



DISTANCE LEARNING PACKET

7TH GRADE

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Connecting Texts to Historical Context

Day 6

DIRECTIONS: Read the poems and answer the questions that follow.

The Death of the Ball Turret Gunner

From my mother's sleep I fell into the State,
And I hunched in its belly till my wet fur froze.
Six miles from earth, loosed from its dreams of life,
I woke to black flak and the nightmare fighters.
When I died they washed me out of the turret with
a hose.

1. About which of the following events do you think this poem was written?
 - (A) the assassination of Abraham Lincoln
 - (B) the Civil War
 - (C) World War II
 - (D) the Wright Brothers' flight at Kitty Hawk

2. Identify some images from the poem that tell you that a ball turret is part of an airplane.

Concord Hymn

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world.

The foe long since in silence slept;
Alike the conqueror silent sleeps;
And Time the ruined bridge has swept
Down the dark stream which seaward creeps . . .

3. This poem commemorates the Battles of Lexington and Concord, which occurred on April 19, 1775. These battles were part of

- (F) the American Civil War
- (G) the War of 1812
- (H) World War I
- (J) the American Revolutionary War

4. To whom is the poet referring in the line "The foe long since in silence slept"?

- (A) the Union soldiers who fought in the Civil War
- (B) the British who fought in the Revolutionary War
- (C) the Native Americans who lived in the United States at the time of the Revolution
- (D) the settlers who first came to America.



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Day 7

Capitalizing Proper Nouns

◆ Write each sentence and capitalize the proper nouns.

1. mozart and haydn were friends in vienna.

2. haydn also taught beethoven.

3. On new year's day in 1791, haydn arrived in england.

4. haydn wrote twelve symphonies for london, which are called *the london symphonies*.

5. One of haydn's compositions is entitled *the seasons*.

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Finding Nouns

◆ Underline the nouns in each sentence below.

1. Huge snowdrifts caused Jim Maxwell to arrive late at the auction on a cold day in December.
2. He arrived as a group of horses were being loaded into a truck headed for a slaughterhouse.
3. As Jim watched, he noticed Cassidy, a horse that had worked nine years on a farm.
4. The horse was in bad shape; his ribs stuck out, and mud covered his coat.
5. Jim paid the dealer a few dollars and returned to his family.
6. Because the children showed Cassidy so much affection, he soon fattened up and looked like a new animal.
7. With great sadness Jim had to sell him ten months later to a neighbor, Dr. Mason Adams.
8. Cassidy, however, did not like the idea of new quarters at all.
9. That night, he jumped a fence, ran across a field, wandered through gardens and yards, and returned to Jim.
10. After higher fences did not stop Cassidy, Jim bought him back.

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Day 9

Finding Pronouns

A **pronoun** is a word that takes the place of one or more nouns.

- ◆ Underline the pronouns in each sentence. Above each pronoun, write the label *R* for reflexive, and *I* for intensive.

1. The school is holding its football tryouts at three-thirty.
2. "Ari said he would try out for the team," Rob stated.
3. Ari's friends decided they themselves would go to the tryouts.
4. Janice told Bonnie, "We should have brought our raincoats with us."
5. "Lani said she couldn't meet us," Lily told Rob.
6. Ari found himself with his own private cheering section at the tryouts.
7. Coach Mayer said he was looking forward to a good season if the players would do their part.
8. "Your passing is fine, but I think you should work on your running game," Coach told his players.
9. Janice and Bonnie worked themselves hard.
10. Ari himself decided to work harder, too.

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Day 10

Mixed Practice

◆ Underline the nouns and pronouns in each sentence.

1. During the Great Depression, Charles Darrow lost his job.
2. With time on his hands, he began to invent things like puzzles.
3. One day he got an idea for a game about Atlantic City, the place where he and his wife had spent their vacations.
4. First he drew the outline of the board on the tablecloth.
5. Then he built little houses and hotels from scraps of wood.
6. Colored buttons became tokens, and pieces of cardboard became the deeds to properties.
7. Next Charles bought play money and a pair of dice.
8. Everyone loved the game and wanted one.
9. When he could not keep up with the orders, Darrow tried to sell his game to a large company.
10. What do you think happened?
11. They came up with fifty-two reasons why no one would play it.
12. Darrow himself then arranged for the printer to make five thousand copies of the game.
13. This is now the most popular game in the world.