**Grade 4 ~ Theme 4:Problem Solvers ~ Extension Menu**

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| **1. Poster**  Make a movie poster for one of the stories in Theme 4. Without giving away the plot your poster should incorporate:   * Two or more characters * An element of culture or tradition that is evident in the story * The problem/conflict the character faces * A movie review (quote) from a newspaper | **2. Brochure**  Create a travel brochure about the setting of one of the stories in Theme 4 or in a story that you are reading.   * Describe the different cultural aspects that are unique to that area * List at least 3 places of interest * Include special events or traditions that take place throughout the year | **3. Radio Report**  Research a problem facing the world today using a newspaper or magazine article. Based on what you have learned create a Radio Report.   * Identify and explain the problem * List possible solutions that would help solve the problem * State why it is important to solve this problem |
| **4. 3-Way Venn Diagram**  Compare and contrast two of the characters from Theme 4 with yourself (or two characters from a selection that you are reading)   * Include qualities of courage, initiative and cooperation * Compare cultures (language, traditions, food, beliefs etc.) * Written reflection: Which character is most like you? Give examples. | **5. Poem/Quote**  I do not want my house to be walled in on all sides and my windows to be stifled. I want all the cultures of all lands to be blown about my house as freely as possible. But I refuse to be blown off my feet by any.  -Gandhi  Copy, illustrate, memorize, recite and respond to the above quote. | 1. **Bulletin Board**   Create a classroom bulletin board that focuses on problem solving. Choose a problem as a sample to follow the steps toward its solution. |
| **7. Picture Postcard**  Write 2 postcards from the perspective of “Peter” from The Last Dragon and “Marvin” from Marvin of the Great North Woods.   * Write to a family member or friend back home * Include a hardship or challenge you have faced * Describe an event that had an impact on your life * Include a life lesson you have learned | **8. Oral Report**  Choose a local cultural event or festival from a culture different than your own to research. Include:   * Background information about the festival * Describe the food, music, dancing, art, language and other events * Explain how festivals or cultural celebrations help people from different cultures understand one another. * Create note cards for a report along with pictures or demonstration | **9. Comic Strip**  Create a comic book based on character from Theme 4 (or a character from a novel that you are reading)   * Include a problem or conflict the character faces * The character should demonstrate courage and initiative when solving their problem * Story told over the course of 5 or more frames * Setting clearly depicted |

**Matching Assessments for Extension Menu**

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| **1. Poster**   1. Follows Poster Criteria Card 2. Includes two or more characters 3. Includes a tradition or element culture 4. Accurately illustrates the main problem/conflict 5. Movie review is thoughtful and specific.   **Total= \_\_\_\_\_** | **2. Travel Brochure**   1. Follows Brochure Card 2. Accurately describes at least 1 cultural aspect (China Town, a neighborhood park, a French-Canadian lumber camp) 3. Lists and describes 3 places a visitor may find of interest 4. Describes at least 1 special event or celebration (Chinatown parade, concert in the park, etc.) 5. Includes at least 2 different lodging options for visitors   **Total= \_\_\_\_\_** | **3. Radio Report**   1. Follows Radio Report Criteria Card 2. Clearly identifies and explains the problem 3. Includes at least 3 realistic solutions to help solve this problem 4. States a compelling argument as to why this problem should be solved 5. Two to five minute radio report presented to the class   **Total= \_\_\_\_\_** |
| **4. 3-Way Venn Diagram**   1. Follows Venn Diagram Card 2. Includes examples of courage, cooperation, and initiative 3. Diagram includes at least one illustration 4. Includes paragraph with specific similarities between self and characters 5. Accurate placement of info   **Total= \_\_\_\_\_** | **5. Poem/Quote**   1. Follows Poem/Quote Criteria Card 2. Copied neatly 3. Appropriate illustration 4. Memorized poem 5. Interpret/respond to poem (What does the quote mean?)   **Total= \_\_\_\_\_** | **6. Bulletin Board**   1. Follows Bulletin Board Criteria Card 2. Includes at main idea 3. Information accurate 4. Visually creative 5. Utilizes Problem Solving Steps 6. **Total= \_\_\_\_\_** |
| **7. Picture Postcard**   1. Follows Picture Postcard Criteria Card 2. Addressed to a family member or friend 3. Accurate examples from story conveys challenges you faced 4. Life changing event described in detail 5. One card for each character   **Total= \_\_\_\_\_** | **8. Oral Report**   1. Follows Oral Report Criteria Card 2. Has note cards to guide report 3. Festival or celebration background is well researched 4. Includes pictures, illustration or demonstration 5. Explains why and how festivals help different cultures understand each other.   **Total= \_\_\_\_\_** | **9. Comic Strip**   1. Follows Comic Strip Criteria Card 2. Problem/conflict includes aspects of fear or isolation 3. Courage and/or initiative is evident as character solves the problem 4. Includes 5 or more frames 5. Setting is clearly illustrated   **Total= \_\_\_\_\_** |

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| **1. Poster**   1. Title correctly spelled 2. Attractively colorful visuals 3. Clear and neat writing 4. Original and creative 5. Shows topic well | **2. Travel Brochure**   1. Pictures relate to topic 2. Attractive and neat layout 3. Folded with information on each panel 4. Neat and clear writing highlighting important points 5. Correct spelling | **3. Radio Report**   1. Clear and understandable 2. Uses descriptive words 3. Recording quality is good 4. Has sound effects or music 5. Stays within time limits |
| **4. 3-Way Venn Diagram**   1. Has three overlapping circles 2. Legible and neat 3. Shows similarities and differences 4. Has title and conclusions 5. Accurate information inside each circle and overlap | **5. Poem/Quote**   1. Appropriate format and poetic structure 2. Title 3. Rich vocabulary 4. Relevant to subject 5. Correct spelling, mechanics and punctuation | **6. Bulletin Board**   1. Visually appealing (correct spelling, neatness, creative) 2. Pictures and words are coordinated 3. Organization 4. Relevant to topic 5. Information is accurate |
| **7. Picture Postcard**   1. Picture in color on front of card 2. Picture is clear and understandable 3. Size 4"x5" or 4"x6" 4. Message included on back 5. Accurate information | **8. Oral Report**   1. Voice projection, clarity and expression 2. Eye contact 3. Appropriate body language and gestures 4. Correct timing/pacing 5. Accurate information | **9. Comic Strip**   1. Frames in correct sequence 2. Tells a story or idea through pictures 3. Characters/objects clearly drawn 4. Clear writing with correct spelling 5. Humor, Originality and creativity |

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