and all the learning gained from the experience makes each participant a success story.*

Jupiter's Secrets Revealed

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

13. Answers should include the two of the following facts: *Jupiter's rings cannot be seen from Earth; Jupiter's rings are much thinner than Saturn's; Jupiter's rings are made of dust and Saturn's are made of ice.*

14. Answers should state: *scientists have never been able to actually dig to or study the center of Jupiter.*

Microbes: Friend or Foe?

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

13. Answers will vary but should include three of the following: *cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, wash hands often and for 15 seconds, eat a balanced diet, get enough sleep each night, brush and floss your teeth.*

14. Answers will vary. Example: *The CDC monitors diseases occurring around the world because many citizens travel to other countries and can carry dangerous diseases from other countries into the United States; and the CDC wants to be prepared to prevent an outbreak.*

The Mighty Saguaro Cactus

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

13. Answers will vary but would likely include: *saguaros and maple trees both have roots, have animals that nest in them, start from a seed, and can get diseases. They are different because the saguaro has spines instead of leaves, only lives in the Sonoran Desert, grows flowers and fruit, grows very slowly, and has arms instead of branches, etc.*

14. Answers will vary but would likely include: *how it grew slowly, bloomed, had fruit and grew arms, that woodpeckers and hawks made nests and raised young in/on it, that insects and bats came for the nectar in the blossoms, that foxes and javelinas came and ate fruit that had fallen to the ground, etc.*

Mystery in the Moonlight

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should include: *someone with XP cannot be in the sunlight as it causes their skin and eyes to burn immediately and it takes a long time to heal.*

14. Answers will vary

Page's School Report

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

13. Answers will vary but should include: *they discovered their tribes were alike in many ways and thought a joint report would be more interesting and fun to do.*

14. Answers will be similar to either: *I think their joint report was better than what they would have done alone because they were able to compare the two tribes and explain how the tribes were alike and different; or*: *I think their report was not as good as what they could have done alone because they could have each put more information into their reports and not had to think about how their tribe was like or not like the other tribe.*

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Pirate Ships and Flags

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should include the ideas: *these ships could land almost anywhere, go up rivers, sneak up to attack villages, escape to shallow waters, and were easier to steer.*

14. Answers will vary but would likely include the ideas: *stealing, tricking, enslaving, and hurting people is wrong and harmful to the world.*

Robin Hood Wins the Sheriff's Golden Arrow

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

13. Answers will vary, but must include valid reasoning to support the answer.

14. Answers will vary but should include details of Robin Hood's capture or escape.

Samson: A Horse Story

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

13. Answers will vary but likely would include: *they both liked to write in journals; they both hated the smell of the farm at first; they both liked to ride horses; at first they both had a bad attitude about being on the farm, but this attitude changed.*

14. Answers will vary but might be similar to: *I used to be afraid of swimming and wouldn't go near a pool or the water at a beach. Then last summer I took swimming lessons, and now I'm not afraid of water or swimming anymore.*

Thomas Edison

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

13. Answers will vary, but should include: *one of Edison's inventions and support for why it is the most important.*

14. Answers will vary. Sample: *We are both curious and want to learn about the world around us.*

Weaving Around the World

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

13. Answers will vary somewhat but should include one of the following ideas: *Woven items hold together well; woven items can be made into many things; woven items can be very beautiful; woven things can be made from many different materials.*

14. Answers will likely state: *It is because they want to weave this the same way their ancestors did.*

Yellow Brick Roadies

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

13. Answers will vary but likely will include the following idea: *The author wanted to show how kids have choices about who their friends are and if the friends they have chosen behave badly it's right to tell them and to end the friendship.*

14. Answers will vary somewhat but should include the following idea: *Trevon was acting like he didn't have a heart because he wouldn't help Dorothy, and he only wanted to cause destruction with his superpowers.*

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