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| **Grade 3** |  |  |  |
| **Journey Theme-Unit 1** | **Achieve 3000 Article** | **Discussion Questions** | **Thought Question** |
| A Fine, Fine School | Are you ready, Schools? | How have schools changed from one room school-houses? | Will e-textbooks ever sell better than traditional textbooks? |
| Trial of Cardigan Jones | Sorry Mattel | Do you think Judges always make the right decision? | A federal jury decided that MGA owns the idea for the Bratz dolls. What do you think about this? |
| Kids Making a Difference | Just like Dad | How can kids make a difference? What difference do you think you could make? | Nine-year-old Bindi Irwin has a television show. It is called *Bindi The Jungle Girl*. Why is Bindi's work important? |
| Pop’s Bridge | Keeping Bridges Safe | How are the bridges the same? | Why might it be important to use the new wireless sensors on bridges? |
| Roberto Clemente | Making Their Mark | How has Roberto been honored? | Write a summary of today's news story. To write a summary you should do these things: |
| **Journey Theme- Unit 2** | **Achieve 3000 Article** | **Discussion Questions** |  |
| Bat Loves the Night | A Year with the Bats | How can bats be helpful? How can counting them be helpful? | Let's say scientists were going to move them close to your town. What would you think about that? Why? |
| What do Illustrators do? | Winning Words and Pictures | How do the pictures in the book help you to understand the story? | Think about the Newbery and Caldecott Awards. How might a person's life change after winning one of these awards? |
| The Harvest Birds | Keeping the Past Alive | What does it mean to *carry on a tradition*?  What are some traditions that the Hopi have? How are they the same as in the story The Harvest Birds? | Describe the Hopi traditions talked about in the readings. Why do Hopi elders want tribal members to carry on these traditions? |
| Kamishibai Man | The Greatest School on Earth | How are being a mime and a clown the same? How are they different? | Let's say that you joined the circus. You have been there for one month. How is your new life different from your old life? |
| Young Thomas Edison | Before There Were Ipods | Describe the making of Edison's first recording. What words are used to describe that first recording? | Tell about the first recording of an American voice. When was the recording made? How was it made? Who recorded it? |
| **Journey Theme Unit 3** | **Achieve 3000 Article** | **Discussion Questions** |  |
| Technology Wins the Game | Go bots! | How can robots and technology be used in the future of sports? | The robots get better each year. Some are even playing against one another in soccer games. What do you think? |
| Tops and Bottoms | What’s Cooking in Washington? | Do you think it is important for every students to learn to cook? | Write a summary of today's news story. |
| Yonder Mountain: A  Cherokee Legend | To text or to talk? | Why did the author begin and end the Article by recounting some encounters between Anna Schiferl and her mother? | What are some good and bad things about technology? Why are some people worried about texting by teens? Also, explain how technology is being used in helpful ways. |
| Aero and Officer Mike | What a Dog can Do | What are some ways other animals can be helpful? | Think about working with a therapy dog. Why might someone want to do this? Explain.  Use facts from the news story to back up your answer. |
| The Extra-good Sunday | Star Cooks Teach Healthy Eating | Would you eat healthy because a movie star did? | Let's say that you work with Rachael Ray. You help her create healthy school lunches. What is one meal you would create? Explain why you chose this meal. |
| **Journey Theme Unit 4** | **Achieve 3000 Article** | **Discussion Questions** |  |
| Judy Moody Saves the World! | Everything old is New Again | Why should people recycle? | Freecycling is one way of recycling things. Explain why people should recycle. Then, explain how freecycling works. |
| The Albertosaurus Mystery:  Philip Currie’s Hunt in  the Badlands | Found: Two New Dinosaurs | Why do scientists believe they might find other fossil discoveries in other places? How can this be helpful? | compare and contrast the Kosmoceratops and Utahceratops dinosaurs. |
| A Tree Is Growing | Can Trees Keep Air Clean? | Planting trees may help clean the air near factories. But trees can be harmed by wildfires and other threats. Should money be spent to help save them? | A claim is made that reforestation will help to improve air quality. Create an argument to support this claim. |
| Two Bear Cubs | Don’t Feed the Bears! | How can we help bears with new coolers? | In the news story, two groups disagree about using smartphone apps to find wild animals.Which side do you think is right? |
| Life on the Ice | Our Day with the Polar Bears | Why is it important to help the polar bears? | Let's say you are watching an animal that you like. Write a story about the animal. |
| **Journey Theme Unit 5** | **Achieve 3000 Article** | **Discussion Questions** |  |
| Sarah, Plain and Tall | Westward Expansion: Discovering Our World | Where did Lewis and Clark travel? What were some of their biggest challenges? | What are the main ideas found in the texts? Which details explain the main ideas? |
| The Journey: Stories of  Migration | Surprise! Songbirds Are Speedy | Is it important to study how fast birds fly? What other things migrate? | Researchers want to learn more about bird migration. Tell about the investigations. |
| The Journey of Oliver K.  Woodman | Putting More "Snail" in Mail | What are some of the changes U.S. Postal Service should make mentioned in the news story? | What do you think about the planned changes to the U.S. Postal Service? |
| Dog-of-the-Sea-Wave | Hawaii's Fire Show | Why are some people willing to live near Kilauea? | How does a shield volcano erupt?  What do many Hawaiians believe about the shield volcano Kilauea and the goddess Pele? |
| Mountains: Surviving on  Mt. Everest | Reaching High...Again | What is the greatest achievement in climbing Mt. Everest? | Find Mount Everest and Mount McKinley. Which mountain has more climbers? Why do you think this is? |
| **Journey Theme Unit 6** | **Achieve 3000 Article** | **Discussion Questions** |  |
| The Foot Race Across  America | A Sickness Spreads in Syria | Explain what polio is and why it is so dangerous. | Write a summary of today's news story. |
| The Power of Magnets | Math + Museum = Fun | Describe some of the hands-on activities at the museum. How could magnets be used at the museum? | Below is a flyer for the National Museum of Mathematics:.. Do you think you would like to visit the museum? |
| Becoming Anything He  Wants to Be | They Believe in Him | What is one word that tells about Dalton Sherman? | What is one word that tells about Dalton Sherman? Think of someone else who is like Dalton. Tell about this person. |
| A New Team of Heroes | A Hero? Yes | Would you call Tadeusz Wrona a hero? What characteristics does he have that a hero has? | Retell this story as if it were told by the pilot, Tadeusz Wrona. |
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