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MARCH 2019 Learning Activities

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

1. President Trump said that the national state of emergency was to address the _____. (p. 1)
2. The Department of the Treasury manages _____ finances by collecting _____ and paying _____. (p. 1)
3. The National Cherry Blossom Festival is scheduled for the time when the trees will be _____. (p. 1)
4. March typically has _____ weather by the end of the month. (p. 2)
5. César Chávez Day serves as a tribute to his work for _____ and respect for _____. (p. 2)
6. Jimmy Carter and his wife have been working with Habitat for more than _____. (p. 3)
7. Eleven women are being honored for their efforts to make our world a more _____. (p. 4)
8. By hiding her husband away until he _____, Edith Wilson was able to protect him. (p. 4)
9. National Arbor Day is a day dedicated to public _____. (p. 4)
10. A limerick is a _____ with five lines. Edward Lear wrote "The Book of _____" in 1846. (p. 5)
11. Financial literacy is more than just being able to _____. (p. 6)
12. A budget is a financial planning _____. (p. 6)
13. All of the paper bills in the U.S. have pictures of _____ on them. (p. 7)
14. Sacajawea was the _____ guide who helped _____ and _____ when they explored. (p. 7)

II. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "President Trump declares national emergency; protests follow" (pages 1 and 5)

1. Congress is the branch of government that decides how to spend the _____ it _____.
2. Sixteen states _____ President Trump's administration over his decision to declare a national emergency.

B. From "Why is a budget important?" (pages 6 and 8)

1. Seventy-eight percent of U.S. workers live _____ to _____.
2. More than half of minimum wage workers say they have to work more than one job to _____.

C. From "The men on the paper money... and two women on dollar coins." (page 7)

1. The men on the paper money are _____ presidents and _____.
2. The U.S. _____ has not produced the coin with Sacajawea on it since _____.

III. Find and read the quotations and proverbs on pages 2, 4, 5, & 6. Which one do you like the most?

IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the April 2019 issue is March 14. Send stories about Earth Day, how you care for the earth, your experiences with valuing money and finding bargains, your job, your family, favorite sports, movies, books, or any topic of general interest.

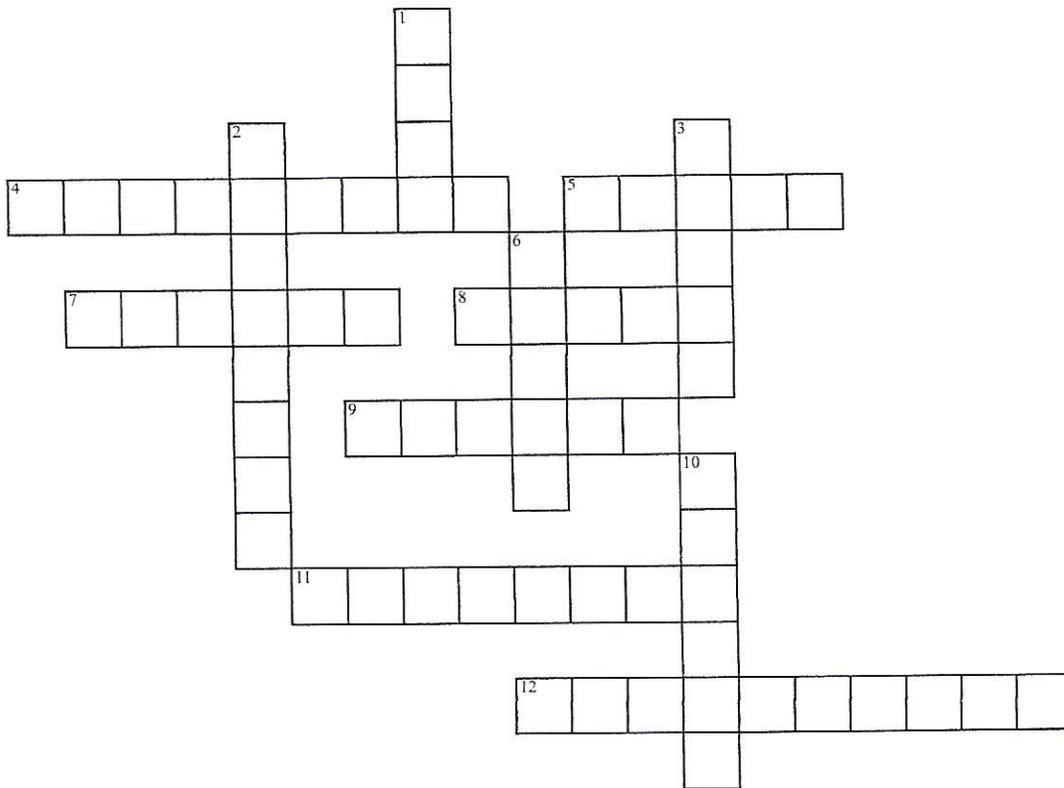
Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: affordable, bargains, borrow, budget, customer, faith, guarantee, might, pinch, risky, wage, wicked

See our website for the Answer Key and a vocabulary matching exercise.

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Crossword Puzzle - March 2019

All words are from VOCABULARY HELP



Across

- When you make a formal promise about something, you _____ it.
- Jimmy Carter wrote about his _____, his strong belief in God.
- A _____ is an estimate of income and expenditures for a set period of time.
- The legend says that leprechauns will _____ you if they can see you.
- She was a _____ woman. She was evil.
- A person who buys goods or services from a store or business is a _____.
- Most people need _____ housing. They need a place to live that is reasonably priced.

Down

- A _____ is a fixed regular payment made by an employer.
- Things that are offered for sale more cheaply than usual are _____.
- _____ is a helping verb or modal that expresses possibility.
- Something that is full of the possibility of danger, failure, or loss is _____.
- May I _____ a pencil? Will you loan me a pencil for a few minutes?