A Resource to use with King of the Wind

A Resource to use with King of the Wind contains multiple choice comprehension questions and activities to use with King of the Wind by Marguerite Henry.

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Introduction

When I began teaching in the Dark Ages, teaching standards were a dusty book on the shelf in the principal’s office. Few teachers knew they existed, and no one used them. At this time textbook companies determined what was taught and how the skills were taught. I decided to start creating book units because I simply wanted to teach my way.

As you well know, teaching standards are now the most important resource teachers have. The standards have been updated and revised repeatedly to become a valuable tool. Each time the standards were revised, I revised the book units to reflect the changes. I am currently updating the units once again to incorporate the Common Core Standards.

With each revision of the teaching standards, I only updated the books I was currently teaching. Because some books were moved to different grade levels by our school system and I dropped other books to make room for new, some of my book units were not revised and remain very basic. This is one of those units. I hope you will be able to use this as a supplemental resource.

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1. Why did so many people come to Kenilworth Park?
a) to watch a horse race between Man O' War and Sir Barton
b) to race sailboats across the lake
c) to have a chariot race
d) to have fun at the carnival

2. What was Man O' War's nickname?
a) Manly
b) Big Red
c) The Warrior

3. What was Sir Barton's plan for winning the race?
a) to save Sir Barton's strength for the last lap of the race
b) to get off to a fast start

4. Which horse won the race?
a) Man O' War
b) Sir Barton

5. What unusual thing did Mr. Riddle do with the trophy cup?
a) He drank champagne from it.
b) He gave Man O' War a drink from it.
c) He put the cup in his bathroom.

6. Why could Man O' War NOT race in Britain?
a) He was not from Europe.
b) The entry fee was too expensive for his owners.
c) He was not a thoroughbred.

7. What secret did Mr. Riddle keep?
a) Man O' War would not race again.
b) Man O' War was dying.
c) Man O' War ate corn on the cob before each race.

8. Who was Man O' War's great-great granddam?
a) Lady Barton
b) the Grand Arabian
c) Lady O' War
d) the Godolphin Arabian
9. Why was Agba, the horse boy, so hungry?
a) There was a drought in Morocco causing plants to die in the gardens, so there was nothing to eat.
b) It was the sacred month of Ramadan when followers of Mohammed fasted from dawn until after sunset.
c) Mohammed asked all the villagers to give him half of the food from everyone's gardens to feed his followers.

10. Why was the fast really hard on the mare?
a) She was very hungry from working in the fields.
b) She had been sick.
c) She was going to have a colt.

11. How did Agba know the fast was over?
a) The trumpeter sounded four times.
b) The sun went behind the horizon.
c) The other stable boys told him.

12. Why did Signor want Agba to stay with the mare?
a) She was weak from not eating.
b) She was having her colt.
c) She was recovering from being sick.
King of the Wind
Chapter 3 "The Brood-mare Stable" &
Chapter 4 "A Foal is Born"

1. How did Agba prepare the stall for the mare to have her foal?
   a) He put down a layer of sand then a layer of straw in the stall.
   b) He swept out the old straw and put down new straw.
   c) He washed the floor with water, then put down a layer of straw.

2. What did Agba dream about as he waited for the mare to have the foal?
   a) He dreamed he was racing the Godolphin Arabian.
   b) He dreamed he was riding South Wind.
   c) He dreamed he was the owner of the mare.

3. What did Agba find when he woke up?
   a) Signor Achmet was standing over him.
   b) The foal had come.

4. What was it like when the foal first tried to walk?
   a) The foal tried and tried to stand. When he finally did he fell in a heap.
   b) The foal had no trouble. He got up and began walking around.
   c) The foal could not get up at all.

5. What did the white spot on the foal’s hind heel mean?
   a) He was marked as wild and untrainable.
   b) Bad luck
   c) He would be fast.

6. What color was the foal?
   a) chocolate brown
   b) gold
   c) chestnut red

7. Why did Agba name the foal Sham?
   a) Sham means sun in Arabic.
   b) Sham is short for shame.
   c) Sham means the foal will be lucky.

8. Why did Agba not report to Signor Achment right away like he was asked to do?
   a) Agba did not like Signor Achment, and he did not want to obey him.
   b) Agba did not want to leave the new foal.
   c) Agba was afraid the mare would hurt the foal.
King of the Wind
Chapter 5 "The Wheat Ear" &
Chapter 6 "Camel's Milk and Honey"

1. What did Signor Achmet notice when he first saw the foal?
   a) It was the color of the sun.
   b) It had a white spot on its heel.
   c) It had a cross-graining of hairs on its chest.

2. What did the wheat ear mean?
   a) bad luck
   b) good luck
   c) The horse would be fast.

3. How did Agba save the foal's life?
   a) He ran in front of the foal when Signor Achmet was getting ready to swing the saber to kill it.
   b) He showed Signor Achmet the white spot on the foal's hind heel when he was going to kill the foal with a saber.
   c) He told Signor Achmet that he would take care of the foal, and he did not have to worry with it.

4. Why was a boar in the stable?
   a) to keep intruders out of the stable
   b) to eat the leftover food
   c) to turn away the evil spirits

5. What happened to the mare?
   a) She died a few days after she gave birth.
   b) She ran away.
   c) She broke her leg and had to be killed.

6. What did Agba do when he was upset?
   a) ran as fast as he could
   b) went to the stable to cry
   c) got in a fight with the other stable boys

7. How did Agba save the colt's life?
   a) He feed him camel's milk and honey after his mother died.
   b) He took him to the vet when he was sick.
   c) He stopped the boar from charging the new colt.

8. Where did Agba sleep at night?
   a) in a hammock with with other horseboys
   b) on a mattress in the stall with Sham
   c) in a small house behind the stables
9. What did Sham do when he was afraid?
a) He ran to Agba.
b) He hid in the stable.
c) He ran out to the edge of the pasture.
1. How did Sham run?
   a) He usually lost.
   b) He was very fast and always won races in was in.

2. What did Agba do to get ready to see Sultan Mulai Ismael?
   a) He was given a new set of clothes and sandals.
   b) He bathed.
   c) His head was shaved and he bathed three times.

3. Why was Agba afraid to go to the Sultan?
   a) He was mean and used a whip on the horseboys.
   b) No horseboys had ever returned from seeing him.
   c) The Sultan had a temper and yelled.

4. Who was Mulai Ismael?
   a) Emperor of all Morocco
   b) Commander of the army of Morocco
   c) Overseer of the emperor's stables

5. What did the Sultan look like?
   a) He was a very old man and looked much like Santa Claus with a long white beard. He was dressed all in gold.
   b) He was a handsome man with a white beard and tanned skin. He was dressed in blue robes with a golden sash.
   c) He looked like a camel with a split lip, heavy eyelids, and spongy feet. He was dressed all in white.

6. What did the Sultan want Signor Achmet to do?
   a) have the horseboys trained as jockeys to race the Arabian horses in a race against the horses belonging to Louis XV, King of France
   b) choose six of the best steeds in the stables for a gift to Louis XV, King of France
   c) He wanted the horseboys to take over the jobs of fly-flicker, sword carrier, slipper boy, and teamaker.

7. The Sultan wanted Signor Achmet to choose ____________ for the gift to the King.
   a) mares
   b) stallions

8. The Sultan wanted all the horses to be ____________ .
   a) the same color
   b) different colors

9. Besides the color, what other feature did the Sultan want the horses to have?
   a) The horses had to be measured for the "correct" proportions.
   b) The horses had to be the "correct" height.
   c) The horses had to possess a good luck mark on their bodies.
10. Each horse was to go France with his own ______________ .
   a) jockey
   b) saddle
   c) horseboy

11. Why did the Sultan give the King of France this gift?
   a) He wanted gifts and favors in return.
   b) The King was his nephew.
   c) He wanted to make peace between the two countries which had been at war.

12. Why did Agba not answer when the Sultan asked him how old he was?
   a) He was a mute.
   b) He was frightened.
King of the Wind
Chapter 9 "Agba Measures Sham" & Chapter 10 "Salem Alick!"

1. Which tool did Agba use to measure Sham?
   a) a measuring tape
   b) his hands
   c) a measuring stick

2. For the horse to be considered a fast runner his hind part must measure a ________ distance than his fore part.
   a) longer
   b) shorter

3. How would the horses eat while they were traveling overland?
   a) out of a trough
   b) from the back of a wagon
   c) with a nosebag

4. Why did Agba and Signor keep watching the sun as they traveled to the palace?
   a) They were afraid it would rain.
   b) The Sultan might punish them for not arriving at the time he wanted.
   c) They wanted to arrive before noon which was the time to say prayers to Allah.

5. What did the people hear as the horses went down the streets?
   a) singing the national anthem
   b) clapping and cheering from the crowds
   c) music played by tom-toms and bagpipes

6. What was in the bags the Sultan gave each horse?
   a) food
   b) papers showing pedigree and amulets
   c) jewels and gold coins
   d) rubies and diamonds

7. Which body of water did the horses have to travel over to reach France?
   a) the Mediterranean Sea
   b) the Atlantic Ocean
   c) the Pacific Ocean
   d) the Indian Ocean
   e) the Baltic Sea

8. What did the Sultan NOT know about the captain of the ship?
   a) He would get lost at sea.
   b) He was weak and would die on the voyage.
   c) He had pocketed the money to buy corn and barley for the horses.
9. What does "salem alick" mean?
   a) good luck
   b) farewell
   c) See you later.
King of the Wind
Chapter 11 "The King Boy" &
Chapter 12 "The Thieves' Kitchen"

1. How long was the trip from Morocco to Versailles, France?
   a) 10 weeks
   b) 2 weeks
   c) 4 weeks

2. Where was the Duke when he was told the news that six horses had arrived as a gift?
   a) sleeping in the castle
   b) having tea
   c) having his hair done
   d) taking a bath

3. What did the horses look like when they reached the King’s stables?
   a) well groomed and healthy
   b) ungroomed and dirty
   c) so bony that each rib showed

4. What did the letter from Mulai Ismael say?
   a) He was giving the King six Arabian stallions that were strong and of the purest Eastern blood.
   b) He was giving the King six horseboys to help nurse the horses back to health.
   c) He was giving the King six Arabian mares to mother many champion racehorses.

5. How did the Duke react to this gift?
   a) pleased
   b) laughed
   c) angry

6. What did Sham do to Monsieur le Duc?
   a) stepped on his foot
   b) kicked him
   c) knocked him over

7. What advice did Bishop Fleury give the King?
   a) to keep half of the horses
   b) to send the horses back to Morocco except for Sham
   c) to sell the horses

8. Why did the Bishop want to keep Sham?
   a) to pull the cook's cart to market and bring back the food
   b) so the King would have a small horse to ride
   c) so the King's sister would have a horse to ride

9. What happened to Signor Achmet?
   a) He joined the French army.
   b) He returned to Morocco.
   c) He left France, never to be seen again.
10. How was Sham's behavior when he had to pull the cart to market?
   a) He behaved only for Agba.
   b) He always pranced as if he was pulling the King's carriage.
   c) He was always out of control, even for Agba.

11. What did Sham do the day the cook took him to town without Agba?
   a) He refused to move.
   b) He was well behaved and did what the cook asked him to do.
   c) He streaked in and out among the stalls overturning carts.

12. What did the cook do with Sham after he finally settled down?
   a) He sold him at the Thieves' Kitchen.
   b) He whipped his hide.
   c) He took him back to the stables and refused to use him again.
1. What did Agba do when the cook came home without Sham?
   a) He went to Paris to find Sham.
   b) He waited patiently by the sables each day for Sham to return.

2. What job did Agba get after leaving the King's stables?
   a) He awakened customers each morning.
   b) He cleaned stables.
   c) He helped the apple lady sell apples.

3. What did Agba do when he saw a horse that looked like Sham?
   a) He followed the horse.
   b) He stole the horse from its owner.
   c) He tried to buy the horse from its owner.

4. Which animal made friends with Sham?
   a) dog
   b) cat
   c) pig

5. Why did the carter allow Agba to stay in his barn?
   a) The carter wanted a slave.
   b) Agba was the only one who could control Sham.
   c) The carter was a kind man.

6. What was special about Sundays?
   a) Agba was allowed to go to church.
   b) The carter did not come around.
   c) Agba was given the leftovers from the evening meal.

7. Why was Agba worried about Sham?
   a) Sham wouldn't sleep.
   b) Sham was disobeying the carter.
   c) Sham was so tired he wouldn't eat.

8. What happened one icy morning?
   a) Sham refused to take the carter without Agba.
   b) Sham couldn't get his footing on the icy cobblestones and fell.
   c) Sham kicked the carter and refused to move.

9. When Sham fell what happened?
   a) A Quaker named Benjamin Biggle bought Sham.
   b) All the boys in town pushed him until he could get up and continued on his way with the carter.
   c) Sham ran away from the carter.
King of the Wind
Chapter 15 "Benjamin Biggle Goes for a Ride" & Chapter 16 "At the Sign of the Red Lion"

1. Why did Jethro Coke buy Sham?
   a) He needed a work horse for his farm.
   b) He could not stand seeing Sham being mistreated.
   c) His daughter wanted a horse to ride around the farm.

2. Who is Benjamin Biggle?
   a) Jethro Coke's son-in-law
   b) Jethro Coke's brother
   c) Jethro Coke's stable man

3. How did Benjamin want to use Sham?
   a) to pull his carriage
   b) to ride over the farm
   c) to pull his plow

4. What did Mistress Cockburn do for Agba?
   a) She showed him how to grow vegetables.
   b) She gave him a warm bed to sleep in.
   c) She taught him letters.

5. How did Benjamin feel about riding Sham?
   a) happy
   b) afraid
   c) excited

6. What did Benjamin want his father-in-law to do with Sham?
   a) keep him
   b) sell him
   c) shoot him

7. What did Mister Coke decide to do with Sham?
   a) sell him to Roger Williams at the Red Lion Inn
   b) keep him to ride on his trip to the Red Lion Inn
   c) give him to his nephew, Roger Williams

8. Why was Agba told to leave the inn.
   a) Mistress Williams did not like Agba.
   b) Mister Williams could not spare any extra food to feed Agba.
   c) Agba was caught stealing apples for Sham.
9. Why did Mister Williams and Sham not get along?
   a) Mister Williams frightened Sham with the tools he carried like weapons and brushed his coat of fur the wrong direction.
   b) Mister Williams did not give Sham anything to eat except for hay, and Sham was always hungry.
   c) Mister Williams was always singing loudly and this frightened Sham and made him step on Mister Williams' feet.

10. When Silas Slade, the horse-breaker, tried to ride Sham what happened?
    a) After a few minutes of dancing around Sham calmed down and was gentle.
    b) Sham was calm and let Silas ride him.
    c) Sham threw Silas off his back.

11. Why was Agba taken to Newgate Jail?
    a) Mistress Williams said he was a horse thief.
    b) Mistress Williams caught him stealing food.
    c) Mistress Williams caught him trespassing.
1. When Agba was searched at the jail what was found?
   a) a knife
   b) Sham’s pedigree and the amulets
   c) a sack of food

2. What did the constable do with the pedigree?
   a) tore it up
   b) filed it away
   c) burnt it
   d) gave it back to Agba

3. What else was found on Agba?
   a) Grimalkin
   b) a purse with gold coins
   c) a letter from the Sultan

4. What would Agba eat while he was in jail?
   a) bread and water with meat once a week
   b) vegetables
   c) a warm nourishing meal each day

5. Why did Mistress Cockburn go to the Red Lion Inn?
   a) to rent a horse
   b) to buy back Sham
   c) to take Agba sugar tarts

6. What was Mistress Cockburn told when she wanted to see Agba?
   a) He was in jail.
   b) He ran away.
   c) He died.

7. How did Mistress Cockburn get to Newgate Jail to see Agba?
   a) walked
   b) the Duchess gave her a ride
   c) hired a carriage

8. The Earl of Godolphin wanted to help Agba by letting him ____________ .
   a) have 3 good meals a day
   b) work in his own stables
   c) get out of jail so he could go back to Jethro Coke’s home
1. Why was Sham no longer shackled?
   a) He loved his new owner and would not hurt him.
   b) Silas Slade was able to tame him.
   c) He was too weak to kick and charge.

2. What happened to Sham when he saw Agba?
   a) He ran out of his stall and was off down the road.
   b) He was too weak to stand.
   c) He stood up and greeted him.

3. What was on the crest of Gog Magog?
   a) a horse
   b) a dolphin
   c) a lion

4. How was Agba supposed to show the groom he approved of the name he had given him?
   a) a strong handshake
   b) a nod of his head
   c) write a note

5. What did Mister Twickerham think of Sham?
   a) He would be fast.
   b) People would laugh at him.
   c) He should win all the races he entered.

6. What did the Duchess of Marlborough say she would buy for Agba?
   a) new reins for Sham
   b) a new saddle
   c) a new mantle

7. What job did Agba NOT like?
   a) milking the cows
   b) to clean Hobgoblin's stall
   c) to wash the chaise

8. Who was Roxana?
   a) the Duchess's daughter
   b) a mate for Hobgoblin
   c) Titus Twickerham's wife

9. What did Agba do when he saw how beautiful Roxanna was?
   a) He let Sham out of his stall.
   b) He ran away so he wouldn't have to watch Hobgoblin and Roxana.
   c) He hid Hobgoblin.
10. Which horse won the fight?
   a) Hobgoblin
   b) Sham
1. What punishment did Agba receive for allowing Hobgoblin and Sham to fight?
a) He had to leave with Sham.
b) He was to take care of Hobgoblin and not see Sham again.
c) He was to work from sunrise to sunset for a month.

2. Where did Sham and Agba go?
a) the city  
b) the woodland  
c) the swamps

3. What did Sham eat?
a) swampgrass  
b) oat and barley sent by the Earl  
c) hay from the old barn

4. Why did Titus Twickerham return for Agba and Sham?
a) Sham's colt proved himself a fast runner.  
b) The Earl felt sorry for sending them away.  
c) The farmer told Twickerham that Agba was sick.

5. When Sham reached the Earl's stables where was he taken?
a) Hobgoblin's stall  
b) to a barn on the edge of the pasture  
c) to his old stall

6. Who was waiting for Sham when he returned to Godolphin?
a) Turtle  
b) Hobgoblin  
c) Roxana

7. How many colts did Sham sire?
a) 1  
b) 2  
c) 3  
d) 4

8. Why did the Earl ask Agba to come to his home?
a) to tell him that he was going to Morocco to buy more Arabian horses  
b) to tell him he was broke and he was going to try to win the race at Newmarket with Sham's colts  
c) to tell him that he was broke and that he was going to have to sell Sham
1. The trip to Newmarket seemed __________ to Agba.
   a) long
   b) short

2. Why did the Earl not want Sham to run the race?
   a) He might hurt his scarred knees.
   b) He was too valuable to Gog Magog's future as a father.
   c) His sons would be disqualified from racing if Sham ran on the race track.

3. Which horse won the two-year-old race?
   a) Sham
   b) Cade
   c) Regulus

4. Who was going to watch the big race?
   a) Signor Achmet
   b) the King and Queen
   c) Benjamin Biggle

5. Which horse won the Newmarket race?
   a) Cade
   b) Sham
   c) Lath

6. What answer did the Earl give when asked about the pedigree of Sham?
   a) He is the Godolphin Arabian.
   b) His pedigree is written in his sons.
   c) He is King of the Wind.

7. How long did the Goldophin Arabian live?
   a) 10 years
   b) 15 years
   c) 21 years
   d) 29 years

8. Why would the Earl say that no marking was on the gravestone of Sham?
   a) He had not had time to have the stone engraved.
   b) He was tended by a mute boy; without words the boy made the mission of the horse known.
   c) Words could not express his feelings for the Godolphin Arabian.

9. What happened to Agba?
   a) When Sham died he returned to Morocco.
   b) He died the same day Sham did.
   c) He took care of Sham's colts for as long as he lived.
Activities
Try some Moroccan foods.
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Ramadan

Ramadan- Muslims celebrate the night Muhammad first heard the voice of the angel Gabriel.

The Five Pillars of Islam are an essential part of Muslim life. These are five rules that every Muslim has to live by. They are declaration of faith, saying prayers five times a day, abstaining during daylight hours in Ramadan, giving money to the poor, and making a pilgrimage to Makkah.

Celebrating Ramadan
http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/editorials/july-dec01/ramadan.html

Make a card for Ramadan.
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Good and Bad Luck Signs

You have five minutes to list all the good luck signs you can think of. Next take five minutes to list all the bad luck signs. How did you do? Check out the links below to see.

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Learn about palace Life in Morocco (1700s)
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Research

Choose one type of horse to research. Write a one page report. Include the following:

I. Appearance/Physical Features
   A. Size
   B. Coloring
   C. Legs

II. Uses of this Horse
   A. Race
   B. Work horse
   C. Training

Thoroughbreds http://www.giveusahome.com/allpets/horses/thoroughbred.htm

The All Horse Breed Photo Gallery http://www.gothorsesonline.com/

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Another Research Topic

What physical features makes a horse fast?

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Compare and Contrast

Compare King of the Wind to Black Beauty. Try this online version of Black Beauty http://literatureproject.com/black-beauty/index.htm

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Read about the real Goldolphin Arabian.

The Burial Place of the Goldolphin Arabian http://www.applebite.com/Wandlebury/wand02.htm

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Horse Races

Breeder's Cup www.breederscup.com

Kentucky Derby http://www.kentuckyderby.com/

Preakness Stakes http://www.preakness.com/

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Movie Version of King of the Wind

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Chapter 3 "The Brood-mare Stable" & Chapter 4 "A Foal is Born"
Multiple-choice exercise

Your score is 75%.
Questions completed so far: 2/8.

1. How did Agba prepare the stable?
   A. [:) He put down a layer of a
   B. :? He swept out the old straw and put down new straw.
   C. :? He washed the floor with water, then put down a layer of straw.

2. What did Agba dream about as he walked for the mare to have the foal?
   A. [x] He dreamed he was racing the Godolphin Arabian.
   B. [:) He dreamed he was riding South Wind.
   C. :? He dreamed he was the owner of the mare.
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