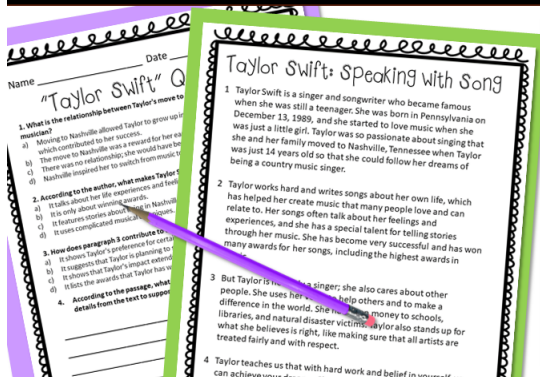
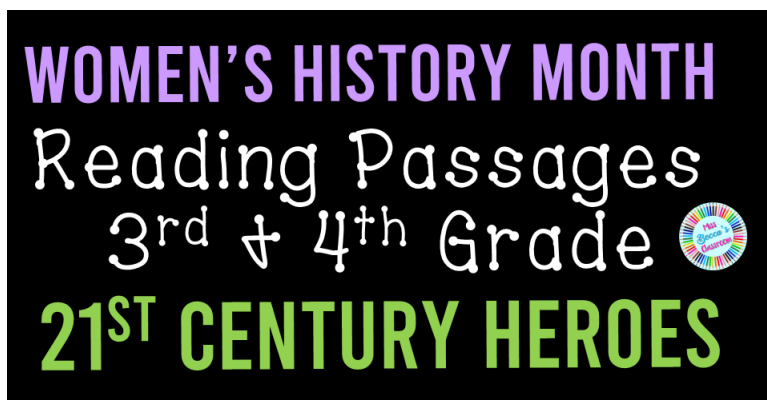


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Malala Yousafzai: Education Hero

- 1 Malala Yousafzai grew up in the Swat Valley in Pakistan, where she loved going to school and learning. However, a group called the Taliban took control of her region when she was ten years old. They said that girls could not go to school anymore. Malala believed that this was wrong. She spoke out, insisting that every child, girl or boy, has the right to an education.
- 2 As a result, Malala faced great danger. In 2012, when she was just 15 years old, a member of the Taliban shot her because she would not be silent about girls' right to learn. This terrible event shocked the world, but Malala survived and became even stronger in her mission.
- 3 Even after the frightening incident, Malala did not lose her determination. She had to move to England for her safety and recovery, but her resolve only grew stronger. She started the Malala Fund with her father, a charity dedicated to giving every girl a chance to achieve a future she chooses. Through her fund, she helps build schools, buy books, and support education programs in places where girls need them the most. Malala has stood before leaders and lawmakers, urging them to take action for children's education.
- 4 Malala's bravery and her fight for education rights have inspired people around the world. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, becoming the youngest ever Nobel Prize winner.
- 5 Malala's work has reached far beyond her own story. She has become a symbol of the strength that can be found in fighting for what is right. Her message is clear: if we stand together, we can ensure that every child gets to learn and grow. Because of Malala, many people see that the world can change and that education can be a light in even the darkest places.

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"Malala Yousafzai" Questions

1. What is the main reason Malala spoke out against the Taliban?

- a) She wanted girls to be able to return to school.
- b) She wanted to win awards and become famous.
- c) She wanted to make new friends at school.
- d) She was looking for a new challenge.

2. Why did Malala move to England?

- a) She was looking for a better school.
- b) She needed to be safe and heal from an injury.
- c) She wanted to start the Malala Fund.
- d) England had better weather than Pakistan.

3. What is the relationship between paragraph 1 and paragraph 2?

- a) Paragraph 1 gives examples of the events that are elaborated in paragraph 2.
- b) Paragraph 1 introduces a new idea that is not related to paragraph 1.
- c) Paragraph 1 describes a problem and paragraph 2 offers a solution.
- d) Paragraph 2 explains the consequences of the actions described in paragraph 1.

4. According to the passage, why is Malala Yousafzai considered a symbol of strength? Use 2 details from the text to support your answer.

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Greta Thunberg: Climate Warrior

- 1 Greta Thunberg is a young woman from Sweden who cares deeply about our planet. When Greta was eight years old, she learned about climate change and how it could hurt the Earth. She felt out that not enough adults were doing things to stop it. This worried Greta a lot. She decided she had to do something about it.
- 2 In August 2018, when Greta was only 15, she started to protest. Instead of going to school, she sat in front of the Swedish Parliament with a sign that said, "School strike for climate." She wanted to tell leaders that they must take action to protect the environment. Greta believed that it was important for everyone, especially young people, to make a difference.
- 3 Soon, other students in different places started to follow her example. They also skipped school to protest for the climate. People began to call it "Fridays for Future" because the students would strike every Friday. Greta gave speeches to big crowds and important people, telling them that climate change is a big problem that we need to fix it now.
- 4 Greta has traveled by boat across the ocean to talk about climate change because she doesn't want to fly in airplanes that can harm the environment. She is determined to find ways to help the Earth without making pollution worse.
- 5 Because of Greta's hard work, she has become famous around the world. She shows that young people have powerful voices. Greta teaches us that no matter how old you are, you can take action for what you believe in. Just like Greta, you can help take care of our planet and make a difference for our future.

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"Greta Thunberg" Questions

1. How did Greta Thunberg's actions influence others?

- a) She taught students how to sail boats.
- b) She led students to play outside more.
- c) She encouraged other students to skip school for a cause they believe in.
- d) She started a new school subject about climate.

2. What can be inferred about Greta's character from the passage?

- a) She believes that making a small effort is enough.
- b) She is determined to find solutions to problems.
- c) She thinks adults are solely responsible for solving climate change.
- d) She prefers to learn about the environment on her own.

3. Which of the following best explains why Greta chose to travel by boat?

- a) She enjoys being on the ocean.
- b) Boats are faster than airplanes.
- c) She wanted to set a record for the longest boat trip.
- d) She wanted to avoid contributing to pollution from air travel.

4. How does the author support the claim, "She shows that young people have powerful voices"? Use 2 details from the text to support your answer.

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Amanda Gorman: Poetic Voice

- 1 Amanda Gorman is a young poet and writer who uses her words to paint pictures and share ideas. She grew up in Los Angeles, California. She loved reading and writing from a very young age, even though she had to work extra hard because of a speech impediment. This means she had to practice a lot to say some words clearly, but she never let that stop her from speaking out.
- 2 Amanda has a way with words that can make people feel and think deeply. She writes about things like fairness, kindness, and how we can make the world a better place for everyone. In January 2021, when Amanda was just 22 years old, she did something very special. She read a poem at the inauguration of President Joe Biden, which is a big event when the new president officially starts their job.
- 3 Standing at a podium in front of many people and television cameras, she recited her poem called "The Hill We Climb." Her poem was about hope and coming together to solve problems. She spoke about how even when times are tough, we can find the light and be brave. Many people were inspired by her words and her confidence.
- 4 Amanda's work as a poet has earned her awards and praise, but what's even more is that she has inspired others to speak up and share their thoughts. She believes that everyone has a voice and that we can help us see the world in a new way.
- 5 Amanda's story shows us that your voice matters, and you can share your thoughts and dreams with the world through writing.

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"Amanda Gorman" Questions

1. How does Amanda Gorman's work reflect her beliefs about the world?

- a) Her poems show her love for nature and animals.
- b) She believes that words can bring people together to make positive changes.
- c) She thinks that writing poetry is only for special occasions.
- d) Her work is meant to support the president.

2. According to the passage, what is a theme of the poem "The Hill We Climb?"

- a) The importance of physical fitness.
- b) Overcoming difficult times with hope and bravery.
- c) The history of presidential inaugurations.
- d) The process of climbing hills.

3. Which best describes the main idea of paragraph 4?

- a) Amanda Gorman inspires others to use their voice for positive change.
- b) Amanda Gorman has won many awards for her poetry.
- c) Challenges are an important part of being a poet.
- d) The beauty of the world is often hidden and needs to be revealed.

4. What is a challenge Amanda Gorman overcame to be able to share her poetry? Use 2 details from the text to support your answer.

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X González: Fighting for Safety

- 1 X González (born Emma González) is a young person who showed the world how powerful a voice can be. They grew up in Florida and went to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. While they were a student, a very sad and scary event happened: there was a shooting at their school. X and their friends lived through something no kid should ever experience.
- 2 After that day, X decided to speak up. They didn't want what happened at their school to happen anywhere else. X became one of the leaders of a movement called "Never Again MSD." MSD stands for Marjory Stoneman Douglas, their high school. The group works hard to make new laws to keep people safe from gun violence.
- 3 X is known for their powerful speeches. With their strong voice and brave heart, they tell everyone that things need to change. They want to make sure that schools are safe places for kids to learn and grow.
- 4 One of X's speeches was so powerful that it made many people stop and listen. They stood in front of a huge crowd in Washington, D.C., and for six minutes and twenty seconds — the same amount of time the shooter was in their school — they were silent. This showed the world how long those scary moments felt and how quickly lives can change.
- 5 X teaches us that we can stand up for what is right, no matter how old we are. We can stand up for our friends and family, and we can stand up for the way and the world that we want to live in.

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"X González" Questions

1. How did X González respond to the shooting at their school?

- a) They fought to ensure it would not happen elsewhere.
- b) They decided to move to a different school.
- c) They focused on their studies to forget about the event.
- d) They wrote a book about their experience.

2. What can X González's story teach us about facing challenges?

- a) Silence is the best way to communicate.
- b) Students should learn to give speeches.
- c) Bad events can motivate us to make positive changes.
- d) Crowds only gather for silent events.

3. Which best matches the meaning of the word "movement" as it is used in paragraph 2?

- a) A change in position or location.
- b) A group of people working together to achieve a shared goal.
- c) A trend in music or art.
- d) Physical activity to stay healthy.

4. What can we infer about X González based on their actions after the shooting? Use 2 details from the text to support your answer.

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Yusra Mardini: The Strongest Swimmer

- 1 Yusra Mardini is a brave young woman whose story is about strength and hope. Yusra was born in Syria, a country that was facing a very difficult time due to war. Despite this, Yusra trained hard as a competitive swimmer, dreaming of being in the Olympics one day.
- 2 But Yusra's life changed when she had to flee her country to be safe. She and her sister, Sarah, joined many others on a dangerous journey to find a new home in Europe. One night, while crossing the sea to Greece, the motor on their small boat stopped working. Yusra, Sarah, and two other strong swimmers jumped into the water. For hours, they pushed and pulled the boat through the water, saving the lives of everyone on board.
- 3 Yusra eventually settled in Germany, where she continued to swim. Her hard work and talent were recognized, and she was given a very special opportunity—to swim in the Olympics! In 2016, Yusra was part of a team of refugee athletes. She competed as an athlete for the Refugee Olympic Team, showing the world that even during the hardest times, we can still reach our dreams.
- 4 Today, Yusra is a role model for many. Her story reminds us that we can overcome our fears and achieve our goals. Yusra is a powerful example of never giving up, no matter what.

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"Yusra Mardini" Questions

1. Which illustration would best support the reader's understanding of paragraph 2?

- a) A map showing Yusra's journey from Syria to Europe.
- b) A picture of Yusra and Sarah swimming in a pool.
- c) A drawing of Yusra calling for help.
- d) An image of a boat with a working motor.

2. What was a result of Yusra's hard work and talent in swimming?

- a) She became a teacher for other swimmers.
- b) She built a new swimming pool in Germany.
- c) She wrote a book about swimming technique.
- d) She was given the chance to swim in the Olympics.

3. According to the author, why was Yusra's participation in the Olympics significant?

- a) It showed that athletes can overcome personal challenges to achieve their goals.
- b) It proved that swimming is the most important sport in the Olympics.
- c) It indicated that Yusra prefers to compete in sports rather than to study.
- d) It meant that Yusra no longer wanted to live in Germany.

4. How did Yusra Mardini show courage during her journey from Syria? Use 2 details from the text to support your answer.

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Taylor Swift: Speaking with Song

- 1 Taylor Swift is a singer and songwriter who became famous when she was still a teenager. She was born in Pennsylvania on December 13, 1989, and she started to love music when she was just a little girl. Taylor was so passionate about singing that she and her family moved to Nashville, Tennessee when Taylor was just 14 years old so that she could follow her dreams of being a country music singer.
- 2 Taylor works hard and writes songs about her own life, which has helped her create music that many people love and can relate to. Her songs often talk about her feelings and experiences, and she has a special talent for telling stories through her music. She has become very successful and has won many awards for her songs, including the highest awards in music.
- 3 But Taylor is not only a singer; she also cares about other people. She uses her voice to help others and to make a difference in the world. She has given money to schools, libraries, and natural disaster victims. Taylor also stands up for what she believes is right, like making sure that all artists are treated
- 4 Taylor teaches us that if you can achieve your dreams, you can achieve yours. If you are creative and to care for those around them.

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"Taylor Swift" Questions

1. What is the relationship between Taylor's move to Nashville and her success as a musician?

- a) Moving to Nashville allowed Taylor to grow up in a city known for country music, which contributed to her success.
- b) The move to Nashville was a reward for her early success in music.
- c) There was no relationship; she would have been successful anywhere.
- d) Nashville inspired her to switch from music to another career.

2. According to the author, what makes Taylor Swift's music relatable to many people?

- a) It talks about her life experiences and feelings.
- b) It is only about winning awards.
- c) It features stories about living in Nashville.
- d) It uses complicated musical techniques.

3. How does paragraph 5 contribute to the reader's understanding of the text?

- a) It shows Taylor's preference for certain charitable causes.
- b) It suggests that Taylor is planning to start a career in finance.
- c) It shows that Taylor's impact extends beyond music.
- d) It lists the awards that Taylor has won for her singing.

4. According to the passage, what lessons can we learn from Taylor Swift? Use 2 details from the text to support your answer.

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Kamala Harris: VP Pioneer

- 1 Kamala Harris is a name that will be remembered in history books for years to come. She was born in California in 1964. She has always worked hard to be a strong voice for people who need help. She cares a lot about fairness and making sure everyone is treated the same, no matter where they come from or what they look like.
- 2 Kamala has had many jobs helping people, including being a lawyer and a leader called a Senator. In these jobs, she had to make many important decisions and sometimes had to be very brave to do what was right.
- 3 One of the most special things about Kamala Harris is that she became the first woman, and the first woman of African American and South Asian descent, to become the Vice President of the United States. This means she is the partner to the President, helping to lead the country and make big decisions.
- 4 Kamala becoming Vice President was a huge step for women everywhere, showing that girls and boys can grow up to be anything they want. She is a role model for many because she shows us the power of dreaming big and working hard.
- 5 Kamala believes in a better future for everyone. She believes in a fair and safe world where everyone has a chance to dream big.

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Emma Watson: Equality Ally

- 1 Emma Watson is an actress and activist who believes in making the world a better place, especially for women and girls. She was born in Paris, France, but grew up in England. You might know her as Hermione Granger from the *Harry Potter* movies, in which she played a smart, brave girl who helped her friends on many adventures.
- 2 But Emma does more than act. She went to college and studied hard, just like Hermione, and she learned about issues facing women around the world. She wanted to help, so she began working with the United Nations. This is a big group of countries that tries to keep peace and help people everywhere.
- 3 In 2014, Emma gave a speech at the United Nations to tell everyone about the importance of equality, which means everyone having the same rights and opportunities. She talked about a campaign called HeForShe, which invites everyone, including boys and men, to stand up for the rights of women and girls.
- 4 Emma believes that everyone should be treated fairly, no matter their gender. She speaks to leaders and people all over the world about how we can all help to make this happen. She is a role model, showing that girls can be smart, brave, and successful in movies and in the world.
- 5 Just like Emma, you can be a role model with bravery and work to change the world for the better.

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"Emma Watson" Questions

1. According to the passage, what qualities does Emma Watson share with her character Hermione Granger?

- a) Fame and popularity
- b) Bravery and intelligence in fighting for what is right
- c) Magical abilities
- d) Interest in acting only

2. Which statement best describes how paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 are related?

- a) Paragraph 1 introduces Emma Watson as a person and actor, and paragraph 2 explains the actions she has taken beyond acting.
- b) Paragraph 1 talks about Emma's childhood, while paragraph 2 focuses on her education.
- c) Paragraph 1 describes Emma's role as an actress, while paragraph 2 details her hobbies.
- d) Paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 both describe different acting roles that Emma Watson has played.

3. Which best describes the main idea of the passage?

- a) Emma Watson only acts in movies and does not participate in any other activities.
- b) Emma Watson's role as Hermione Granger is her most significant achievement.
- c) Emma Watson is an actress who also dedicates her time to helping.
- d) Emma Watson believes that only girls should be treated fairly.

4. How does the author support the claim made in paragraph 5? Use 2 details from the text to support your answer.

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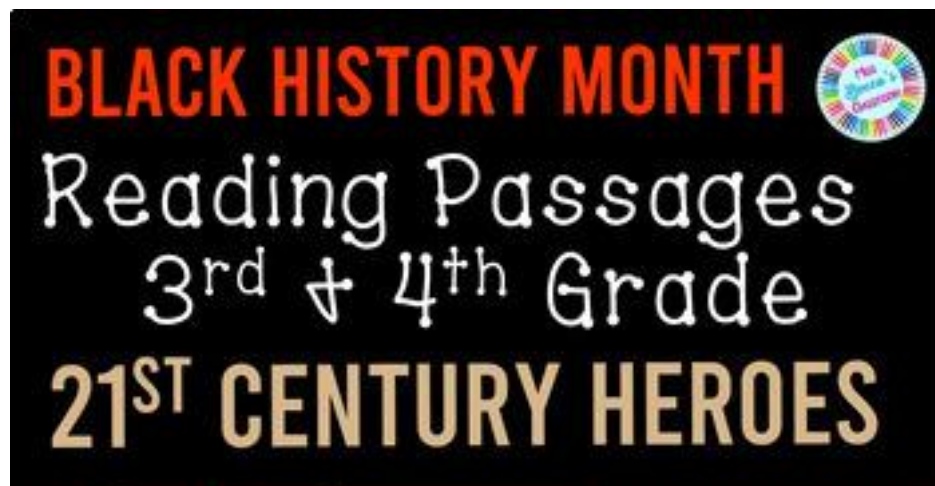
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