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## May 2014 Learning Activities

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

1. A museum dedicated to the VICTIMS of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks will open on May 21. (p. 1)
2. Cinco de Mayo celebrates the LEGENDARY Battle of Puebla that took place on May 5, 1862. (p. 3)
3. In the United States, Mother's Day is always celebrated on the SECOND SUNDAY in May. (p. 3)
4. The western part of the transcontinental RAILROAD was constructed mainly by Chinese workers. (p. 3)
5. A record 33.7 million Hispanics of Mexican ORIGIN lived in the United States in 2012. (p. 3)
6. Memorial Day is a FEDERAL holiday that is observed on the LAST MONDAY of May. (p. 4)
7. The Kentucky Derby is called "the GREATEST TWO MINUTES in sports." (p. 5)
8. The Indy 500 race covers 500 miles or 200 laps on the famous 2.5 mile oval race track. (p. 5)
9. The U.S. celebrates Older American Month to honor older Americans for their CONTRIBUTIONS. (p. 5)
10. "Saving Mr. Banks" is a story about the author of "MARY POPPINS" and the movie producer WALT DISNEY. (p. 7)

### II. More careful reading--find these answers:

#### A. From "9/11 Museum opens in May in New York City" (pages 1 and 2)

1. During the six-day dedication period the museum will be open AROUND THE CLOCK for family members, rescue and recovery workers and others directly affected by the 2001 attacks.
2. At the memorial plaza visitors can see two huge POOLS and FOUNTAINS where the Twin Towers once stood.

#### B. From "Memorial Day is May 26" (page 4, story and captions)

1. Memorial Day is a day of REMEMBERING the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.
2. The U.S. Navy Seabees are naval mobile CONSTRUCTION troops.

#### C. From "Sports: Horse racing" (page 5)

1. The Kentucky Derby is also called "The Run for the ROSES" because they place a BLANKET of roses on the winning horse.
2. Write two names of race horses that may run in the Kentucky Derby this year. CALIFORNIA CHROME and VICARS IN TROUBLE. (DANCE WITH FATE, WICKED STRONG, WE MISS ARTIE, SAMRAAT, DANZA, HOPPERTUNITY, INTENSE HOLIDAY, WILDCAT RED)

#### D. From "DVD reviews: *Mary Poppins* and *Saving Mr. Banks*" (page 7)

1. In the *Mary Poppins* movie there is MUSIC and FANTASY that is still entertaining today.
2. The title *Saving Mr. Banks* refers to the FATHER in the *Mary Poppins* story.

Crossword puzzle answers - Across: 1. tease 3. coward 5. kite 7. light 9. successful 10. floats  
12. over 13. nursery Down: 2. avoid 4. amusing 6. miss 7. lasted 8. nanny 11. curb