

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