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# 1

Ice cream is a common treat on a hot summer day and has a surprisingly long history. In ancient Rome, they used to send runners up the mountains for snow that was then flavored with fruit and juice. Marco Polo returned from his travels through Asia with a recipe for a dessert that was similar to sorbet. In the 1600s, ice cream became more available to the public as fishing boats sailed to the Arctic and brought back a cream on top of summer day. For years, the availability of ice cream continued to grow. Without electricity, it was difficult to produce and require ice for a summer month. Advances in technology, including electricity and cheap freezers, helped ice cream become the incredibly popular treat that it is today.

1. How does the first sentence affect the rest of the selection?
  2. What is the meaning of requisite as it is used in the passage?
- a. It intrigues the reader with an interesting fact.  
 b. It establishes that the passage will focus on the history of ice cream.  
 c. It helps the reader understand how popular ice cream is.  
 d. It helps the reader avoid misunderstandings about the history of ice cream.
- a. necessary  
 b. important  
 c. optional  
 d. possible

# 2

British writer J.K. Rowling is the author of the Harry Potter book series. This author isn't known for writing with a pen, though. Her care for others made her almost as famous as her books. Rowling has given millions of dollars to different charities over the years. Many fans know that Rowling was very generous when she bought the rights to popular stories. She would buy the rights for children's books for a very low price, and she would give the rights to a poor boy. She also donated an entire year of wages to charity. She turned those wages into the most popular book series. Her charity work and donations to important causes, from medical research to prison reading programs, have had a positive impact on the world.

1. How does the last sentence develop the central idea of the selection?
  2. What is the meaning of concocted as it is used in the passage?
- a. It demonstrates that Rowling is generous like many other celebrities.  
 b. It helps the reader understand how Rowling's charity work and donations have helped the world.  
 c. It suggests that Rowling's charity work is very important.  
 d. It shows that Rowling has devoted herself to helping others in many ways.
- a. prepared  
 b. completed  
 c. created  
 d. concocted

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Maple syrup is commonly enjoyed over a tall stack of pancakes, but there are a lot of interesting facts about the sweet confection that you might not be aware of. For instance, maple syrup is made from xylem sap. This is found in the trunk, rich in sugar, maple trees use a special structure to begin to pull the sap up the trunk. In the spring, the sap flows to prepare for the summer. The tree starts to collect sap in the trunk in the fall. The sap at the end of winter. It is during this period of time that the trees are in a dormant state. A hole is made in the trunk that the sap can flow into a bucket. It takes about four years for a tree to be mature enough to tap. The sap is collected and processed by heating it until most of the water has evaporated and the concentrated syrup is left behind. For this reason, it takes many liters of sap to make one liter of maple syrup.

1. How does the last sentence develop a key concept in the selection?
  2. What is the meaning of plummet as it is used in the passage?
- a. It demonstrates that maple syrup is made from a complicated process.  
 b. It encourages the reader to be mindful about consuming maple syrup.  
 c. It helps the reader understand that maple syrup has a complicated history.  
 d. It helps explain why maple syrup is so affordable.
- a. drop  
 b. rise  
 c. plummet  
 d. increase

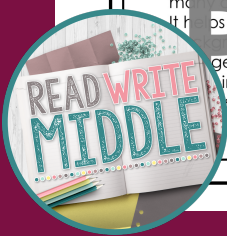
# 4

Many people dream of being in a viral video. Viral videos acquire millions of views in a short amount of time. They are quickly shared by many people. Depending on the subject, viral videos are often the topic of many news stories. What makes these videos so famous? Why do people want to watch them over and over again? Here are some questions to help you think about it. People like to share something that is interesting and fun. Some people like to see something that everyone can relate to. They enjoy watching good news and happy stories. They are also interested in seeing what others are doing. If the videos are entertaining and interesting, they are more likely to be shared. If the videos are not interesting or if they are too long, they are less likely to be shared. Creating content that a variety of people can relate to is also helpful.

1. Why did the author include questions in the passage?
  2. What is the meaning of acquire as it is used in the passage?
- a. To transition to discussing the effects of going viral.  
 b. To give the reader questions they should ask themselves as they make videos.  
 c. To transition to discussing the importance of being viral.  
 d. To transition to discussing the importance of being funny.
- a. get  
 b. reveal  
 c. learn  
 d. acquire

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# 5

For years, people all over the world have eaten ground meat and bread as part of the diet. Some say the hamburger, a ground meat sandwich, may have been invented in Hamburg, Germany. One who believed this was in 1904 at the White Star's Fair. Still others think that it was at an American restaurant and the owner named it after a German soldier he had met who ate something similar in a German restaurant. In 1911, White Castle became the first chain restaurant to serve hamburgers. Other restaurants such as McDonald's and Burger King began opening restaurants across the United States. Although it may never be known exactly where hamburgers were invented, hamburgers are now enjoyed all over the world.

1. Why did the author mention the story about the restaurant owner?
  2. What is the meaning of accolades as it is used in the passage?
- a. To show that the history of the hamburger is unclear.  
b. To show that the hamburger was created in Germany.  
c. To show how popular the hamburger has now become.  
d. To show how much influence German culture has all over the world.
- a. enlarged  
b. a part of  
c. a process  
d. happened

# 6

Camping is a popular vacation choice in the United States, Canada and western Europe. In North America, people first started camping for fun in the 1800s. By the 1960s, camping was a common vacation. Today, over 42 million Americans go camping every year. Now, camping is also a good way of camping for people who live in the city. The area is different from what you would expect. It has a cabin with a stove, a sink, and electricity. This shows that camping is now a more convenient activity. The author describes camping that incorporates elements of both traditional camping and modern camping. It includes access to beds, showers, electricity and running water. A recreational vehicle, or RV, is yet another way to experience camping. Traveling in an RV or camper is like being in a home on wheels.

1. What effect does the introduction have on the passage?
  2. What is the meaning of incorporates as it is used in the passage?
- a. The introduction shows the reader the most popular places that people go camping.  
b. The introduction explains to the reader that camping is a popular vacation idea.  
c. The introduction explains how camping is different from what you would expect.  
d. The introduction provides a complete history of camping.
- a. separates  
b. includes  
c. combines  
d. happens

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# 7

LeBron James is a professional basketball player. He was born in Akron, Ohio in 1984. He started playing basketball when he was young. James attended high school in Ohio and was named the player who gained national media attention. He was so successful and talented that he was drafted to the NBA after graduating high school. He was drafted in 2003 by the Cleveland Cavaliers as the first pick in the draft. During his extremely successful NBA career, he has won four MVP awards, the Miami Heat's Los Angeles Lakers. He has won four NBA championships and a number of other accolades. Many people consider him the greatest athlete to ever play in the NBA.

1. How do the final sentences develop the idea that LeBron James is an incredibly talented player?
  2. What is the meaning of accolades as it is used in the passage?
- a. They show that James is very talented because he has won multiple MVP awards.  
b. They prove that James has been successful since he was very young.  
c. They show that James is well-respected by his teammates.  
d. They show James was talented by describing some of his accomplishments.
- a. respects  
b. was  
c. a part of  
d. opportunities

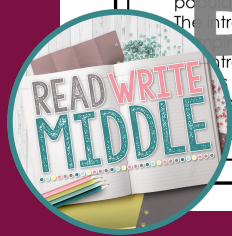
# 8

Pablo Picasso was a famous artist. He was born in Spain on October 25, 1881. As a young child, he learned about art from his father who was also an artist. Picasso went to art school when he was fourteen, but had no aspirations to create paintings that looked like the work of other artists. He wanted to create his own new style. For example, he used a shadow of blue in some of his paintings. When he moved to Paris, France, he introduced a new style of painting called cubism. This new style of painting is made up of different sections and created from a different perspective. Picasso combined Cubism with collage and a mixed medium of plaster in his paintings. Later, he experimented with classic art. Many call Picasso the greatest artist of the 20th century because he successfully experimented with a wide variety of art styles.

1. How does the first sentence affect the reader's understanding of the rest of the selection?
  2. What is the meaning of aspirations as it is used in the passage?
- a. It suggests that Picasso's background influenced his art.  
b. It shows the reader that Picasso's fame played a role in his art.  
c. It keeps the reader wondering why Picasso's background and art is important.  
d. It intrigues the reader with an interesting fact about Picasso.
- a. requests  
b. talents  
c. a desire  
d. a goal

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# 9

YouTube is a wonderful place for entertainment. Many people could spend hours watching funny or adorable videos on the website or app. Videos that focus on people playing a video game are especially popular. YouTube can be useful as well. You can come up with helpful information, no matter how small, in the house or on the road. Many videos online show people how to fix something on their car. If you are in a pinch, they could potentially save money by fixing the issue themselves and watching a how-to video. Changing windshield wipers on your car can be overwhelming, but there are videos online that outline the steps. Checking YouTube should be a first step before someone attempts a taxing task.

1. Why did the author mention changing windshield wipers in the selection?
  - a. To explain how difficult the process is.
  - b. To give an example of a very popular video on YouTube.
  - c. To provide tips for changing windshield wipers.
  - d. To give an example of how YouTube videos can be helpful.
2. What is the meaning of taxing as it is used in the passage?
  - a. charging
  - b. tiring
  - c. arguing
  - d. difficult

# 10

The Golden Gate Bridge is located in San Francisco, California. The bridge connects the city of San Francisco to Marin County, California. The name is from the strait it crosses, the Golden Gate Strait. This narrow waterway connects the San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean. The Golden Gate Bridge is considered one of the most recognizable landmarks in the United States. It was once the longest suspension bridge in the world. The bridge was very dangerous for the workers. Despite the risks, many were intended to build the so-called "eleven men die" during construction. It was regarded as one of the wonders of the modern world when it was built in 1937. At the time, it was the tallest and longest suspension bridge in the world.

1. Why did the author mention the men who died during construction in the selection?
  - a. To develop the idea that construction on the bridge was dangerous.
  - b. To develop the idea that the safety net was unnecessary.
  - c. To develop the idea that the bridge was an impressive landmark.
  - d. To address the idea that many people were against building the bridge.
2. What is the meaning of regarded as it is used in the passage?
  - a. stared
  - b. hidden
  - c. involved
  - d. considered

