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Close-Reading Questions

Refer to “Journey to the *Titanic*” to respond to the questions below. Reread the article to find details that support your answers. Remember to write in complete sentences.

1. How does Renata Rojas feel about visiting the *Titanic*?

2. Why is the *Titanic* deteriorating?

3. What is the purpose of the sidebar “From Ship to Shipwreck”?

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Write About It!

As you read “Journey to the *Titanic*,” think about the question below. Then write a paragraph to express your opinion. Include details from the article to support your response.

Should artifacts be removed from the *Titanic*?

INTRODUCTION Introduce the issue and state your opinion.	}	Over the years, _____
		I believe _____

REASON 1	}	One reason is _____
		For example, _____
REASON 2	}	Additionally, _____

COUNTER-ARGUMENT List a reason from the other side and respond to it.	}	Some say _____
		However, _____
CONCLUSION Restate your opinion using different words.	}	In conclusion, _____

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Let's Discuss It!

Read the debate "Should This Lion Cub Be in a Zoo?" Then get ready to participate in a class discussion. Use this page to help you express your ideas and take notes during the discussion.

► Is it OK to keep animals in zoos?

I think _____

► Support your opinion with reasons and evidence.



Reasons	Evidence
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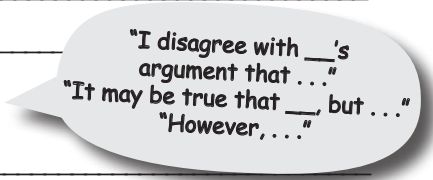
► Listen and take notes on three classmates' ideas during the discussion.

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► Think about an opposing view and respond to it.



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1. What improvements have zoos made in recent years?

2. According to Lori Marino, how does living in captivity affect animals? Include an example.

3. What is the purpose of the graph on page 5? Why do you think the authors included it?

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Be a Quiz Whiz!

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

Journey to the *Titanic* Pages 2-3

- 1** Which is a cause of the others?
- Ⓐ The *Titanic* sank to the bottom of the ocean.
 - Ⓑ The *Titanic* took on more than 400 tons of water per minute.
 - Ⓒ More than 1,500 people died.
 - Ⓓ The *Titanic* crashed into an iceberg.
- 2** Experts will study how fast the *Titanic* is deteriorating by ____.
- Ⓐ analyzing the ship's artifacts
 - Ⓑ scanning and mapping the wreck
 - Ⓒ studying marine creatures in the wreck
 - Ⓓ removing parts of the wreck to study them
- 3** Many people lost their lives when the *Titanic* sank because ____.
- Ⓐ the ship took a long time to sink
 - Ⓑ there were only enough lifeboats for half of the passengers and crew
 - Ⓒ passengers tried to save their belongings
 - Ⓓ the iceberg split into two halves

Should This Lion Cub Be in a Zoo?

Pages 4-5

- 4** **Part A** Which of the following is an argument against keeping wild animals in a zoo?
- Ⓐ Zoos are more popular than ever.
 - Ⓑ Some animals need more company.
 - Ⓒ Many zoos have redesigned their cages.
 - Ⓓ Zoos teach visitors about animals.
- 5** **Part B** Which detail best supports the answer to question 4?
- Ⓐ "For decades, zoo animals were often kept in tiny cages with concrete floors."
 - Ⓑ "More than 185 million people visited U.S. zoos last year."
 - Ⓒ "The best zoos also educate visitors about dangers animals face in the wild, such as habitat loss and illegal hunting."
 - Ⓓ "In the wild, elephants live in large close-family knit groups."

- 6** Which phrase helps you understand the meaning of *conservation*?

- Ⓐ "dangers animals face"
- Ⓑ "illegal hunting"
- Ⓒ "protecting animals"
- Ⓓ "in the wild"

Slime in Space Page 6

- 7** Why are astronauts on the International Space Station playing with slime?

- Ⓐ to get some exercise
- Ⓑ to keep from getting bored
- Ⓒ to study how slime acts in space
- Ⓓ to create funny videos for kids

The World's Ugliest Dog Page 6

- 8** Which happened to Scamp first?

- Ⓐ He beat out 18 other dogs to win the World's Ugliest Dog Contest.
- Ⓑ His current owner adopted him.
- Ⓒ He became a therapy dog working at a senior citizen center.
- Ⓓ An animal shelter took him in.

Dav Pilkey Does Good Page 7

- 9** Which of the following was a major influence on Dav Pilkey's work?

- Ⓐ his worldwide "Do Good" tour
- Ⓑ feeling left out and lonely as a kid
- Ⓒ his childhood friendships
- Ⓓ being bullied in school

- 10** Which detail best explains why Pilkey writes about characters who do good?

- Ⓐ "He's traveling the world to talk to readers about making a positive difference in other people's lives."
- Ⓑ "Like the other Dog Man books, it focuses on humor and friendship."
- Ⓒ "Kids really love to read about kindness because deep down inside, everybody wants to be kind and good."
- Ⓓ "I would much rather be Dog Man because he's always trying to do the right thing."