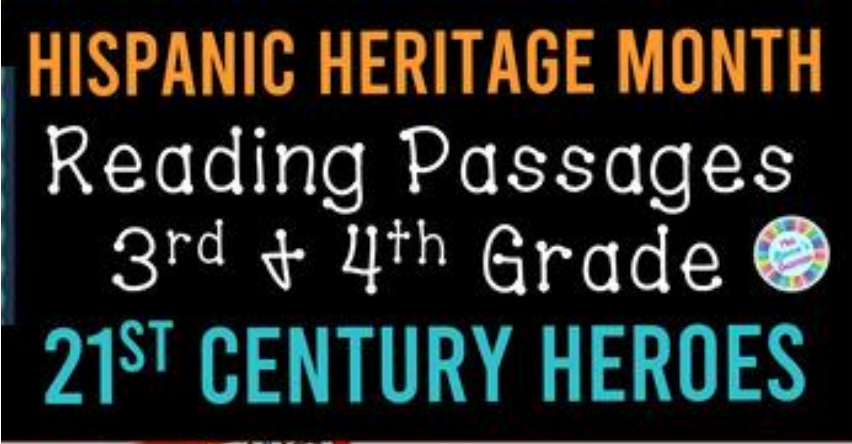

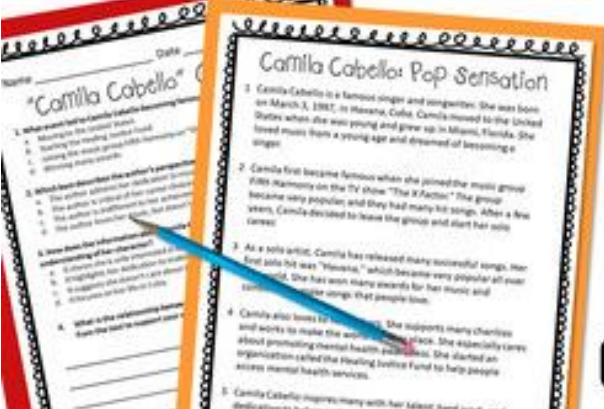


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Lin-Manuel Miranda: Musical Marvel

- 1 Lin-Manuel Miranda is a famous writer, actor, and singer. He was born in New York City on January 16, 1980. Lin's parents are from Puerto Rico, and he grew up loving music and stories. When Lin was little, he enjoyed making up songs and performing for his family.
- 2 Lin went to a special high school where he learned a lot about acting and writing. He later went to college at Wesleyan University, where he wrote his first big musical, which was called *In the Heights*. This musical is about a neighborhood in New York City and the people who live there. It was very successful and won many awards.
- 3 Lin's most famous work is *Hamilton*, a musical about Alexander Hamilton, one of America's Founding Fathers. Lin wrote the music and lyrics and also starred the show. *Hamilton* is special because it uses hip-hop music to tell the story. This musical won many awards, including the Tony Award and the Pulitzer Prize.
- 4 Lin has also worked on other projects. For example, he wrote songs for the Disney movies *Moana* and *Encanto* and he acted in *Mary Poppins Returns*.
- 5 Lin-Manuel Miranda supports good causes by raising money for disaster relief and helping communities in need. He raised millions of dollars for Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria, and often donates to programs that support education and the arts. Lin also speaks out for immigrant rights and encourages others to make a difference.
- 6 Lin-Manuel Miranda is an inspiration to many people. He shows that with hard work and creativity, you can achieve great things. He continues to write, sing, and act, bringing joy to people all over the world.

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"Lin Manuel-Miranda" Questions

1. What does the word "musical" mean in the context of paragraphs 2 and 3?

- a. Someone who is a great singer
- b. A class in school
- c. A performance with singing and dancing
- d. A kind of book

2. How did Lin-Manuel Miranda's education influence his career?

- a. His high school education led directly to his work on Disney movies.
- b. College allowed him to write his first musical, which paved the way for future success.
- c. His education was not mentioned as influential in his career.
- d. His education in music only helped him with Hamilton.

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

- a. Lin-Manuel Miranda was born in New York City.
- b. Lin-Manuel Miranda attended Wesleyan University.
- c. Lin-Manuel Miranda enjoys making up songs.
- d. Lin-Manuel Miranda has written and starred in famous musicals and supports good causes.

4. How do the details in paragraph 5 support the reader's understanding of the text? Use 2 details from the text to support your answer.

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Selena Gomez: True Talent

- 1 Selena Gomez is a famous singer and actress. She was born on July 22, 1992, in Grand Prairie, Texas. Selena loved performing from a young age and started acting when she was just a child. Her big break came when she starred in the Disney Channel show *Wizards of Waverly Place* as Alex Russo.
- 2 While acting, Selena discovered her passion for music. She formed a band called Selena Gomez & the Scene and released several albums. Some of her popular songs include "Love You Like a Love Song" and "Who Says." Later, she began a solo music career and released hit songs like "Come & Get It" and "Bad Liar."
- 3 Selena is not just a talented performer; she also cares a lot about helping others. She is involved in many charities and works with organizations like UNICEF to help children in need. She often speaks out about mental health and encourages people to take care of themselves.
- 4 In addition to her work in entertainment and charity, Selena Gomez is also a successful businesswoman. She has her own makeup line called Rare Beauty, which promotes self-love and confidence.
- 5 Selena Gomez inspires many people with her talent, kindness, and hard work. She shows that with determination and a big heart, you can make a difference in the world and achieve your dreams.

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"Selena Gomez" Questions

1. Which two activities show that Selena Gomez is more than just an entertainer?

- a. Starring in *Wizards of Waverly Place* and forming a band
- b. Releasing hit songs and acting in movies
- c. Working with UNICEF and starting Rare Beauty
- d. Moving to Grand Prairie and growing up in Texas

2. Which part of the passage would you read to find out about Selena Gomez's early interest in performing?

- a. The introductory paragraph
- b. Paragraph 3
- c. Paragraph 4
- d. The concluding paragraph

3. How does the author of the passage seem to view Selena Gomez's efforts in promoting self-love and confidence through Rare Beauty?

- a. The author sees it as another example of her desire to help others.
- b. The author thinks it is unrelated to her other work.
- c. The author believes it is more important than her music.
- d. The author feels it distracts Selena from her entertainment career.

4. How would you describe Selena Gomez's personality, based on the details in paragraphs 3 and 4? Use 2 details from the text to support your answer.

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Lionel Messi: Soccer Superstar

- 1 Lionel Messi is one of the greatest soccer players in the world. He was born on June 24, 1987, in Rosario, Argentina. From a young age, Lionel showed incredible talent for soccer. When he was just 13 years old, he moved to Spain to join the famous soccer club FC Barcelona's youth academy, La Masia.
- 2 Lionel quickly rose through the ranks and made his debut for FC Barcelona's first team at the age of 17. He became known for his amazing dribbling skills, speed, and ability to score goals. Over his career with Barcelona, Lionel won numerous titles, including multiple La Liga and UEFA Champions League championships. He also earned many individual awards, such as the Ballon d'Or, which is given to the best soccer player in the world.
- 3 In 2021, Lionel made a surprising move to Paris Saint-Germain (PSG), a top soccer club in France. Then he joined Inter Miami in the US in 2023. He continues to dazzle fans with his incredible performances on the field.
- 4 Lionel is not only a star on the soccer field but also off it. He is known for his charitable work, especially through the Leo Messi Foundation, which helps children in need. His foundation supports children around the world.
- 5 Lionel Messi's journey is a testament to his talent and determination. His soccer legend status is a result of his hard work and dedication. His story shows that with determination, you can achieve great things.

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"Lionel Messi" Questions

1. What does the phrase "rose through the ranks" mean in the context paragraph 2?

- a. Played a different sport
- b. Left soccer
- c. Started coaching
- d. Moved up quickly from youth teams to the main team

2. How does the information in paragraph 4 impact the reader's understanding of Lionel Messi's character?

- a. It shows he is only focused on soccer.
- b. It suggests he is not interested in charity work.
- c. It indicates he prefers playing for FC Barcelona over other clubs.
- d. It highlights his dedication to helping children in need around the world.

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

- a. Lionel Messi has won many soccer awards.
- b. Lionel Messi is both a soccer legend and a generous person.
- c. Lionel Messi joined FC Barcelona's youth academy at 13.
- d. Lionel Messi moved to Paris Saint-Germain in 2021.

4. How does the author support the claim, "Lionel Messi is one of the greatest soccer players in the world"? Use 2 details from the text to support your answer.

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Sonia Sotomayor: The Justice

- 1 Sonia Sotomayor is a famous judge who serves on the Supreme Court of the United States. She was born on June 25, 1954, in New York City. Sonia's parents were from Puerto Rico, and she grew up in the Bronx. When Sonia was young, she loved reading and learning, and she dreamed of becoming a judge one day.
- 2 Sonia worked very hard in school. She went to Princeton University for college and then to Yale Law School. After finishing her studies, Sonia became a lawyer and later a judge. In 2009, President Barack Obama nominated her to the Supreme Court, and she became the first Latina woman to serve as a Supreme Court Justice.
- 3 As a judge, Sonia Sotomayor is known for her wisdom and fairness. She has made many important decisions that have helped shape the laws of the United States. Sonia believes in standing up for what is right and helping those who are less fortunate. She also believes in education for all. She once said, "Until we get equality in education, we won't have an equal society."
- 4 Sonia is also an author. She has written books to inspire young people and tell the story of her life. She tells the story of how she became a judge and how she has dedicated her life to justice and making a big difference in the world.
- 5 Sonia Sotomayor is a role model for many young people. She shows us that with hard work and dedication, we can achieve our dreams and make a difference in the world.

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"Sonia Sotomayor" Questions

1. How does the author of the passage seem to feel about Sonia Sotomayor's journey and achievements?

- a. The author admires her hard work and dedication.
- b. The author is critical of her decisions.
- c. The author is indifferent to her achievements.
- d. The author only values her educational background.

2. What does Sonia Sotomayor's work as an author imply about her character?

- a. It shows she is dedicated to inspiring others and sharing her story.
- b. It suggests she prefers writing over being a judge.
- c. It indicates she is only interested in her legal career.
- d. It highlights her desire to leave the Supreme Court.

3. Why did the author include the quote from Sonia Sotomayor in paragraph 3?

- a. To highlight Sonia Sotomayor's love for reading and learning as a child.
- b. To illustrate the challenges Sonia Sotomayor faced in her career.
- c. To provide an example of Sonia Sotomayor's work as an author.
- d. To provide evidence for Sonia Sotomayor's values of fairness and education.

**4. How did Sonia Sotomayor's childhood interests influence her career path?
Use 2 details from the text to support your answer.**

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Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez: Rising Star

- 1 Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, often called AOC, is a famous politician. She was born on October 13, 1989, in the Bronx, New York City. Alexandria's family is of Puerto Rican descent, and she grew up in a working-class neighborhood. She did very well in school and went on to study at Boston University.
- 2 After college, Alexandria worked as a waitress while helping her mother with their family business. She was very passionate about helping her community and decided to run for Congress in 2018. She wanted to help make her community and her country a better place. She won the election and became the youngest woman ever to serve in the United States Congress at the age of 29.
- 3 AOC is known for her strong voice on issues like climate change, healthcare, and income inequality. She believes in fighting for people who do not have a lot of money or power. Alexandria once said, "You don't have to be perfect, but you do have to be 100% committed."
- 4 As a congresswoman, Alexandria has introduced many ideas to help improve the lives of people. She is very active on social media and shares her thoughts with her followers.
- 5 Alexandria has inspired many people and shown that anyone can make a difference in the world. She believes that to helping others, anyone can make a difference in the world.

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"AOC" Questions

1. Why did the author include the quote from Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, "You don't have to be perfect, but you do have to be 100% committed," in the passage?

- a. To illustrate Alexandria's belief in dedication and hard work
- b. To highlight Alexandria's perfectionist tendencies
- c. To show Alexandria's doubts about her own abilities
- d. To emphasize Alexandria's desire for fame and popularity

2. Which best describes Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's journey to becoming a congresswoman?

- a. Attending an expensive college and immediately running for congress after graduation
- b. Focusing solely on her education
- c. Rising from a humble background to an important job in politics through her commitment to helping her community
- d. Growing up in a wealthy family and using those connections to enter politics

3. How did Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's work and family responsibilities prepare her for a role in Congress?

- a. They taught her the value of hard work and the importance of helping the community.
- b. They provided her with the money needed to run for office.
- c. They gave her opportunities to meet lots of influential politicians.
- d. They made her realize that politics was not her primary interest.

4. Why does the author consider Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez to be an inspiration to young people? Use 2 details from the text to support your answer.

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Junot Díaz: Acclaimed Author

- 1 Junot Díaz is a famous writer known for his powerful stories. He was born on December 31, 1968, in Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic. When he was six years old, Junot moved to the United States with his family and grew up in New Jersey. He loved reading and writing from a young age and decided he wanted to become a writer.
- 2 Junot went to Rutgers University for college and later studied at Cornell University. He started writing short stories that were published in magazines and soon became known for his talent. His first book, a collection of short stories called *Drown*, was published in 1996 and received a lot of praise.
- 3 In 2007, Junot released his first novel, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*. This book tells the story of a young Dominican boy living in New Jersey. It explores themes of family, identity, and history. The novel was a huge success and won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2008.
- 4 Junot Díaz is also a teacher and believes in the importance of telling stories from different perspectives. He works hard to support new writers and encourages everyone to find their unique voice.
- 5 Junot's work reflects his experiences as an immigrant and his connection to the world in his own stories.

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"Junot Díaz" Questions

- 1. What significant change occurred in Junot Díaz's life when he was six years old?**
 - a. He started school in the Dominican Republic.
 - b. He relocated to the United States with his family.
 - c. He began his writing career.
 - d. He won his first writing award.
- 2. How did Junot Díaz's early experiences shape his writing?**
 - a. His background had no impact on his storytelling.
 - b. Living in the Dominican Republic was his only inspiration.
 - c. His writing draws on experiences that he had growing up.
 - d. His college professors were his main influence.
- 3. Which detail from the passage best highlights Junot Díaz's commitment to supporting new writers?**
 - a. "He started writing short stories that were published in magazines"
 - b. "Junot went to Rutgers University for college and later studied at Cornell University."
 - c. "Junot Díaz is also a teacher and believes in the importance of telling stories from different perspectives."
 - d. "Junot's work inspires many readers around the world."
- 4. What is the main idea of paragraph 5? Use 2 details from the text to support your answer.**

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Camila Cabello: Pop Sensation

- 1 Camila Cabello is a famous singer and songwriter. She was born on March 3, 1997, in Havana, Cuba. Camila moved to the United States when she was young and grew up in Miami, Florida. She loved music from a young age and dreamed of becoming a singer.
- 2 Camila first became famous when she joined the music group Fifth Harmony on the TV show "The X Factor." The group became very popular, and they had many hit songs. After a few years, Camila decided to leave the group and start her solo career.
- 3 As a solo artist, Camila has released many successful songs. Her first solo hit was "Havana," which became very popular all over the world. She has won many awards for her music and continues to make songs that people love.
- 4 Camila also loves to help others. She supports many charities and works to make the world a better place. She especially cares about promoting mental health awareness. She started an organization called the Healing Justice Fund to help people access mental health care.
- 5 Camila Cabello is a dedicated philanthropist and uses her platform to make a positive impact. She has supported various social and environmental efforts and continues to be a voice for change.

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"Camila Cabello" Questions

1. What event led to Camila Cabello becoming famous?

- a. Moving to the United States
- b. Starting the Healing Justice Fund
- c. Joining the music group Fifth Harmony on "The X Factor"
- d. Winning many awards

2. Which best describes the author's perspective on Camila Cabello?

- a. The author admires her dedication to music and helping others.
- b. The author is critical of her career choices.
- c. The author is indifferent to her achievements.
- d. The author loves her music but doesn't know much about her as a person.

3. How does the information about Camila Cabello's charity work enhance your understanding of her character?

- a. It shows she is only interested in music.
- b. It highlights her dedication to making a positive impact beyond her music career.
- c. It suggests she doesn't care about helping others.
- d. It focuses on her life in Cuba.

4. What is the relationship between paragraph 2 and paragraph 3? Use 2 details from the text to support your answer.

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Oscar De La Hoya: Boxing Champion

- 1 Oscar De La Hoya is a famous boxer and Olympic gold medalist. He was born on February 4, 1973, in East Los Angeles, California. Oscar started boxing when he was very young, inspired by his father who was also a boxer. He worked hard and showed great talent in the sport.
- 2 In 1992, Oscar won a gold medal at the Olympics in Barcelona, Spain. This victory made him very popular, and he became known as "The Golden Boy." After the Olympics, Oscar turned professional and had a very successful boxing career. He won 11 world titles in six different weight classes.
- 3 Oscar De La Hoya is known for his powerful punches and quick footwork. He fought many famous boxers and had some of the biggest matches in boxing history. He retired from boxing in 2009 with an impressive record of 39 wins and 6 losses.
- 4 After retiring from boxing, Oscar De La Hoya started his own company called Golden Boy Promotions. His company helps organize boxing matches and supports new fighters. Oscar is also involved in charity work, helping young people through programs.
- 5 Oscar De La Hoya is a dedicated and hardworking man who has inspired many people around the world.

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"Oscar De La Hoya" Questions

1. **What best summarizes Oscar De La Hoya's achievements?**
 - a. Becoming an Olympic gold medalist, winning multiple world titles, and founding Golden Boy Promotions to support new fighters
 - b. Growing up in East Los Angeles and becoming a famous boxer
 - c. Retiring with an impressive boxing record and starting a charity
 - d. Winning his first boxing match and becoming a professional boxer

2. **How did Oscar De La Hoya's Olympic victory influence his boxing career?**
 - a. It made him decide to retire from boxing.
 - b. It increased his popularity and led to a successful professional career.
 - c. It discouraged him from pursuing boxing further.
 - d. It had no impact on his career.

3. **Which best describes the meaning of the word "matches" as it is used in paragraph 3?**
 - a. A set of items that are similar or equal
 - b. A device used to start a fire
 - c. A competition or contest between two boxers
 - d. A pair of items that are used together

4. **What are two ways that Oscar de la Hoya works to help others? Use 2 details from the text to support your answer.**

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Answer Key

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Lin Manuel-Miranda	C	B	D
Selena Gomez	C	A	A
Lionel Messi	D	D	B
Sonia Sotomayor	A	A	D
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	A	C	A
Junot Díaz	B	C	C
Camilla Cabello	C	A	B
Oscar De La Hoya	A	B	C

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