

The Dust Bowl

Mrs. Howard's 3rd Grade Homework

Unit: 5/ Lesson: 4 (The Dust Bowl)

(No late homework will be accepted)



Directions:

1. Reading

Due: Thursday, 2015

Complete the attached study guide in your 5 subject ELA notebook in the *Reading and Responding* section. Remember to use the correct heading and answer the questions in complete sentences.

2. Vocabulary

Due: Thursday, 2015

Write a complete and meaningful sentence for each of the 8 vocabulary word in the Vocabulary section of your 5 subject notebook... **Underline** the vocabulary word. Try to add who, what, where, why, when, and how to your sentences.

3. Spelling

Due: Thursday, 2015

- Write the definition for each of the 23 spelling list words in the spelling section of your 5 subject notebook.
- Complete the spellingcity.com activities if you have internet access.

4. Grammar

Due: Friday, 2015

Complete the attached activity sheet

5. Math

Due: Daily

- Practice exercises will be given daily that the students are to return the next day. Please ask for them daily!
- Complete X-tra math exercises online (www.xtramath.com)

6. Social Studies & Science

Due: As Given

Homework will be assigned as needed

The Dust Bowl

Your child will now be reading "The Dust Bowl," a nonfiction selection that describes the aftermath of the blinding dust storms that swept across the heartland of the United States in the 1930s. Many people from this region moved to California, but the state could not take in all the migrants. People wrote songs and novels and took photographs that captured the plight of the refugees. These artistic expressions of the suffering caught the attention of the government and ultimately led to better housing for the refugees.

Vocabulary Words:

1. borders: n., artificial line where one country or state ends and another begins
2. locals: n., a person who has been living in a place for a long time, unlike newly arrived people
3. demand: n., the desire for a product or service
4. cra: n., a period of history, usually several years long
5. ditches: n., a long narrow pathway cut in the ground to drain water
6. desperate: adj., ready to take large risks with little hope of success

Spelling Words:

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| 1. demanded | 11. thrilling |
| 2. request | 12. boring |
| 3. strangers | 13. drowsy |
| 4. locals | 14. alert |
| 5. fierce | 15. together |
| 6. mild | 16. apart |
| 7. active | 17. solid |
| 8. lazy | 18. hollow |
| 9. graceful | 19. hope |
| 10. awkward | 20. despair |

Comprehension: Pop's Bridge

1. Who is the narrator of the story? _____

2. What is a skywalker? _____

3. Why does Robert put the puzzle piece in his pocket?

4. Why does Robert change his attitude about being the proudest? _____

5. What did Robert do with the missing puzzle piece?

6. What is Robert's father's job? _____

7. What is Charlie's father's job? _____

8. Why do some people call the Golden Gate Bridge the "Impossible Bridge"? _____

9. What is the final piece that completes the Golden Gate Bridge? _____
10. What other story have we read that has a similar piece? _____
11. Why is everyone's job important? _____

Name: _____

Appositives at the Beginning or End

An appositive often occurs in the middle of a sentence, interrupting the sentence in order to provide additional details or information about a noun or pronoun in the sentence. Sometimes, though, the appositive phrase is found at the beginning or the end of a sentence. An appositive is often, but not always, next to the noun or pronoun that it is clarifying.

Examples, with the appositive underlined:

I asked if I could bring Will, my best friend.

An outstanding student, Winnie is a champion swimmer.

Circle the appositive in each sentence below. Then, underline the noun or pronoun that it is clarifying.

1. An uncommonly long movie, "The Lord of the Rings" received high praise.
2. Jack took a bus to the library, the one nearest to his house.
3. A very rich dessert, banana cream pie is not everyone's favorite dish.
4. A female calico, Janet's cat has won many ribbons.
5. Our family enjoyed our week at our favorite vacation spot, Hawaii.
6. A pioneer of Impressionism, Pierre-Auguste Renoir was born in France.
7. In the evening we chat with our neighbors in our front yard, the prettiest on the block.
8. The Civil War began with the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter, a U.S. fort in South Carolina.
9. The fireman bravely carried the baby from the fire, a hero to the bystanders.
10. A ferocious growler, the tiny dog frightened the neighbors.