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Directions: As you read *The Landry News*, you are required to answer questions over the chapters. Make sure you use the book to help you answer the questions.

CHAPTERS 1-5

Please read and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Why did Cara's editorial anger Mr. Larson?
2. Why did so many parents write letters requesting that their child not be in Mr. Larson's classroom?
3. What incident on the first Friday afternoon in October caused great interest in Mr. Larson's classroom?
4. How did Mrs. Landry react when she learned that Cara had written an upsetting editorial about her teacher?
5. What large city did Cara live on the outskirts of?
6. What did Cara's editorial make Karl Larson realize?
7. What did Mr. Larson do every day after starting the class on a story or a worksheet?
8. What personal situation led Cara to write hurtful newspaper articles the year before?

9. What secret about Mr. Larson had Cara discovered by carefully looking over the glass cases by the front office?

Chapters 1-5 Word Search

Find and circle each of the following words.

INTERACTION
LITERARY
AVALANCHE
WELLED

JOURNALIST
CHAOS
SARCASTIC
SUSPENSIONS

SHEAF
BIOGRAPHIES
COLLAGES
ALOOF

N L I T E R A R Y C H A S S L
C O I C H A O S H E A F A U T
I H I J S E G A L L O C R S U
T F A T O A D E L L E W C P C
S A L E C U D S O A H C A E G
A E O Y R A R E T I L H S N A
C H O S N A R N F O L A T S T
R S F A E H S E A O C O I I J
A A L O O F E S T L O S C O L
S Y R A R E T I L N I L T N F
J O U R N A L I S T I S A S E
A E H C N A L A V A L U T R N
O O R B I O G R A P H I E S W
A L O O F S A R C A S T I C O
L A I C S A N C I T R A G A R

CHAPTERS 6-10

Please read and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

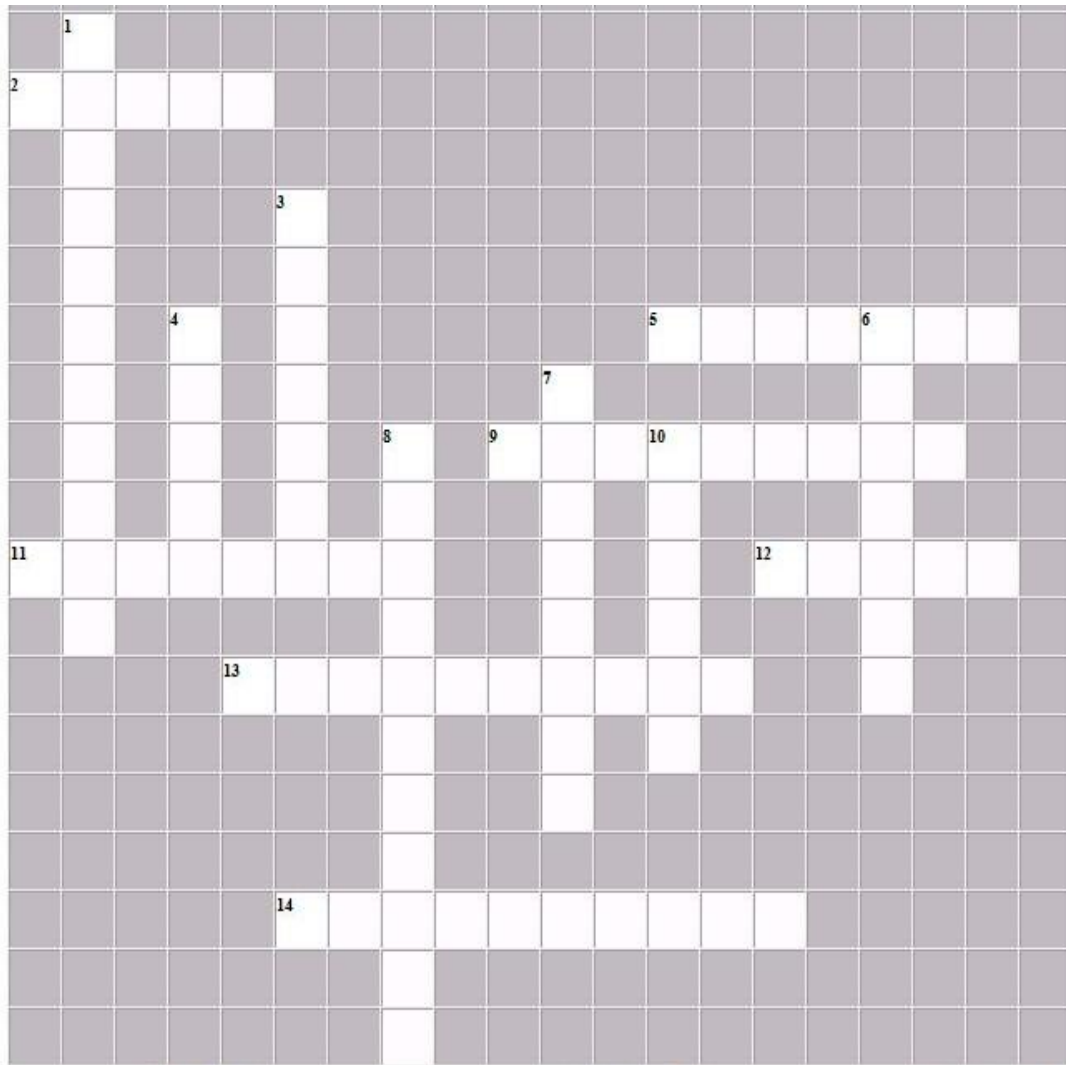
1. How many days did it take Cara, Joey, and their friends to produce the new-looking newspaper?
2. What was the significance of "eleven-by-seventeen"?
3. How was Ms. Steinert important to Cara and Joey's "project"?
4. What did Cara do while her classmates began working on Mr. Larson's assignment?
5. According to Cara's editorial, what was the motto of The Landry News?
6. What suggestion did Joey DeLucca offer Cara in regards to her newspaper?
7. Describe Ms. Steinert. How did Mr. Larson feel whenever he spoke with her? In what way did she help with Joey and Cara's project? Infer how Joey knew Ms. Steinert so well.

CHAPTERS 11-16

Please read and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What was the Supreme Court's decision in the Hazelwood case of 1988?
2. What words in the Bill of Rights were important to the class's newspaper?
3. Why did Dr. Barnes disapprove of Mr. Larson professionally?
4. What would happen if a newspaper printed a lie?
5. Why did Mr. Larson tell Dr. Barnes that the newspaper was a classroom project, not a school paper?
8. Infer why Dr. Barnes was pleased when Mr. Larson accepted full responsibility for the newspaper.
9. List three ways The Landry News was like all other newspapers.

10. Why could Cara relate to Michael Morton's story, "Lost and Found"?



FLATTERED
THERMOS
MONITOR
SKULKED

TREMOR
CIRCULATION
TONER
FUMED

REPUTATION
CORRIDOR
OBITUARIES

ALLOTTED
REQUISITION
MERCY

Down

1. a written request or order for something, as supplies
3. moved in a sneaky manner
4. a black or colored powder used in a printer to develop a copied image
6. a container lined with an insulating material, to keep liquids hot or cold
7. given a portion
8. distribution of copies of a newspaper or magazine among readers
10. a quavering or shaky sound

Across

2. a state of mind to be kind and forgiving
5. a unit with a screen for viewing data at a computer terminal
9. praised; tried to please by compliments
11. passage connecting parts of a building; hallway
12. showed fretful anger
13. what one is thought to be by others
14. published notices of deaths, usually with brief biographies of the deceased

CHAPTERS 17-20

Please read and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. According to Michael's story, what was the first thing he did when he learned his parents were divorcing?
2. What name was given to the new newspaper?
3. Why did Mr. Larson carefully explain to his students all the steps in the hearing process?
4. List two reasons why Mr. Larson felt publishing Michael's story was the "right thing to do."
5. What did the Chicago Tribune and Sun Times do to spread interest in Mr. Larson's situation?
6. What great idea came to Joey and Cara during their bus ride home from school on Monday?
7. Why had the school board members disapproved of Michael's story being published?
8. How many editions of The Landry News were published?

9. How were Joey, Cara, and their classmates able to continue publishing their newspaper outside of school?

10. Why wasn't Cara scared as she sat across from Dr. Barnes in his office?

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

Choose **one** of the following activities and highlight which activity you selected.

1. Read another novel by the author Andrew Clements and an Online Book Review. His novels include: *Frindle*, *The Janitor's Boy*, *The School Story*, *The Jacket*, *A Week in the Woods*, *Lunch Money*, *Things Hoped For*, *The Report Card*, and *Lost and Found*.

2. Create a classroom newspaper similar to *The Landry News*. Include local news, surveys, student interviews, and an editorial. Vote on a class name for the paper.

3. Research books and the Internet to locate a copy of The Bill of Rights. Read over the bill and decide which right is the most important one to you. Write a paragraph explaining why the one you chose is the most important.

4. Examine several editions of your local newspaper. Determine if it "has a good heart," like *The Landry News*. Write two paragraphs explaining why or why not. Provide evidence from the newspapers to support your claim.

5. Take a survey among **ALL** the students at your school to determine the favorite and least favorite cafeteria foods. Make circle graphs to report the results.

6. Create a crossword puzzle about the novel. Include at least fifteen clues.

7. Consider the theme for this book and create a collage that represents it. Use words and phrases from the novel along with pictures from magazines and/or newspapers. Share your collage by displaying it in the classroom.

8. Imagine Cara Landry, Joey DeLucca, and Mr. Larson are invited to appear on a talk show, such as *Oprah* or *Ellen*. Work in a group of **four** to act out the program scene. Prepare a list of questions for the host to ask the guests.