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January 2018 Learning Activities

I. A quick look at the contents--find the answers.

1. Dr. King experienced _____ during his lifetime. (p. 1)
2. The organizers of the Las Vegas event want to encourage _____. (p. 1)
3. Time Magazine named the _____ as the Person of the Year. (p. 1)
4. "The Grapes of Wrath" is considered to be Steinbeck's _____. (p. 2)
5. Weedpatch School was made for migrant children who came from _____. (p. 2)
6. Leo Hart saw the _____ by the local people against the Dust Bowl refugees. (p. 3)
7. The "Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution" is _____. (p. 4)
9. An estimated _____ lives were lost during the Holocaust in the _____ and _____. (p. 4)
10. Last year was newsworthy because of the number and size of _____. (p. 5)
11. The most common New Year's resolutions are to _____ and to _____. (p. 6)
12. The Land of the Dead is populated with _____ - _____ and colorful _____ animals. (p. 7)
13. Shohei Ohtani was one of the most widely _____ players in _____ history. (p. 8)

II. Vocabulary quiz: Match the definitions to the two and three-word phrases on the left.

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| ___ 1. ...one day this nation will rise up ... | a. stop making an effort |
| ___ 2. Are you in a hurry ? | b. move from a lower position to a higher one |
| ___ 3. What tasks or chores have you put off ? | c. rushed; short of time |
| ___ 4. Good habits are so much easier to give up ... | d. postponed |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed on Jan. 15" (pages 1 and 4)

1. He was inspired by the nonviolent activism of _____.
2. In 1994 Congress transformed the holiday into a national day of _____.

B. From "Fred Korematsu Day" (page 4)

1. Fred Korematsu objected to the internment of _____ during _____.
2. He challenged the orders, became a _____ and went into _____.

C. From "Holocaust remembrance" (page 4)

1. It is a day commemorating the millions of _____ and _____ who were _____ by the Nazis.
2. Auschwitz-Birkenau was the largest and most _____ Nazi extermination camp in _____.

IV. Find and read the quotations (quotes) on pages 1, 4, 5, & 6. Which one speaks to you the loudest?

V. **Writing suggestions: The deadline for the February 2018 issue is January 17.** Send us stories about what citizenship means to you. Tell us about your goals and resolutions for the New Year. Also send stories about a favorite book, film, or opera, your favorite winter sports, your job, or anything else of general interest.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order:

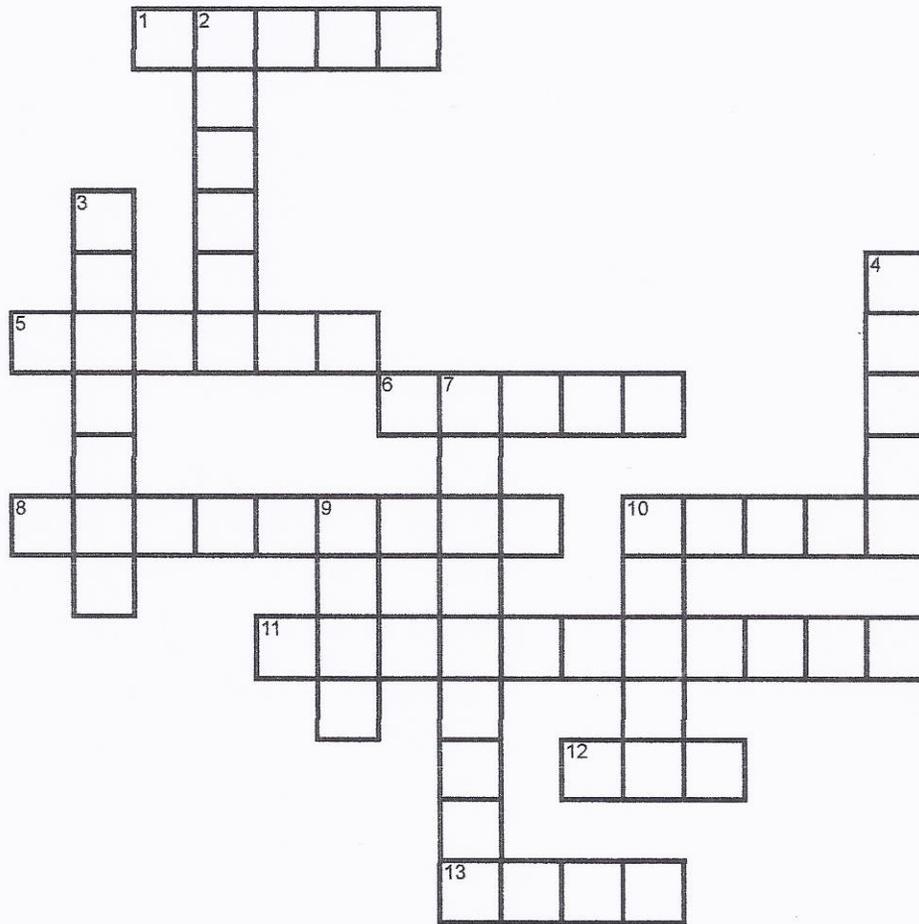
ashamed, blank, brotherhood, chores, lack, lumber, plentiful, regretted, scrap, spy, stage, taste, torn, upset

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and a vocabulary matching exercise.**

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Crossword Puzzle - January 2018

All words are from VOCABULARY HELP.



Across

- 1 When a page has not been written or printed on it is _____.
- 5 Routine tasks, especially household ones are _____.
- 6 An unexpected result or situation is an _____.
- 8 They _____ that they couldn't sit closer to the stage. They felt sad and disappointed.
- 10 The raised floor or platform in a theater is the _____.
- 11 The feeling of kinship with and closeness to all people is _____.
- 12 A person who secretly collects and reports information on the activities of an enemy or competitor is a _____.
- 13 The Dust Bowl migrants had a _____ of money, food, education, etc. They didn't have enough.

Down

- 2 Wood prepared for use in building and carpentry is _____.
- 3 He was _____ of his son's relationship with Violetta. He was embarrassed by it.
- 4 When you perceive or experience the flavor of something, you _____ it.
- 7 When something is abundant, it is _____.
- 9 The man's face had been _____ off of the photo. It was ripped off.
- 10 A small piece of something that is leftover is a _____.