

## Unit 1 Superman

### Pre-Reading

Sample answers:

1. Yes, he does. He looks like Superman.
2. I think he can fly and is very strong.
3. Yes, I can name quite a few, like Spider-Man and Batman.

### Key Vocabulary

otherworldly  
bandits  
series  
indestructible  
saying  
villain  
origin  
supposedly

### Quick Check

childhood friends  
T  
An evil man

### Big Idea

The Story of Superman

### Understand the Details

1. b
2. a
3. c
4. a

### Write in Your Own Words

Sample answers:

1. Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, two childhood friends, created Superman.
2. Superman has been around for over seventy years.
3. Superman became so popular over time because the character had amazing powers and was also kind and brave.

### Visualize the Passage

- Cause: b
- Effects: c, d

### Summarize the Passage

1. imagination
2. childhood
3. distant
4. In fact / Linking word
5. indestructible
6. Although / Linking word
7. villain
8. hero

## Unit 2 The Hopper

### Pre-Reading

Sample answers:

1. This is a grasshopper.
2. Yes, I've read many comic books.
3. I would read it if the story were interesting.

### Key Vocabulary

assume  
disable  
revenge  
distances  
disguise  
gadgets  
command  
foremost

### Quick Check

secret identity  
A high-pitched sound  
T

### Big Idea

Creating My Own Superhero

### Understand the Details

1. a
2. a
3. b
4. a

### Write in Your Own Words

Sample answers:

1. The most important decision to make is what the superhero's secret identity should be.
2. Their special abilities set one superhero apart from another.
3. The author needs to decide what the Hopper will look like, think of where he comes from, and create the villains.

### Visualize the Passage

- Batman and Superman: a, d, e
- The Hopper: c, g

### Summarize the Passage

1. imagines
2. identity
3. so that / Linking word
4. revenge
5. disguise
6. physical
7. also / Linking word
8. disable

## Unit 3 The Great Volcano

### Pre-Reading

Sample answers:

1. I see a volcano in the picture.
2. I think it is erupting.
3. If I saw smoke coming out of a mountain, I would quickly get as far away from it as possible.

### Key Vocabulary

scenes  
erupted  
devastation  
natural disasters  
atmosphere  
inspired  
tore through

### Quick Check

erupted

F

Weather patterns changed around the world.

### Big Idea

The eruption of a volcano

### Understand the Details

1. c
2. a
3. c
4. a

### Write in Your Own Words

Sample answers:

1. The eruption of Krakatau took place during the summer of 1883.
2. The eruption of Krakatau darkened the skies. The sunsets turned blood-red.
3. The eruption of Krakatau is so famous because it was so strong and violent that people around the world felt its effects.

### Visualize the Passage

Main Ideas:

d / a / b / c

### Summarize the Passage

1. disasters
2. devastation
3. In fact / Linking word
4. atmosphere
5. homeless
6. So / Linking word
7. clues
8. erupt

## Unit 4 The Story of Pele

### Pre-Reading

Sample answers:

1. In this picture, a volcano is erupting and lava is spilling down its sides.
2. Yes, there are volcanoes in my country, but not many.
3. I think volcanoes erupt because of pressure inside the earth.

### Key Vocabulary

cursed  
mighty  
dramatic  
summit  
quench  
rangers  
faraway  
shelter

### Quick Check

islands

T

They told visitors a scary story.

### Big Idea

Pele: Goddess of Volcanoes

### Understand the Details

1. a
2. b
3. d
4. c

### Write in Your Own Words

Sample answers:

1. Pele is a goddess of volcanoes. They say that she was born on the island of Tahiti and later came to Hawaii.
2. When Pele caused a giant eruption, her sister, the sea goddess, chased her to Hawaii.
3. Park rangers still tell stories about Pele today at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

### Visualize the Passage

Answers will vary.

### Summarize the Passage

1. goddess
2. shelter
3. Today / Linking word
4. Because of / Linking word
5. rangers
6. curse

## Unit 5 The Academy Awards

### Pre-Reading

Sample answers:

1. That statue is called an Oscar.
2. The statues are given out once a year.
3. *Lord of the Rings* and *Titanic* are movies that have won Oscars.

### Key Vocabulary

actors  
reward  
announce  
prestigious  
nominate  
embarrassing  
filmmaking  
ceremonies

### Quick Check

excellence  
She thought she was the winner.  
F

### Big Idea

The history of the Academy Awards

### Understand the Details

1. b
2. a
3. c
4. a

### Write in Your Own Words

Sample answers:

1. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences gives out the Academy Awards.
2. The Academy Awards are over eighty years old.
3. One embarrassing event occurred at the 1948 ceremony. Rosalind Russell stood up thinking that she had won Best Actress, but actually she hadn't.

### Visualize the Passage

Answers will vary.

### Summarize the Passage

1. prestigious
2. nominated
3. awards
4. However / Linking word
5. embarrassing
6. ceremonies
7. Even so / Linking word
8. excitement

## Unit 6 Young Oscar Winners

### Pre-Reading

Sample answers:

1. Yes. She is an actress, and her name is Anna Paquin.
2. Yes. I often dream of going into acting and one day winning an Academy Award.
3. I would thank God, my parents, the team who made the film, and the Academy.

### Key Vocabulary

supporting actress

handful

lead

talented

defeat

cheating

nominees

deaf

### Quick Check

She won an honorary Academy Award.

F

nominated

### Big Idea

Child Actors Win Oscars Too

### Understand the Details

1. a
2. a
3. b
4. b

### Write in Your Own Words

Sample answers:

1. The Best Supporting Actress award in 1974 was significant because a 10-year-old girl, Tatum O'Neal, won it.
2. Keisha Castle-Hughes is important in the history of the Academy Awards because she almost won Best Actress at the age of 13.
3. Anna Paquin won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress, while Shirley Temple got a special Oscar but not an actual one.

### Visualize the Passage

- Before 1975: c, e
- After 1975: a, d, g

### Summarize the Passage

1. talented
2. However / Linking word
3. defeat
4. nominees
5. lead
6. Eventually / Linking word
7. achieve

## Unit 7 Hans Christian Andersen

### Pre-Reading

Sample answers:

1. I think people liked his stories so much that they made a statue of him.
2. During my childhood, my favorite books or stories were *The Hobbit* and "The Ugly Duckling."
3. No, I did not like books with no pictures when I was young.

### Key Vocabulary

host  
biographies  
unique  
shy  
evidence  
bore  
tales  
author

### Quick Check

T  
As a nice, shy man  
F  
unique

### Big Idea

Hans Christian Andersen's true character

### Understand the Details

1. b
2. c
3. c
4. d

### Write in Your Own Words

Sample answers:

1. Hans Christian Andersen stayed with Charles Dickens, another famous writer, when he was in England.
2. I think it was because Andersen was skinny.
3. Dickens was probably afraid that Andersen would come for another visit!

### Visualize the Passage

- Main Idea 1: a
- Main Idea 2: c
- Main Idea 3: e

### Summarize the Passage

1. biographies
2. author
3. host
4. Because of / Linking word
5. In fact / Linking word
6. tales
7. unique
8. sadness

## **Unit 8The Myth of the Little Mermaid**

### **Pre-Reading**

Sample answers:

1. Yes. I have seen this statue on television and in books and magazines.
2. Probably some fishermen or sailors long ago saw some fish and thought it looked half human, and their stories spread.
3. No, I don't. If there's no evidence, it's not real. / Yes, I do. Scientists don't know everything yet. Such animals might exist.

### **Key Vocabulary**

hooligans  
legendary  
inhabited  
assumed  
distracted  
encountered  
psychologists  
predecessors

### **Quick Check**

legendary  
She caused boats to run into rocks.  
encountered  
F

### **Big Idea**

A mermaid story

### **Understand the Details**

1. a
2. a
3. b
4. a

### **Write in Your Own Words**

Sample answers:

1. Hans Christian Andersen's story was different in that it showed mermaids as good characters. Sea nymphs and Lorelei were said to be often mean to human beings.
2. The story led some psychologists to use the term "Little Mermaid complex" to describe women who sacrifice too much for the men in their lives.
3. People probably attack the statue because they are angry about some issue or because they think it's fun.

### **Visualize the Passage**

- Main Idea 1: b
- Main Idea 2: c

### **Summarize the Passage**

1. Ancient
2. tales
3. inhabited
4. However / Linking word
5. predecessors
6. In the end / Linking word
7. hooligans

## **Unit 9 Australia's Wildest Animals**

### **Pre-Reading**

Sample answers:

1. This animal is the kangaroo.
2. It can be found in Australia and in zoos .
3. Kangaroos are special because they are marsupials and are found naturally only in Australia.

### **Key Vocabulary**

fossils

pouch

isolated

predators

nursing

propel

extinct

offspring

### **Quick Check**

F

predators

From fossils

F

### **Big Idea**

The Strange Marsupials of Australia

### **Understand the Details**

1. c    2. d

3. c    4. a

### **Write in Your Own Words**

Sample answers:

1. The offspring of marsupials grow and develop in their mothers' pouches.
2. Scientists find out about extinct marsupials from fossils.
3. Kangaroos have large, powerful back legs. They live on the ground and eat grasses and other plants. Koalas have four legs of equal length. They live in trees and eat leaves.

### **Visualize the Passage**

• Kangaroo: a, e

• Koala: c

• Both: b, d

### **Summarize the Passage**

1. marsupials

2. offspring

3. pouch

4. isolated

5. For that reason / Linking word

6. However / Linking word

7. extinct

8. fossils

## Unit 10 Life in the Outback

### Pre-Reading

Sample answers:

1. Yes. I go on a trip to the countryside every summer and fall.
2. Yes. My aunt and uncle live in the countryside.
3. I'd rather live in the countryside, but not too far from the city either!

### Key Vocabulary

convenience  
ranch  
untamed  
barren  
fields  
forgive  
oasis

### Quick Check

F  
oasis  
He shot a different dingo.

### Big Idea

The difficulties of living in Australia's Outback

### Understand the Details

1. b
2. d
3. d
4. b

### Write in Your Own Words

Sample answers:

1. Caleb Watts lives on a ranch in the Australian Outback.
2. Caleb enjoys playing with Archie because he is very lonely. He does not have many friends in the Outback.
3. He thought his father had killed an animal that meant a lot to him.

### Visualize the Passage

Answers will vary.

### Summarize the Passage

1. ranch
2. untamed
3. fields
4. convenience
5. oasis
6. Then / Linking word
7. forgive
8. Fortunately / Linking word

## Unit 11 A Brave New World

### Pre-Reading

Sample answers:

1. Yes, I've seen robots in many movies.
2. Robots can clean the floor or make cars and other things in real life.
3. If I could invent a robot, it would help me learn English.

### Key Vocabulary

after all

pioneers

programmed

destroyed

settlements

miraculous

laundry

casing

### Quick Check

T

laundry

Evander

### Big Idea

Life in the future

### Understand the Details

1. a
2. d
3. b
4. b

### Write in Your Own Words

Sample answers:

1. A casing covering a city burst in 2540, and the entire city was destroyed.
2. It would make it really easy to memorize whole books. Children could then produce answers like a computer without doing much thinking.
3. Evander makes sure Zordon doesn't lose track of time so he can get home on time.

### Visualize the Passage

Main Ideas:

c / a / d / b

### Summarize the Passage

1. pioneers
2. destroyed
3. casing
4. However / Linking word
5. invention
6. memorize
7. miraculous
8. Incredibly / Linking word

## **Unit 12 A Community Service Project**

### **Pre-Reading**

Sample answers:

1. Yes. I have cooked spaghetti for my mom.
2. No, I can't really. My parents always make sure I have food to eat.
3. I help out in my community by volunteering at a senior citizens' home.

### **Key Vocabulary**

volunteer  
senior citizens  
donating  
income  
adequate  
patrons  
contribution  
community service

### **Quick Check**

volunteer  
F  
Experienced cooks  
philanthropy

### **Big Idea**

Helping Other People

### **Understand the Details**

1. b
2. d
3. a
4. b

### **Write in Your Own Words**

Sample answers:

1. Students tutor children, run errands for senior citizens, and help out in a soup kitchen.
2. The writer served a meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, and salad at the soup kitchen that day.
3. The writer helped serve over two hundred people that day.

### **Visualize the Passage**

Supporting Details:

c / b / a / d

### **Summarize the Passage**

1. community service
2. Essentially / Linking word
3. income
4. adequate
5. volunteering
6. contribution
7. In fact / Linking word

## Unit 13 Amazing Athletes

### Pre-Reading

Sample answers:

1. Yes. I watch the Olympics every time they are on television.
2. Yes. One Olympic sport is weightlifting, and another is bobsledding.
3. Yes, I'd like to compete in the Olympic Games, but I'll have to train really hard.

### Key Vocabulary

gymnastics  
dedication  
potential  
showcase  
cater  
impediment  
reestablishment  
competition

### Quick Check

showcase

T

It helps their performance in certain sports.

### Big Idea

The athletes participating in the Olympic Games

### Understand the Details

1. a     2. d
3. b     4. a

### Write in Your Own Words

Sample answers:

1. The Olympic Games were reestablished in 1896.
2. Dimitrios Loundras competed in the Olympics when he was just 10 years old and is the youngest medalist in Olympic history.
3. Certain sports favor younger athletes because being small and light offers an advantage in these sports.

### Visualize the Passage

Supporting Details:

1. a     2. c     3. b     4. d     5. e

### Summarize the Passage

1. showcase
2. Understandably / Linking word
3. dedication
4. In fact / Linking word
5. gymnast
6. cater
7. Thus / Linking word
8. potential

## Unit 14 A Special Gymnast

### Pre-Reading

Sample answers:

1. Yes. Gold is for first place, silver is for second, and bronze is for third place.
2. No, I can't imagine winning an Olympic gold medal. It's an impossible goal.
3. One past Olympic gold medal winner is Jesse Owens. Another is Carl Lewis.

### Key Vocabulary

recognized  
renowned  
garnered  
exceptional  
trained  
wowed  
prodigy  
athlete

### Quick Check

F

T

world renowned

She retired from competition.

### Big Idea

The Perfect Little Gymnast

### Understand the Details

1. a    2. a
3. b    4. b

### Write in Your Own Words

Sample answers:

1. Nadia Comaneci's 1976 performance was significant because she scored the first perfect ten in Olympic history.
2. Nadia Comaneci won the European Championship before she competed in the Olympics.
3. Children train for the Olympics at a very young age because in certain sports, being small and light is an advantage.

### Visualize the Passage

Order: b, d, a, c, e

### Summarize the Passage

1. exceptional
2. recognized
3. prodigy
4. As a result / Linking word
5. Incredibly / Linking word
6. renowned
7. garnered
8. score

## Unit 15 Feral Children

### Pre-Reading

Sample answers:

1. I see a dog feeding two human children.
2. Parents protect, feed, clothe, and teach their children.
3. Wolves and humans are different in many ways. For example, wolves have fur, walk on four legs, and can't speak languages, whereas humans have hair, walk on two legs, and can speak many languages.

### Key Vocabulary

vital

feral

separated

crucial period

cruel

acquired

orphaned

clothe

### Quick Check

feral children

F

No one ever spoke to her.

### Big Idea

The importance of human contact in early learning

### Understand the Details

1. b    2. d
3. c    4. a

### Write in Your Own Words

Sample answers:

1. Parents feed and clothe their children. They also teach them language and values.
2. The crucial period of language learning is between 3 and 7 years of age.
3. He growled and crawled around on all fours like a wolf.

### Visualize the Passage

Answers will vary.

### Summarize the Passage

1. feral
2. separated
3. society
4. discovered
5. crucial period
6. For example / Linking word
7. cruel
8. As a result / Linking word

## Unit 16 I Am Kaspar Hauser

### Pre-Reading

Sample answers:

1. I think this village is somewhere in Europe.
2. Yes, I think I could survive alone in a strange city.
3. I would talk to people online if I lived completely alone. I would also keep pets.

### Key Vocabulary

gifted  
communicate  
village  
appeared  
origins  
piece together  
enthralled  
coaxed

### Quick Check

T

communicated

F

Where Kaspar Hauser had come from and what had happened to him

### Big Idea

The Mystery of Kaspar Hauser

### Understand the Details

1. c
2. a
3. b
4. b

### Write in Your Own Words

Sample answers:

1. He looked about 16 but behaved like a 4- or 5-year-old. He could barely speak or even stand or walk.
2. He taught the boy to communicate using drawings.
3. A man released him and brought him to the village.

### Visualize the Passage

Order: b, d, a, c, e

### Summarize the Passage

1. village
2. appeared
3. origins
4. Finally / Linking word
5. communicate
6. coaxed
7. enthralled
8. To this day / Linking word