

APRIL 27TH

Think It Through: May Week #2

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"How people treat other people is a direct reflection of how they feel about themselves." - Unknown

INTERPRET THE QUOTE

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE OF THE WEEK

Mother's Day is the second Sunday in May.

Write 3 similes and 3 metaphors about your mom.

Compose 3 analogies relating to moms everywhere.

RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

WRITE A RIDDLE CONSISTING OF THREE CLUES, WHERE THE ANSWER IS THE UNDERLINED WORD.

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Chocolate Chip Day is May 15.

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DIGITAL Journal

Today's _____

Who is your hero?
Explain why.

Today I feel... _____

Today I am thankful for... _____

My goal for today is... _____

APRIL 28TH

Math Trek: Adventures in the Math Zone

Adapted from "Trek 7, The Fractal Pond Race"

By Jossey Bass



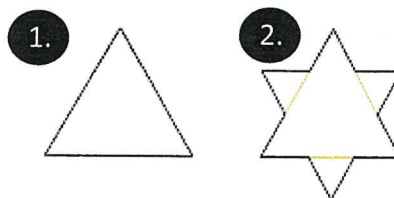
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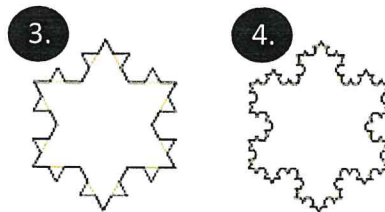
WHAT TO DO

4 1. Draw an equilateral triangle with each side measuring 9-centimeters. (Remember, each angle of an equilateral triangle measures 60 degrees.)



5 2. Divide each 9-centimeter side into three parts, each measuring three centimeters. At the middle of each side, add an equilateral triangle one-third the size of the original, facing outward. Because each side of the original triangle is 9-centimeters, the new triangles will have 3-centimeter sides.

When you examine the outer edge of your diagram, you should see a six-pointed star.



6 3. In the middle of each segment of the star, add a triangle one-ninth the side of the original triangle. The new triangles will have sides 1-centimeter in length, so divide each 3-centimeter segments into thirds, and use the middle third to form a new triangle.

7 4. As you continue to repeat this process, you create a shape that begins to resemble a snowflake. If you were to continue the process by endlessly adding smaller and smaller triangles to every new side, you would produce the Koch snowflake curve. Between any two points, the snowflake would have an infinite number of zigzags.

WORD RECOGNITION, STRUCTURE, AND VOCABULARY

•Knowledge of letter-sound relationships to say written words

•Use context clues to figure out what a word means.

•Recognize common word relationships and structures

1

Read the sentence from paragraph 1 and the dictionary entry.

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(koin) v.

1. To make by stamping metal
2. Having two different sides
3. To create or invent something
4. To get rich quickly

Which definition of coined is used in the sentence above?

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Definition 1 | 3. Definition 3 |
| 2. Definition 2 | 4. Definition 4 |

2

What is the correct way to divide the word "mathematics" into syllables?

1. mathe\mat\ics
2. ma\the\ma\tics
3. math\e\mat\ics
4. mathe\matics

3

The Latin prefix "*in-*" means "*not*" and the Latin root word "*finitus*" means "*finished*."

Based on this information, what is an "infinite design?"

1. a design that begins and eventually stops
2. a design that runs forever
3. a design that never starts
4. a design that joins with a different design

4

Read the sentence from paragraph 3.

Like many figures now known to be fractals, Koch's Curve is easy to generate by starting with a simple figure and turning it into an increasingly crinkly form.

Which word below is a synonym for the word crinkly?

1. smoothed
2. straightened
3. flattened
4. creased

READING INFORMATIONAL TEXT: KEY IDEAS, READING FOR UNDERSTANDING

- Read and understand non-fiction texts
- Make inferences and predictions and draw conclusions
- Summarize reading
- After reading the text, I can determine key ideas
- Analyze how arguments develop

5

What can the reader conclude happened after Mandelbrot noticed fractals in nature?

1. People argued with Mandelbrot about calling the patterns fractals.
2. People tried to discover new shapes so they could become famous.
3. People began to notice more fractal patterns in nature.
4. People felt that Mandelbrot's discovery was wrong.

6

What of the following is the best summary of paragraph 1?

1. Benoit Mandelbrot recognized that ponds and branches have similar shapes to circles, spheres, angles, cones, rectangles, and cubes.
2. Benoit Mandelbrot was the first to recognize how common fractals are in nature.
3. Benet Mandelbrot noticed how ponds and trees have different shapes than circles, spheres, and cones.
4. Benoit Mandelbrot recognized fractals as shapes in nature that repeat themselves and are more complicated than other shapes.

7

Which phrase from the text supports the idea that "people have accepted Mandelbrot's idea of fractals"?

1. ...coined the term fractal for shapes...
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READING INFORMATIONAL TEXT: CRAFT, STRUCTURE, EVALUATION

•Analyze the structure of texts •Evaluate the author's tools and techniques used to craft a story •Evaluate a text for bias

8

What is the most likely reason the author included the section "What To Do?"

1. To show the steps that Koch went through to create Koch's Curve.
2. To describe the level of difficulty in creating Koch's Curve.
3. To allow others the opportunity to draw Koch's Curve.
4. To figure out a different way to draw Koch's Curve.

9

What are the two most likely reasons why the author chose to include the picture of Koch's Curve?

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| 1. To help make the reader make sense of difficult directions. | 3. To show the steps Koch took to create his curve. |
| 2. To give Mandelbrot credit for Koch's creation. | 4. To show how simple a fractal is to create. |

10

Which organizational pattern does the author use in the section "What To Do?"

1. The information is presented in sequential order.
2. The information is ordered from most important to least important.
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4. The information is presented with causes and effects.

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NWEA MAP READING PRACTICE

(RIT 211-220)

TEACHER ANSWER KEY

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4. Underline evidence in the story that shows the development of the theme.

Day 5

The calendar had said "Mother and Son Dinner" all week, but somehow Axel had forgotten about their plans when Friday morning came around. At breakfast, he asked his mom if he could go to his friend's house after school. Judging by the look on his mom's face he thought she would say no, but she said that it was fine and not to be late. He had no idea what she meant by not being late but he was so elated that she said yes that he just ignored it. The school day seemed to go by slowly, but finally the bell rang to herald the end of the day. Axel was invited to stay for dinner as soon as he got to his friend's house. He immediately said yes knowing that his mom wouldn't mind.

Axel and his friend hung out and played video games and he only realized that he hadn't asked permission to stay later when his friend's mom announced that dinner was ready. He hadn't checked his phone in a while and had several messages from his mom and a missed call. The messages were asking where he was. He didn't think too much of it until he got a message from his sister asking where he was that included a picture of the calendar. Axel's heart dropped and he immediately ran home. When he got home, he saw that his mom had cooked all of his favorite foods and was watching his favorite movie in the living room alone.

1. What is the meaning of elated as it is used in the passage?

- a. confused
- b. excited
- c. annoyed

2. What is the meaning of herald as it is used in the passage?

- a. signal
- b. delay
- c. introduce

3. Underline the word or words that helped you determine the answer to 1 & 2.

4. What is the theme of today's passage?

5. Write a summary of today's passage.

Answer Key

Day 1

1. a
2. Answers will vary.
3. Answers will vary but potential answers include: unreliable people will continue to disappoint you.
4. Answers will vary.

Day 2

1. c
2. Answers will vary.
3. Answers will vary but potential answers include: don't put things off until the last minute.
4. Answers will vary.

Day 3

1. b
2. Answers will vary.
3. Answers will vary but potential answers include: don't let other people take advantage of your hard work.
4. Answers will vary.

Day 4

1. b
2. Answers will vary.
3. Answers will vary but potential answers include: if something sounds too good to be true then it probably is.
4. Answers will vary.

Day 5

1. b
2. a
3. Answers will vary.
4. Answers will vary but potential answers include: don't take your parents for granted.
5. Answers will vary.

DIGITAL *Journal*

Today's

What are your 3 most prized possessions?

Today I feel...

Today I am thankful for...

My goal for today is...

Lined writing area for journal entries.

MAY 1ST

Day 1

Dirk was running late for his job interview, but it didn't matter because he knew he would get the job. He had felt that way about the previous jobs he had applied for, but he was still unemployed. He wasn't too worried about leaving the house late because he was such a great driver he would be able to make the time up. Unfortunately, his unparalleled driving skills did not prevent him from getting stuck in traffic and he pulled into the parking lot late. He found a parking space up front, but someone had gotten there first and was trying to pull in as he cut them off. The driver of the other car honked and drove away as Dirk laughed at their incompetence. Dirk was relieved to hear that his interviewer was running late, but panicked when the driver of the car Dirk had cut off in the parking lot introduced himself as his interviewer.

1. What is the meaning of unparalleled?

- a. strange
- b. exceptional
- c. adequate

2. What word or words helped you determine the answer to # 1?

3. What is the theme of today's passage?

4. Underline evidence in the story that shows the development of the theme.

Day 2

Jason liked to brag that his father was a lawyer. Technically, this was true, but Jason's father had never set foot in a courtroom. He worked for a hospital dealing with insurance companies all day long. Jason liked to leave that fact out whenever he felt he had been wronged and threatened to have his father file a lawsuit. It may have been because people didn't want to deal with a spoiled brat, but this strategy typically worked for Jason. One day, Jason's father walked in when he was chastising a friend over a video game. Jason told his friend that his father would take his entire family's life savings if he didn't give in to Jason's demands. Jason's father walked up to his son's friend and introduced himself by saying he didn't actually handle lawsuits and that Jason was grounded.

1. What is the meaning of chastising?

- a. scolding
- b. encouraging
- c. talking

2. What word or words helped you determine the answer to # 1?

3. What is the theme of today's passage?

4. Underline evidence in the story that shows the development of the theme.

Day 3

Cameron had seen the new girl walking around with the school counselor earlier that day and couldn't help but perceive how angry she looked. Maybe angry wasn't the right word, but she definitely didn't look like she was there to make friends. She was in his fourth period class and she refused to get out of her seat when the teacher tried to introduce her. It didn't take very long for rumors to spread about how mean she was. Cameron wasn't surprised to see her sitting by herself at lunch. He initially went to sit with his friends, but he couldn't help but think about how awful it would be to eat by yourself on the first day at a new school, so he went to sit with her. His heart raced as he walked up to her because he didn't want her to be mean to him. As soon as he sat down beside her, she began talking about how happy she was that she didn't have to eat lunch alone and how nervous she was earlier in the day.

1. What is the meaning of perceive?

- a. notice
- b. question
- c. ignore

2. What word or words helped you determine the answer to # 1?

3. What is the theme of today's passage?

4. Underline evidence in the story that shows the development of the theme.

Day 4

Kyra had always been afraid of heights. It was so bad that she even avoided taking the escalator at the mall. Her friends had been planning a hiking trip for weeks and Kyra had enthusiastically said yes because she didn't realize that they would be hiking near some very steep cliffs. Once she found that out she immediately came up with an excuse for why she couldn't go. Her best friend, Maya, knew why she didn't want to go and immediately sat out to change her mind. She even showed her pictures from other people's hiking trips. Kyra was very nervous but she finally acquiesced and decided to go. She didn't get any sleep the night before because she was so nervous. She got up early and almost canceled but didn't want to hear Maya complain. As they started hiking, Kyra felt dizzy and was worried she would pass out but she pressed on. She began to feel better as they got closer to the top. Once they arrived at the top, Kyra couldn't believe how beautiful the view was.

1. What is the meaning of acquiesced?

- a. refused
- b. gave in
- c. rejected

2. What word or words helped you determine the answer to # 1?

3. What is the theme of today's passage?

4. Underline evidence in the story that shows the development of the theme.

Day 5

Malik just wanted to go home. When his dad first mentioned the family beach trip he had pretended to be interested because he didn't think it would actually happen. He was wrong about the trip and had spent the past few days being annoyed by his cousins at the beach. He liked his aunt and uncle, but he had definitely spent enough time with his family and just wanted to be alone. His uncle suggested they go to the aquarium on the last day of the trip. Malik was annoyed because he wanted to be alone and not feel pressured to go look at some dumb fish. He initially said that he would go, but he feigned having a headache so that he could stay behind. Everyone was very upset that Malik wouldn't be going but eventually left.

Malik enjoyed the quiet for a few minutes and then began to regret staying behind. His aunt and uncle lived hours away and he wouldn't get to see them for at least several months, and he did like his cousins even though they irritated him. His feelings of regret were only made worse every time he checked his phone. His family kept posting pictures and it looked like they were having a wondrous time. His dad had been picked to go on stage during a show and there was a video of it. When everyone got back, they began to tell him stories about the trip. His grandfather, who almost never smiled, was laughing so hard he was crying. His cousins picked out a book for him from the gift shop and even paid for it with their own money.

1. What is the meaning of feigned as it is used in the passage?

- a. confused
- b. pretended
- c. stated

2. What is the meaning of wondrous as it is used in the passage?

- a. alright
- b. amazing
- c. quick

3. Underline the word or words that helped you determine the answer to 1 & 2.

4. What is the theme of today's passage?

5. Write a summary of today's passage.

Answer Key

Day 1

1. b
2. Answers will vary.
3. Answers will vary but potential answers include: don't mistreat people OR don't be too confident.
4. Answers will vary.

Day 2

1. a
2. Answers will vary.
3. Answers will vary but potential answers include: don't brag about things that aren't true.
4. Answers will vary.

Day 3

1. a
2. Answers will vary.
3. Answers will vary but potential answers include: don't judge people that you don't know.
4. Answers will vary.

Day 4

1. b
2. Answers will vary.
3. Answers will vary but potential answers include: you should be willing to go out of your comfort zone and face your fears.
4. Answers will vary.

Day 5

1. b
2. b
3. Answers will vary.
4. Answers will vary but potential answers include: take advantage of opportunities to spend time with your family.
5. Answers will vary.

DIGITAL *Journal*

Today's

A description of
your family right now.

Today I feel...

Today I am thankful for...

My goal for today is...

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