Close-Reading Questions

Refer to this week’s cover story, “One Giant Leap,” to respond to the questions below. Reread the article to find details that support your answers. Remember to write in complete sentences.

1. Explain the meaning of Neil Armstrong’s famous quote “That’s one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind.”

2. Why was the Apollo program created?

3. What is the purpose of the section “Danger Ahead”? 

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Features First

Before you read “One Giant Leap,” examine the photos, subheadings, and sidebar. Complete the “Before Reading” column. Then read the article and complete the “After Reading” column.

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Be a Quiz Whiz!

For each question below, fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

One Giant Leap Pages 2-3

1. Part A Which word best describes how Bill Barry felt about the moon landing?
   - A afraid
   - B confused
   - C fascinated
   - D sad

2. Part B Which detail best supports the answer to question 1?
   - A “I was glued to the floor in front of our black-and-white TV,” Barry recalls.”
   - B “At 10:56 p.m., Barry watched Neil Armstrong become the first person to set foot on the moon.”
   - C “But the program had a tragic start.”
   - D “Bill Barry went on to become NASA’s chief historian.”

3. Which of these events happened first?
   - A Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin set foot on the moon.
   - B Three astronauts died on an Apollo spacecraft.
   - C Astronauts planted an American flag on the moon.
   - D Astronauts started living on the International Space Station.

4. According to the article, the Apollo 11 spacecraft almost had a disaster when it ____.
   - A blasted off from Kennedy Space Center
   - B landed on the moon
   - C left the moon
   - D splashed down in the Pacific Ocean

5. Which section explains President John F. Kennedy’s ambitious goal?
   - A A New Mission
   - B Danger Ahead
   - C Moon Walking
   - D Beyond the Moon

Choose Your Adventure Pages 4-5

6. Which detail best states the main idea of the “Ride!” section?
   - A “Your feet dangle as you stare at a 245-foot drop.”
   - B “You accelerate to 80 miles per hour, plunging straight down . . .”
   - C “It’s the tallest, fastest, and longest dive coaster in the world.”
   - D “Yukon Striker has 3,625 feet of twisty, terrifying track.”

7. The image on page 4 shows riders ____.
   - A waiting at the top of the big drop
   - B going through a twisting loop
   - C entering an underwater tunnel
   - D climbing hundreds of feet into the air

8. In the “Build!” section, which phrase best helps explain the meaning of masterpieces?
   - A “22,000-pound pile”
   - B “work of art”
   - C “sharpened spoons”
   - D “excess sand”

The Ultimate Goal Page 6

9. Which statement about the FIFA Women’s World Cup is false?
   - A It takes place in June every year.
   - B This year, 24 teams will compete.
   - C It will include 52 matches in nine cities.
   - D The U.S. has won it three times.

10. Based on Crystal Dunn’s quote, what will be the most important part of the event for her?
    - A visiting France
    - B trying to score goals
    - C competing against Japan
    - D representing her country

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**Seeing Both Sides**

Read the debate on page 7 of this week’s issue about whether astronauts should return to the moon. Identify reasons that support each side and record them on the chart below.

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Next, choose which side of the debate you agree with most. Choose four words you might use in a persuasive paragraph that aims to convince others of your point of view. Draft your paragraph below.

1. __________________________________
2. __________________________________
3. __________________________________
4. __________________________________

**Words to Use**
- _____________________
- _____________________
- _____________________
- _____________________
Word Wizard

This crossword puzzle features 18 Words to Know that have appeared in Scholastic News this year. Use the clues and the word bank to complete the puzzle.

**Word Bank**
customary
disposable
emerge
engineers
erosion
excessive
hoax
insight
lunar
magnitude
perilous
petitions
plummet
pristine
restriction
strategy
suffrage
taunting

**Across**
1. The Grand Canyon was formed by _____.
2. still in its natural state
5. Scientists have seen the monarch butterfly population ____ over the past 20 years.
6. Students at several schools started ____ about the district’s new dress code.
9. He threw away the ____ plate after using it.
10. I need a ____ to make sure I memorize my lines for the play.
12. The powerful earthquake had a ____ of 7.0.
14. My family has a ____ on screen time.
17. related to the moon

**Down**
1. the opposite of disappear
3. The bully got in trouble for ____ other students.
4. Enjoying sweets sometimes is OK, but eating five doughnuts at a time is _____.
7. On the Fourth of July, watching fireworks is _____.
8. The photo of a cat riding a bike was a _____.
11. a synonym for dangerous
13. people who build or design things like robots, machines, or cars
15. the right to vote
16. A new spacecraft may give scientists ____ about how Mars formed.