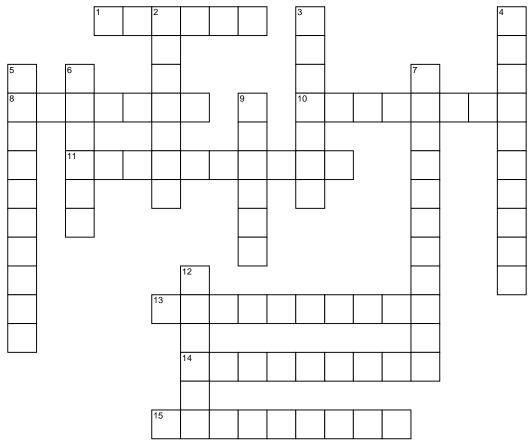
# Breakout!

Level 6.0, Story 1



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

## **ACROSS**

- 1 to make certain
- **8** an organized search for a person, usually a criminal
- 10 small parts or pieces that are left over after the main part is gone
- 11 not discovered or not noticed
- 13 able to be made larger by filling with air
- 14 very bold or daring
- 15 not easily damaged or affected by something

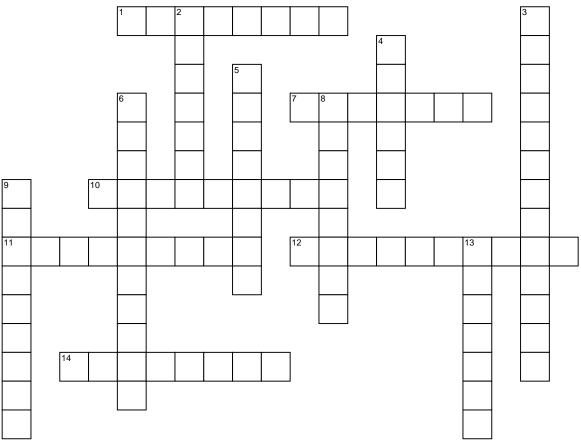
## **DOWN**

- **2** moved over an area in a regular pattern to search for something
- 3 stepped onto a ship, plane, bus, or train
- 4 all the time
- 5 tools used for doing certain jobs or tasks
- 6 happened next as a result of something else
- 7 tall structures where people stand to view large areas
- 9 a way of entering or reaching something
- **12** a person being held somewhere, usually in a jail or prison

**WORD BANK:** access, audacious, boarded, constantly, ensued, ensure, implements, inflatable, inmate, manhunt, remnants, resistant, scanned, undetected, watchtowers

# Changes in Chocolate

Level 6.0, Story 2



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

## **ACROSS**

- 1 having spices and herbs added to change the flavor
- 7 changed and developed over time
- 10 periods of time equal to 100 years
- 11 eating or drinking
- 12 a mixture or blend of different ingredients
- **14** any form of money that people in an area use to buy things

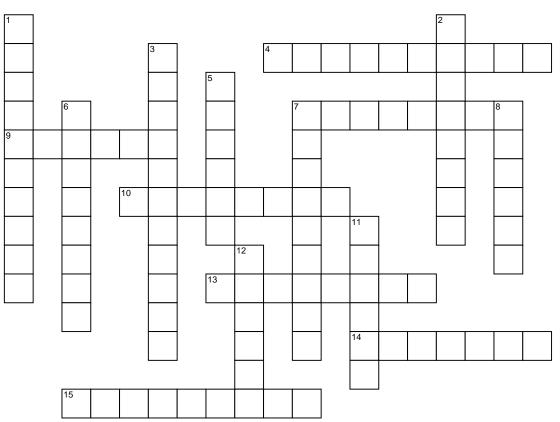
# **DOWN**

- 2 from a very long time ago
- 3 people who make candies and other sweets
- **4** thought highly of something or thought something was worth a lot
- 5 any liquid for drinking
- 6 early forms of things that continue to develop
- 8 different forms of something
- **9** something that is different or does not fit in with other things
- 13 how something feels to touch

**WORD BANK:** ancient, beverage, centuries, concoction, confectioners, consuming, currency, evolved, exception, forerunners, seasoned, texture, valued, versions

# An Ellis Island Experience

Level 6.0, Story 3



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

## **ACROSS**

- 4 reached a decision about something
- 7 made someone leave a country
- **9** parts of the body that make fluids the body uses
- 10 came together again
- 13 delayed or held someone for a time
- 14 to show or to put into words
- 15 at first

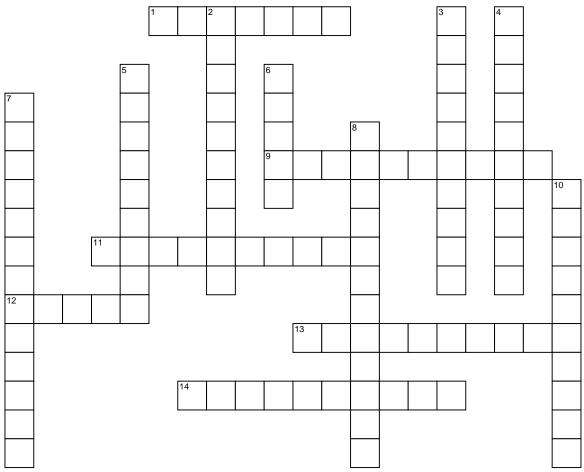
# **DOWN**

- 1 people who move to a different country to live
- 2 a feeling of fear, pain, or worry
- 3 likely to be or likely to happen
- 5 extremely difficult
- 6 more than half of the total
- 7 to get off or leave a passenger vehicle
- 8 pulled up to a landing place
- 11 to communicate or make known
- 12 a ship or large boat that travels on water

**WORD BANK:** convey, deported, detained, determined, disembark, distress, docked, express, glands, immigrants, initially, majority, prospective, reunited, trying, vessel

# Capital Confectioner

Level 6.0, Story 4



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 relating to the money that is used to start a business or invest in something
- **9** a person who is learning a job from a skilled master
- 11 methods or ways of doing something
- 12 money that someone sets aside to help a person or organization
- 13 kept trying to do something even though it was difficult
- 14 made something real or true

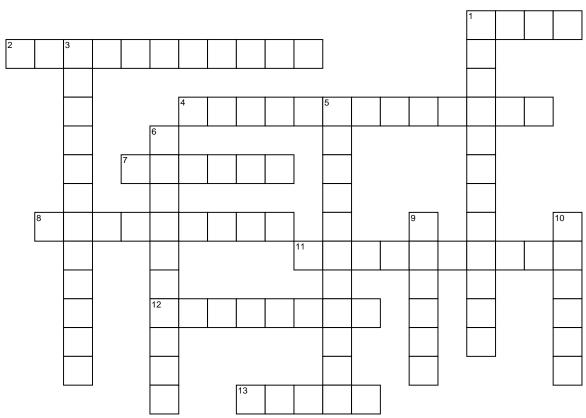
#### **DOWN**

- 2 determined, or unwilling to give up
- **3** able to make money or bring other good results
- 4 a candy or other sweet snack
- 5 important or well known
- **6** in the countryside or in a farming area, rather than in a city or suburb
- 7 making others feel hopeful or want to try hard
- **8** completely changing
- 10 stumbled or struggled helplessly

**WORD BANK:** actualized, apprentice, capital, confection, floundered, inspirational, persevered, persistent, profitable, prominent, rural, techniques, transforming, trust

# Math Meets Art

Level 6.0, Story 5



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

### **ACROSS**

- 1 to go against or to not be affected by something
- 2 the location and position of something in relation to other objects
- 4 connections or associations between things
- 7 relating to the sense of sight
- **8** having to do with how lines, angles, curves, and shapes relate to one another
- 11 qualities or characteristics of things, especially ones that make the thing what it is
- 12 understandings
- 13 a picture made by pressing ink onto paper

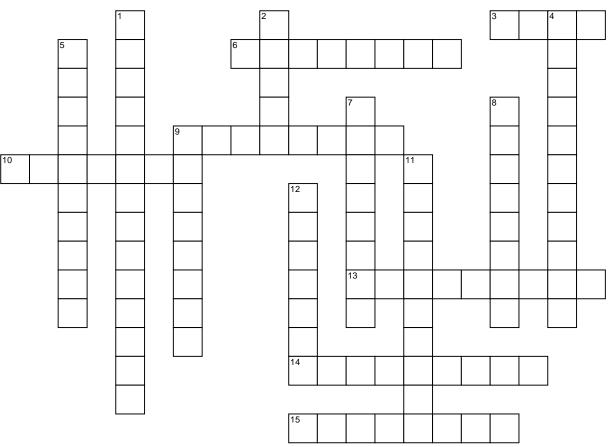
### **DOWN**

- 1 purposely or by choice
- 3 crossing, overlapping, or passing through something
- 5 a thing or idea that makes a person want to do something
- 6 the spaces that a thing can exist in
- **9** to show something using pictures, words, or symbols
- 10 sharp, smart, or showing keen judgment

**WORD BANK:** astute, defy, deliberately, depict, dimensions, geometric, insights, inspiration, intersecting, orientation, print, properties, relationships, visual

# Lake Monster Mystery

Level 6.0, Story 6



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

### **ACROSS**

- 3 the skin of an animal
- 6 caused someone to take action
- 9 said or stated something with confidence and force
- 10 living or growing in water
- 13 the fact or condition of being real, present, or alive
- **14** rejected, put off, or considered to be unimportant or untrue
- 15 large fish that have rows of hard plates on their skin instead of scales

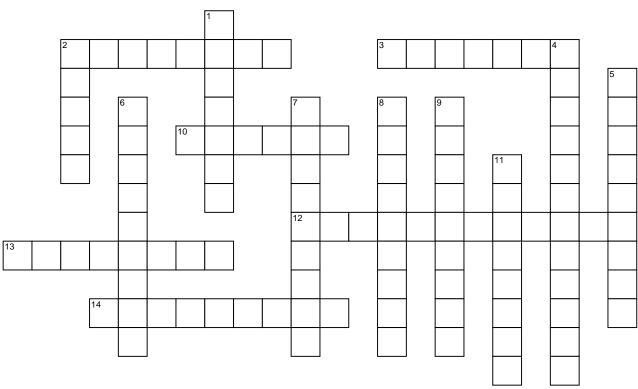
### **DOWN**

- 1 with fondness or friendly feeling
- 2 went through or came out from
- 4 something that interrupts quiet, calmness, or order
- 5 meetings, often ones that are unexpected or unwanted
- 7 the noticeable parts of something
- 8 took place or happened
- **9** written or spoken descriptions of events
- 11 believable
- 12 thought that something might not be true or right

**WORD BANK:** accounts, affectionately, aquatic, asserted, broke, convincing, dismissed, disturbance, doubted, encounters, existence, features, hide, occurred, prompted, sturgeon

# Do My Eyes Deceive Me?

Level 6.0, Story 7



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

### **ACROSS**

- 2 to become aware of something or to notice something because of your senses
- 3 a note that goes with a picture and helps explain it
- 10 to discover, usually something that was hidden or hard to notice
- 12 a connection or association between two or more things
- 13 the colors or patterns on an animal's body
- 14 studying closely in order to learn more

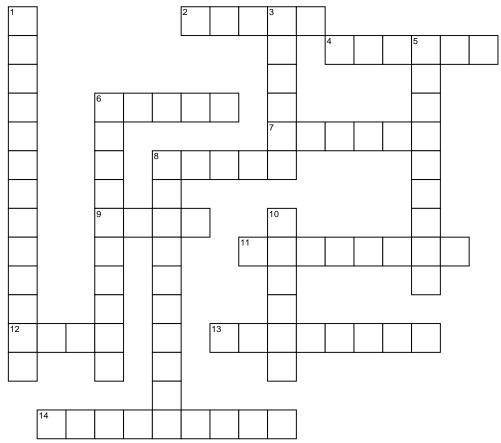
## DOWN

- 1 to fool, trick, or make someone believe something that isn't true
- 2 comes together in a small amount
- 4 however or even so
- 5 to understand or explain something
- 6 responses to an action or to a happening
- 7 present, existing, or happening
- **8** shifted, bent, or turned because of passing through something
- 9 the physical, working parts of something
- 11 quickly disappears

**WORD BANK:** analyzing, caption, detect, interpret, machinery, markings, mislead, nevertheless, occurring, perceive, pools, reactions, refracted, relationship, vanishes

# Strange Sights

Level 6.0, Story 8



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

### **ACROSS**

- 2 based on facts, evidence, and good reasoning
- **4** places, positions, or directions from which something can be viewed
- 6 makes someone interested in something
- 7 a dead body, usually the body of a human
- **8** information that is taken in and used to understand something
- **9** an imaginary thing or a made-up story
- 11 the stories, beliefs, and traditions of a group of people
- 12 a trick, or something meant to fool people
- 13 earlier or going before
- 14 animals raised on a farm

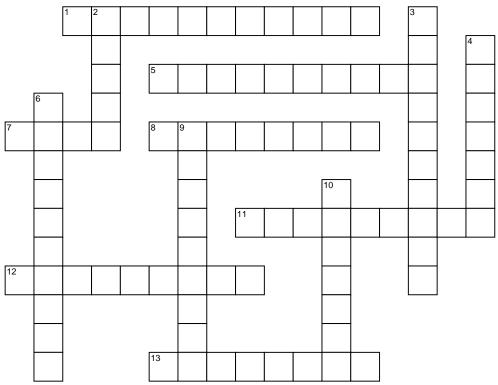
## **DOWN**

- 1 remarkable or beyond what is normal
- 3 to have an effect on something
- 5 from stories
- **6** gave evidence that proved or supported something
- **8** understands the meaning of something in a certain way
- 10 tricks, deceptions, or practical jokes

**WORD BANK:** angles, corpse, documented, draws, extraordinary, folklore, hoaxes, impact, input, interprets, legendary, livestock, myth, previous, ruse, valid

# Snake Show

Level 6.0, Story 9



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

## **ACROSS**

- 1 to vomit or spit up
- **5** believable
- 7 a series of loops
- 8 beginning again
- 11 moving wildly and forcefully
- **12** moved one's body along the ground
- 13 pretending

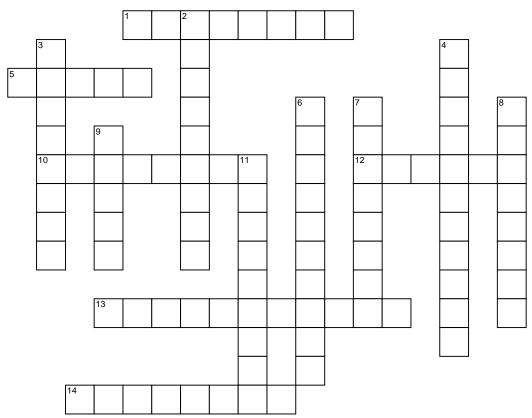
### **DOWN**

- 2 to force out
- **3** forceful, bold, or willing to fight hard for a goal
- 4 hanging in a loose or relaxed way
- **6** completely still or making no movements
- 9 complicated or very detailed
- 10 dead or rotten flesh

**WORD BANK:** aggressive, carrion, coil, convincing, elaborate, expel, feigning, lolling, motionless, regurgitate, resuming, slithered, thrashing

# Controversial Custer

Level 6.0, Story 10



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

### **ACROSS**

- 1 having acts and happenings that are interesting, memorable, or important
- 5 ideal or excellent to use as an example
- **10** a charm or a strong personal quality that attracts large numbers of people
- 12 starts or causes
- 13 different or not in agreement
- 14 raised someone's importance or rank

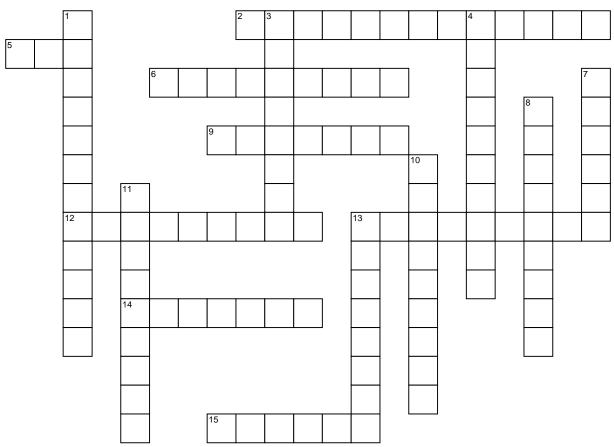
### **DOWN**

- 2 the act of forcing someone to leave a place
- 3 plans or sets of rules about how to do something
- 4 disagreement or debate between different viewpoints
- 6 ended in or resulted in
- 7 a viewpoint or attitude on a topic
- 8 special tasks given to a person or group
- 9 a student at a military school who is training to be an officer
- 11 to make a connection in the mind between things

**WORD BANK:** associate, cadet, charisma, conflicting, controversy, culminated, eventful, expulsion, missions, model, policies, position, promoted, sparks

# Tricky Tail

Level 6.0, Story 11



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

## **ACROSS**

- 2 nearly, close to, or about
- 5 a shade of color
- 6 draws someone's attention away from something
- 9 avoiding or escaping by using cleverness or skill
- 12 strong white tissue in the skeleton that is more flexible than bone
- 13 an exact copy
- **14** bathing in heat or soaking up warmth
- 15 to use up

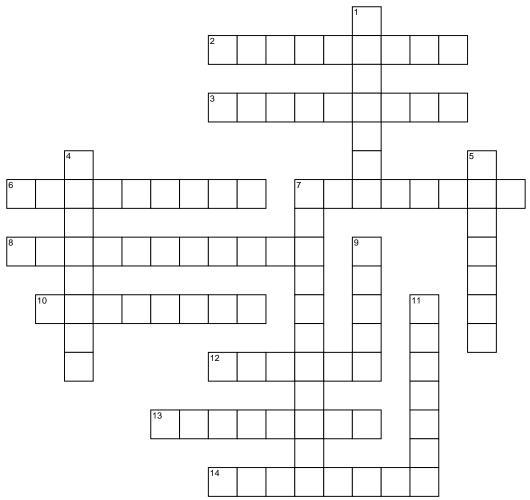
## **DOWN**

- 1 every now and then
- 3 following or chasing something
- **4** to remove or cast off a body part, usually when under attack
- 7 to put something out in the open
- 8 thrown away or disposed of
- 10 a body part that is connected to the main body or head of an animal
- 11 the bad parts of something that is otherwise good
- 13 no longer connected

**WORD BANK:** appendage, approximately, autotomize, basking, cartilage, detached, discarded, distracts, drawbacks, duplicate, eluding, expend, expose, hue, periodically, pursuing

# A Battle Won—A War Lost

Level 6.0, Story 12



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

#### **ACROSS**

- 2 correct about what will happen in the future
- 3 killed or destroyed in large numbers
- 6 a large number
- 7 brought back into existence or use
- **8** people who explore an area for precious minerals or oil
- 10 broke a rule, law, or agreement
- 12 a written agreement between two or more nations
- 13 better than another
- 14 getting larger or rising to a higher level

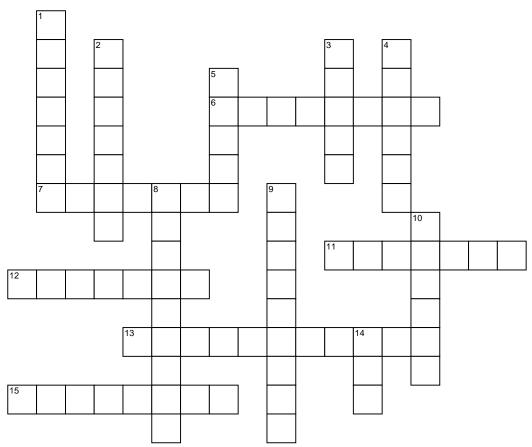
#### **DOWN**

- 1 periods of 10 years
- **4** filling very quickly with too much or too many of something
- **5** a feeling of suspense or worry about how something will turn out
- 7 a piece of land set aside for a certain group
- 9 difficult, unsteady, or uncertain
- 11 refusing to let a person have something that the person has a right to

**WORD BANK:** decades, decimated, denying, flooding, mounting, multitude, prophetic, prospectors, reservation, restored, rocky, superior, tension, treaty, violated

# Mine Mystery

Level 6.0, Story 13



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

## **ACROSS**

- **6** said or stated something with confidence and force
- 7 difficult to catch or find
- 11 came to a place in large numbers
- 12 an area of ground or land
- 13 people who explore an area for precious minerals or oil
- 15 written or spoken descriptions of events

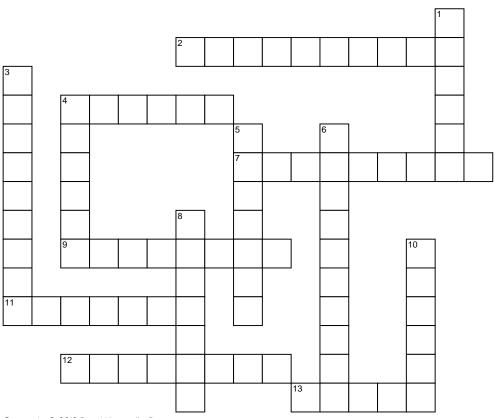
# **DOWN**

- 1 very large
- 2 something that causes a certain action
- 3 attracted or brought in
- 4 long or difficult searches
- 5 a hidden supply
- 8 a person who moves to a different country to live
- 9 according to claims or reports, but not proven
- 10 the right or ability to use something
- **14** rock or earth from which a valuable metal can be removed

**WORD BANK:** access, accounts, allegedly, asserted, cache, elusive, flocked, immense, immigrant, impetus, lured, ore, prospectors, quests, terrain

# The Z-Boys

Level 6.0, Story 14



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

## **ACROSS**

- 2 someone or something that takes the place of another
- 4 very bad or serious
- **7** improved, recovered, or went back to a good condition
- 9 people who take part in a race or competition
- 11 a long period of time with no rain
- 12 outside or apart from the current situation
- 13 to adjust, vary, or change

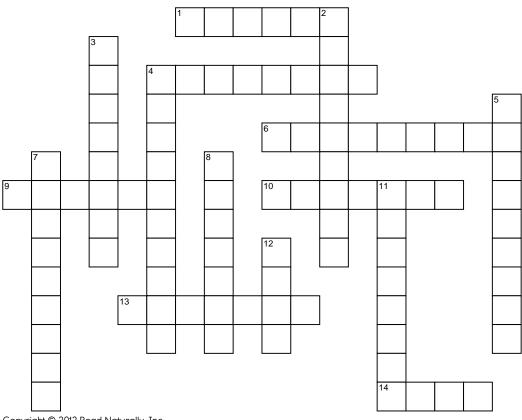
## **DOWN**

- 1 to bring back to life or to energize
- 3 fell very quickly and suddenly
- 4 not enough or hard to get
- 5 more general, broader, or including more members
- 6 sold for profit and available at stores
- **8** things that cause something to happen or make a difference in the results
- 10 to become very good or skilled at doing something

**WORD BANK:** alter, commercial, drought, entrants, external, factors, greater, master, plummeted, rebounded, revive, scarce, severe, substitute

# Enormous Explosion

Level 6.0, Story 15



### Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

### **ACROSS**

- 1 objects that move through space and are made of ice, frozen gas, and dust
- 4 burned the outside of something
- 6 believable or likely but not certain
- 9 far away from other things
- 10 people who point out the good and bad parts of something
- 13 strong, sharp, or extreme
- 14 the amount of harm or difficulty that something causes

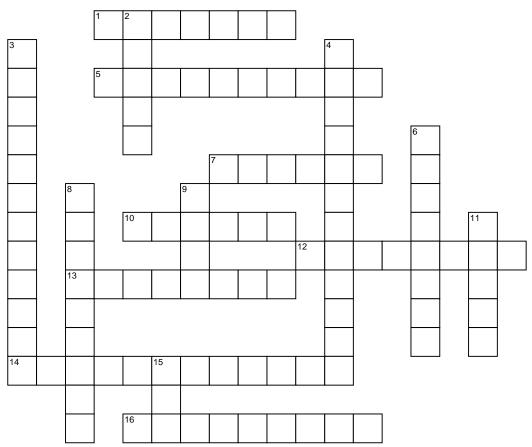
#### **DOWN**

- 2 possible sequences of events
- 3 a large number or amount that is more than enough
- 4 later or happening after
- 5 usually or most of the time
- 7 a piece of rock or metal that has fallen to Earth from outer space
- 8 came into being
- 11 something that occurs or takes place
- 12 a large gathering or collection of something

WORD BANK: comets, critics, emerged, generally, incident, intense, mass, meteorite, plausible, plethora, remote, scenarios, scorched, subsequent, toll

# Surfing on the Snow

Level 6.0, Story 16



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

### **ACROSS**

- 1 first or beginning
- 5 the act of producing or making something
- 7 called or named
- 10 to change and develop over time, often in a way that makes something better
- 12 gave legal permission to sell a certain thing or item
- 13 offered for sale
- 14 in particular
- 16 making small changes to something so that it works better or fits better

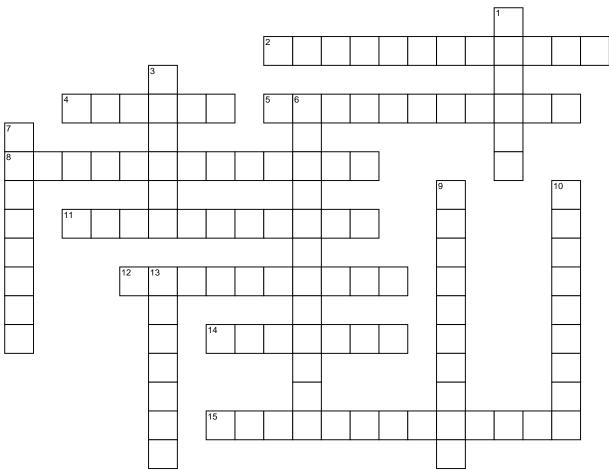
# **DOWN**

- 2 daring or bravery
- 3 mechanical devices or gadgets
- 4 for profit and available at stores
- **6** earned a legal right to be the only person or company to make or sell something
- 8 important or well known
- **9** the front end of a vehicle, especially one that is pointed
- 11 the first time a person or thing performs or appears in public
- 15 something that is popular for a short time

**WORD BANK:** adjusting, commercially, contraptions, debut, dubbed, evolve, fad, initial, licensed, marketed, nerve, nose, patented, production, prominent, specifically

# Writing Out Slavery

Level 6.0, Story 17



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

#### **ACROSS**

- 2 parts of a series, where the parts are made available one at a time
- 4 talks about or mentions
- 5 making someone want to do a certain thing
- 8 opposing
- 11 became more serious or extreme
- 12 made something a rule or law
- **14** the way people in a certain community or place make and use money
- 15 based on reality but with imaginary details added in

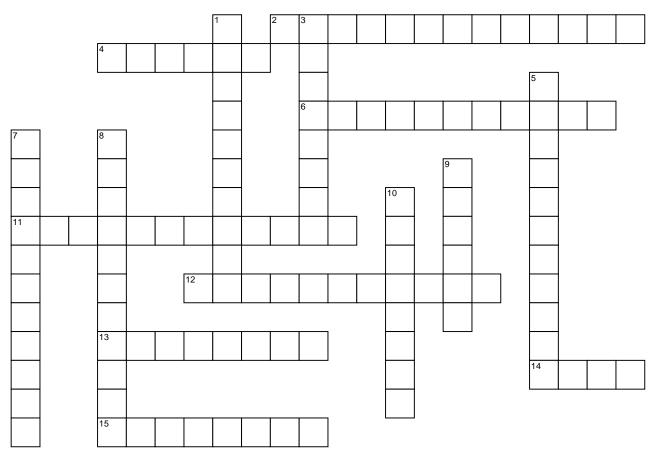
# **DOWN**

- 1 a group of things or events that occur in order or follow one another
- **3** a discussion or argument in which people give different ideas about something
- 6 a person who wants to put an end to an activity
- 7 awful or hateful
- **9** based on things people have said or written
- 10 convinced or won over
- 13 determination or firmness of purpose

**WORD BANK:** abolitionist, accursed, contradictory, debate, economy, fictionalized, galvanizing, installments, intensified, persuaded, prescribed, refers, reportedly, resolve, series

# Watch Your Step!

Level 6.0, Story 18



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

### **ACROSS**

- 2 the ability to get the result you want
- 4 near, of, or on the back
- 6 comfort in a time of pain or sadness
- 11 very intense or extreme in a bad way
- 12 a similarity, likeness, or sameness
- 13 lives in a certain place
- 14 to listen or pay attention to something
- 15 having the necessary things to do a certain activity

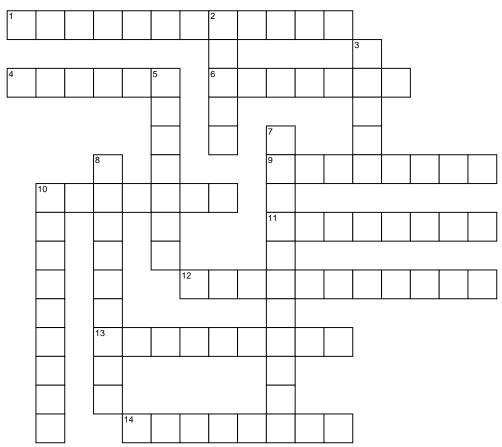
### **DOWN**

- 1 a way of hiding something by making it look like the things around it
- 3 a small part of a whole
- 5 to tell one thing apart from another
- 7 in a way that is meant for attacking or causing harm
- 8 just right for the person, thing, or situation
- **9** to make a hole in something
- 10 dangerous or threatening

**WORD BANK:** appropriate, camouflage, consolation, distinguish, dorsal, effectiveness, equipped, excruciating, fraction, heed, inhabits, menacing, offensively, pierce, resemblance

# A Poet for Life

Level 6.0, Story 19



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

### **ACROSS**

- 1 took part in an activity
- 4 looked for or tried to get
- 6 uncovered, put out in the open, or made public
- 9 showed or made known
- 10 a written or spoken description of an event
- 11 the state of being alone
- **12** the act of spending time with friends and other people for enjoyment
- **13** showing something using pictures, words, or symbols
- **14** put things together to make a poem, song, or other work of art

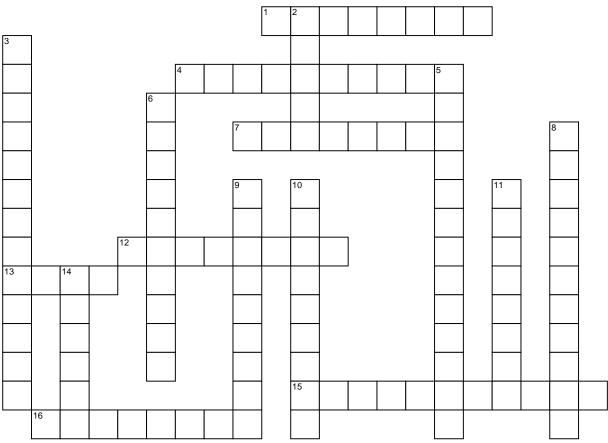
### **DOWN**

- **2** people who are equal to one another in ability, age, qualification, background, or social standing
- 3 poetry
- 5 something given to show respect
- 7 very respected or widely thought of as important
- **8** honors, approval, or praise
- 10 named or selected for a position or rank

**WORD BANK:** accolades, account, appointed, composed, depicting, exposed, participated, peers, prestigious, revealed, socializing, solitude, sought, tribute, verse

# The Sea Lamprey

Level 6.0, Story 20



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

### **ACROSS**

- 1 thickening or hardening from a liquid into a solid
- 4 moving out of the sea to breed in fresh water
- 7 laying or fertilizing eggs in the water
- 12 decayed or broken-down parts from plants and animals
- 13 an animal or plant that another animal or plant lives on
- 15 firmly settled and stable
- **16** a plant or animal living on or in another living thing

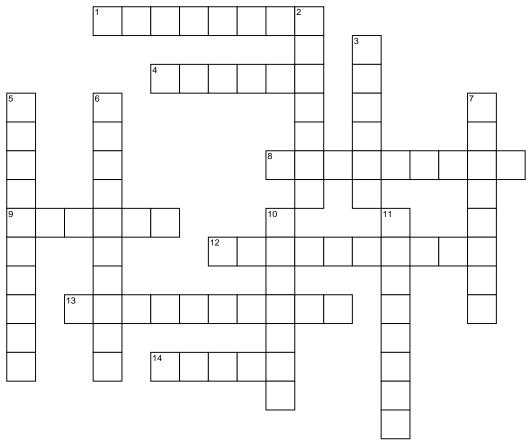
### **DOWN**

- 2 a newly hatched and often wormlike form of certain animals
- **3** a rapid change that happens when a larva turns into an adult
- 5 in a large or noticeable way
- 6 native to a place
- **8** streams or rivers that flow into larger rivers or other bodies of water
- 9 from earliest times, or like an early form of something
- 10 provides the food needed to live
- 11 moves or travels from one area to another area
- 14 the watery liquid made by glands in the mouth

**WORD BANK:** anadromous, clotting, detritus, established, host, indigenous, larva, metamorphosis, migrates, nourishes, parasite, primitive, saliva, significantly, spawning, tributaries

# Día de los Muertos

Level 6.0, Story 21



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

## **ACROSS**

- 1 to agree with and match
- **4** periods of watchfulness, observation, or staying awake
- **8** to remember and tell of past experiences
- 9 the true meaning or intent of something
- 12 the parts that make up a whole
- 13 native to a place
- **14** a main idea or subject that a group of things has in common

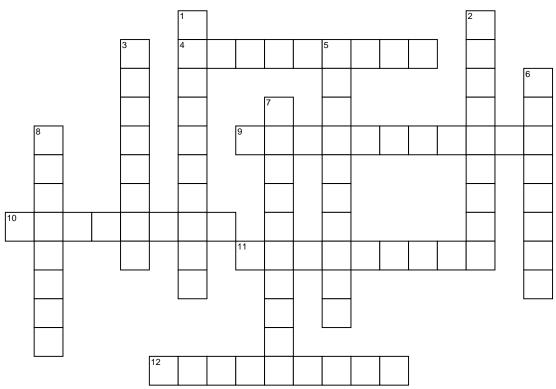
### **DOWN**

- 2 makes certain
- 3 sad, gloomy, or unhealthy
- **5** the act of looking at a situation and making a judgment about it
- **6** the act of celebrating a holiday or some other custom
- 7 people who have died
- **10** forced upon or established with authority
- 11 something that is inherited or passed down from earlier generations

**WORD BANK:** assessment, coincide, components, deceased, ensures, heritage, imposed, indigenous, morbid, observance, reminisce, spirit, theme, vigils

# Tragedy at Mount Tambora

Level 6.0, Story 22



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

## **ACROSS**

- 4 started or set off
- 9 extremely destructive
- 10 continued, stayed, or was slow to leave
- 11 tools or other objects that people made long ago
- 12 kept from being harmed, damaged, or changed

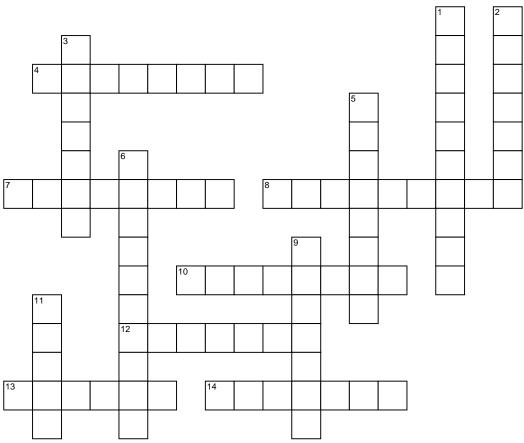
### **DOWN**

- 1 the air or gases that surround a planet, moon, or star
- 2 small pieces or amounts of things
- 3 swelled or grew rapidly
- 5 uncovering by digging
- **6** completely surrounded something
- 7 significant, or able to be noticed and appreciated
- 8 about to happen

**WORD BANK:** artifacts, atmosphere, billowed, devastating, engulfed, excavating, imminent, lingered, measurable, particles, preserved, triggered

# History of a Holiday

Level 6.0, Story 23



## Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

## **ACROSS**

- 4 cases for protecting and carrying lights
- 7 cakes and other baked foods made from dough
- **8** in keeping with the way things are normally or usually done
- **10** large fires built outdoors, often for warmth or celebration
- 12 fought or disagreed
- 13 came together or united
- **14** activities that have meaning and are done in a certain way

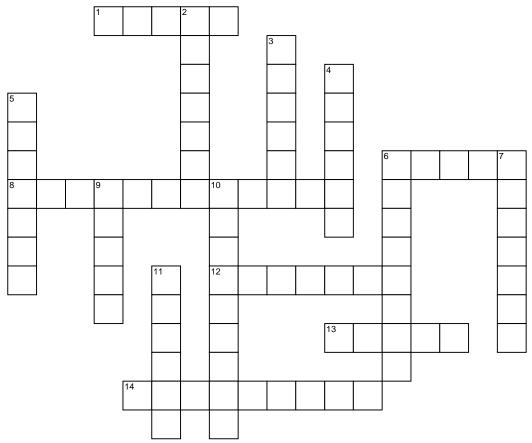
#### **DOWN**

- 1 the act of celebrating a holiday or some other custom
- 2 about, around, or close to, but not exactly
- 3 a time for picking and gathering crops
- **5** the beliefs, skills, arts, tools, traditions, and ways of life of different groups of people
- **6** predictions or beliefs about what will happen in the future
- 9 careful or aware
- 11 gradually vanished or disappeared

**WORD BANK:** bonfires, clashed, cultures, customary, faded, harvest, lanterns, merged, mindful, observance, pastries, prophecies, rituals, roughly

# The Year Without a Summer

Level 6.0, Story 24



Copyright © 2012 Read Naturally, Inc.

### **ACROSS**

- 1 a layer of ice crystals that cover a surface
- **6** short periods, often having to do with weather
- **8** the layer of Earth's atmosphere that lies 12 to 31 miles above Earth's surface
- 12 the usual weather conditions of a place
- 13 the amount of something that was produced
- 14 more than enough

### **DOWN**

- 2 new plants that are just beginning to grow from seeds
- 3 a big food shortage that causes many people to starve
- 4 seemed close to happening, as a scary event
- 5 overpowered, defeated, or ruined something
- 6 inspected or carefully examined
- 7 to rescue or save from damage or ruin
- 9 a feeling of fear or concern
- 10 previous or coming before something else
- 11 not likely to change from an expected pattern

**WORD BANK:** alarm, climate, crushed, famine, frost, loomed, plentiful, preceding, salvage, snaps, sprouts, stable, stratosphere, surveyed, yield