

6th Grade Blizzard Bag Assignments/Directions (Round 4)

Language Arts/Social Studies (Mr. Funari & Mrs. Becca): Use Progressbook dashboard to complete online assignments (Hard copies available for those without internet access.) ***If a language arts Progressbook assignment requires the use of a book to answer questions, you do not need to answer those questions.***

Math: (From Mr. Kepreos)

All math assignments are listed on pearsonrealize.com and student usernames are first.lastname@mf and passwords are ridlunch numbers. All assignments can be answered online.

6A, 6C, 6D Assignments:

Topic 5 Readiness Assessment

5-1: MathXL for School: Practice & Problem Solving

5-1: MathXL for School: Additional Practice

5-1: Lesson Quiz

Topic 8 Readiness Assessment

8-3: MathXL for School: Practice & Problem Solving

8-3: MathXL for School: Additional Practice

8-3: Lesson Quiz

6B: Assignments

Topic 1 Readiness Assessment

1-1: MathXL for School: Practice & Problem Solving

1-1: MathXL for School: Additional Practice

1-1: Lesson Quiz

1-3: MathXL for School: Practice & Problem Solving

1-3: MathXL for School: Additional Practice

1-3: Lesson Quiz

Topic 1 Mid-Topic Assessment

Science: Complete online assignments in your dashboard on Progressbook.
(www.omeresa.net)

****You may continue to work on SuccessMaker assignments for math and language arts at: nef.smhost.net**

{Please remember that your teacher's email is linked through your Progressbook account should you have any questions or concerns.}

Name _____

Date _____
(Answer ID # 0255255)

Main Idea

Read the paragraph and then select the main idea for the paragraph.

1. *Cinderella and Snow White* aren't the only fairy tales ever told. The library has ethnic fairy tales from all around the world! There, you can find fairy tales from other countries, such as Russia, China, Sweden, and Africa. You won't believe all the different stories!

The main idea in this passage is:

- A You shouldn't believe fairy tales.
 B Other countries have fairy tales.
 C The library has ethnic fairy tales from all around the world.
 D Cinderella and Snow White are the only fairy tales ever told.

2. July 4th is a great holiday. It's a holiday for cookouts and fireworks. It's a day to celebrate summer and fun. It also stands for something else. July 4th was the day the Declaration of Independence was signed. It was signed on July 4, 1776. Since then, July 4th has been a day to celebrate.

The main idea in this passage is:

- A Who signed the Declaration of Independence?
 B Why do we celebrate July 4th?
 C Was July 4th first celebrated in 1776?
 D Why isn't July 4th celebrated on a Monday?

3. Jon held the ball in his hands. He bounced it slowly on the ground. Once. Twice. He crouched low and then jumped. The ball flew into the air. Up, up, up, it went. Then down, down, down, into the basket. Yes! he yelled. Nothing but net!

The main idea in this passage is:

- A Jon could jump.
 B How to throw a basketball
 C Jon liked basketball.
 D Jon makes a basket.

4. Melody and Jessica lay on the cool grass. It was just before Easter. Spring had arrived. Birds were singing. The flowers were blooming around them, and the grass tickled their bare feet. However, they were paying more attention to the sky. They were looking at clouds and pretending they were pictures.

The main idea in this passage is:

- A Birds were singing.
 B Melody and Jessica were looking at clouds and pretending they were pictures.
 C Grass tickled their feet.
 D Melody and Jessica were cold.

The World's Largest Library

By Kathleen W. Redman



1 There are thousands - maybe millions - of libraries in the world. There are at least 122,100 libraries just in the United States.

2 Some libraries are very small. In England, there is a library so small that it fits into a telephone booth! It has only one hundred fifty books.



3 Some libraries are very large. The National Library of China contains over twenty-three million books. It is only the second largest library in the world!

4 So what is the largest library? The Library of Congress houses over thirty-three million books! It is the world's largest library, consisting of three large buildings. It is located in Washington, D.C.

5 On April 24, 1800, the United States government established the Library of Congress. This new library held books that members of Congress would find useful. The library started out with only a few thousand books. It was housed in the U.S. Capitol Building until British troops set fire to it in 1814. Shortly after, former President Thomas Jefferson sold many of his personal books to help rebuild a new library.

6 The library grew by leaps and bounds in the following years. It collected books from around the country and the world. As the library grew, so did its variety of books. It has become a true national library that keeps books on a wide range of topics.

7 The Library of Congress has not only books, but audio recordings, pictures, and important documents, too. These recordings, pictures, and documents show important parts of American and world history. The Library of Congress has a copy of the first book ever printed on a printing press, the Gutenberg Bible.

8 Today, the Library of Congress has more than thirty-three million books printed in four hundred sixty languages. It has more than a million world newspapers from the last three hundred years. It has more than five million maps. It has three million sound recordings. It has more than fourteen million prints and pictures. It has at least six thousand comic books!

9 The Library of Congress houses a huge and very important collection of American and world history. One of the best things about the Library of Congress is that, like most libraries, it's open to most anyone who wants to use it!

Name _____



Date _____

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<p>1. Which of these two statements is a fact?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A All of the really important historical documents are in the Library of Congress.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> B The Library of Congress is the most beautiful library in the world.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> C The Library of Congress is the best library in the world.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> D The Library of Congress contains books, audio recordings, pictures, and important documents.</p>	<p>2. The phrase "grew by leaps and bounds" is an example of:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A Hyperbole</p> <p><input type="radio"/> B A simile</p> <p><input type="radio"/> C A metaphor</p> <p><input type="radio"/> D An idiom</p>
<p>3. Which United States president provided many of the first books in the Library of Congress?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>4. What are two kinds of media the Library of Congress contains other than books?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>5. The Library of Congress takes up _____ buildings.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A Three</p> <p><input type="radio"/> B Four</p> <p><input type="radio"/> C Two</p> <p><input type="radio"/> D One</p>	<p>6. The second largest library in the world is in _____.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A China</p> <p><input type="radio"/> B Russia</p> <p><input type="radio"/> C Canada</p> <p><input type="radio"/> D England</p>
<p>7. The Library of Congress has over thirty-three million _____.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A Comic books</p> <p><input type="radio"/> B Important historical documents</p> <p><input type="radio"/> C Maps</p> <p><input type="radio"/> D Books</p>	<p>8. The Library of Congress is in _____.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A New York, New York</p> <p><input type="radio"/> B Sacramento, California</p> <p><input type="radio"/> C Chicago, Illinois</p> <p><input type="radio"/> D Washington, D.C.</p>

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The Queen of the Night

by Anita N. Amin

Grandma stared out her bedroom window. "No flowers, no trees - just concrete and cars. Time to go home." Her cane rapped the floor as she turned to face Madison and Dad.

"This is your home now," Dad said.

"And you've got lots of squished flowers." Madison pointed to the artwork Grandma had brought from her old home. Frames and frames of squished flowers sat upright on the floor against the wall.

"Pressed flowers, Madison."

Grandma pinched a flower off her windowsill violet. She showed Madison how to flatten the blossom in an encyclopedia. "So the flower's beauty stays forever."



Later that week, as Madison skipped home from school, she was about to hop over a sidewalk crack and avoid years of bad luck, when she saw a wildflower poking out.

She uprooted the flower and pressed it at home. A week later, the petals were flat, brittle, and delicate like the butterfly wing she had once found on a school trip at the botanical gardens. She gently lifted the pressed flower and glued it onto paper. She framed it with cardboard and presented it to Grandma.

"It's lovely." Grandma studied it.

"I was thinking..." Madison told Grandma about the botanical gardens. The next day, they took a train there.

Grandma smiled one minute, harrumphed the next. She stopped to inspect some ivy-

wrapped trees. "They remind me of the Queen of the Night," she said. "I haven't missed her show in fifty years – until now."

Just then, the manager stopped to welcome them.

But Grandma proceeded to advise him on how to take better care of his gardens.

"We could really use your expertise," he said, offering her a volunteer job.

"I'll consider it," Grandma said.

That evening, Grandma phoned her best friend. They talked about a lot of things, including maybe volunteering at the gardens.

"Will she visit us some time?" Madison asked after Grandma had hung up.

Grandma shook her head. "I don't think so. The drive is too hard."

"Then I'll help you make new friends here." Over the next few weeks, Madison invited her friends' families over, and Dad even took Grandma to a gardening club.

"Do you like your new friends?" Madison asked Grandma at the end of the month.

"I like all of my friends," Grandma replied. "Old and new."

A few weeks later, Dad announced, "We're going to Grandma's old house. The realtor wants to meet with us."

They drove past skyscrapers, then pastures. Finally, their car kicked up a cloud of gray dust as it wobbled and crunched down Grandma's gravel driveway.

The realtor was inside, reviewing a list. "We have a buyer with a list of demands."

Grandma stopped smiling. While Dad and the realtor talked, she drifted from room to room, her cane sinking into the carpet. Her fingers brushed a wall, a countertop, as she looked around and sighed.

The screen door creaked open, and Grandma wandered outside. Madison followed, tiny moths fluttering up out of the weeds.

Dad and the realtor were studying a vine-covered tree.

"The vine will have to go," the realtor said, checking her list.

Grandma frowned. "The Queen of the Night? We can't destroy it! One night a year, this cactus is covered with the most beautiful white, fragrant blossoms. They're as big as

honeydews. People come from miles to watch them bloom."

Grandma shook her head. "My grandmother passed this treasure down. I wanted my son and granddaughter to have it, but there's no room in the city."

"Maybe there is room," Madison said, a thought suddenly striking her. "At the botanical gardens! But how do we take this whole vine there?"

"We don't - we just need part of it." Grandma snapped a piece of cactus off and wrapped it in her handkerchief.

The next day, they visited the manager at the botanical gardens.

When he seemed unsure, Madison continued, "You could have a fundraiser and sell stem cuttings..."

A spark of excitement lit the manager's eyes. "A fundraiser? That's a great idea!"

So that afternoon, Grandma and Madison planted the Queen of the Night cutting in a special spot in the gardens.

Madison gave the dirt a final pat. "Maybe we can press one of the flowers when it blooms. You know, so it stays forever."

Grandma nodded. She stared down for a while. Finally, she brushed off her hands. "Time to plant new roots," she said and her cane clicked across the pavement as they headed home.



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1. In the beginning of the story, how does Grandma feel about her new home in the city?

2. Based on what you read in the story, describe one of Grandma's interests.

3. Is it easy for Grandma to keep in touch with her old friends? Why or why not?

4. Why do Dad, Madison, and Grandma go back to Grandma's house in the country?

5. At the end of the story, Grandma says, "Time to plant new roots." What does she mean when she says this?

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Fill in the missing letters to form a vocabulary word from the article. Then write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. f__a__r__n__
hint: having a sweet or pleasant smell

2. __nc__cl____edi__
hint: book that provides information on a variety of subjects

3. b__i__tl__
hint: subject to breaking or shattering easily

4. __ot__n__c__l g__r__en__
hint: places where plants are cultivated for public view and scientific study

5. __un__ra__s__
hint: an event held to raise money for a cause, charity, or organization

6. e__p__ __ti__e
hint: expert knowledge

7. h__n__ __er__hie__
hint: a small square of fabric that serves the same purpose as a tissue

8. __eal__o__
hint: real estate agent
