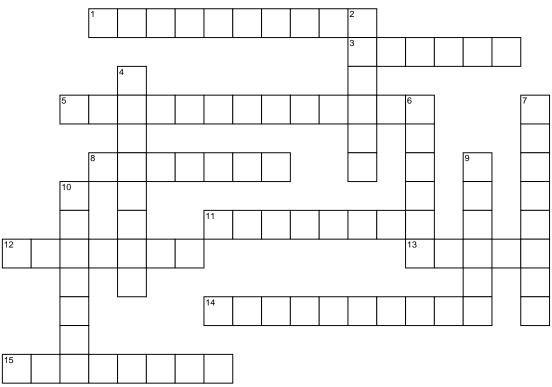
The Great Wall of China

Level 7.0, Story 1



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ACROSS

- 1 difficult to deal with
- $\mathbf{3}$ able to move
- **5** a structure used to protect a place or people
- 8 twisting, winding, or moving in curves
- 11 ordered to come to a place
- **12** a large area of land that is high and flat
- 13 stretches out across or extends over
- 14 later or happening after
- 15 soldiers ready to fight when the need arises

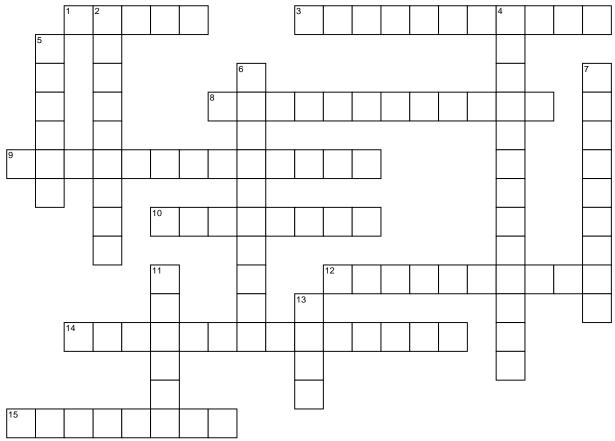
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- 2 many countries or territories under one ruler
- 4 separate parts that are connected to the main part
- **6** people who move around instead of living in the same area
- 7 people who travel for fun
- 9 to stop or prevent
- 10 things used to signal or guide from far away

WORD BANK: beacons, branches, empire, formidable, fortification, mobile, nomads, plateau, reserves, snaking, spans, subsequent, summoned, thwart, tourists

The Leaning Tower of Pisa

Level 7.0, Story 2



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ACROSS

- 1 a break in action or a passage of time
- 3 expected
- 8 the structure and style of a building or group of buildings
- 9 straight up and down, or exactly upright
- 10 wrinkled or having a deep crease
- 12 the base upon which something is built or supported
- 14 with an expectation of success
- 15 to press or squeeze together

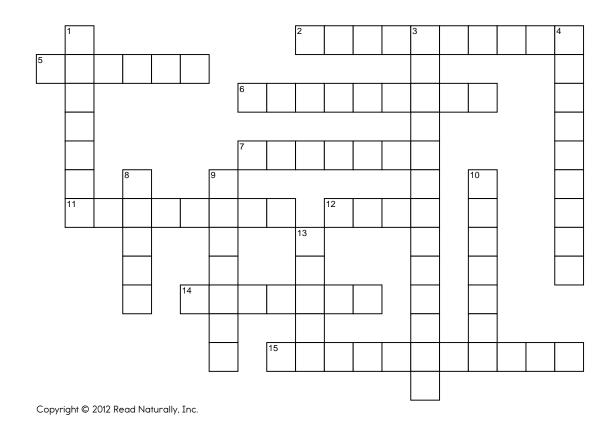
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- 2 to go together with
- 4 in a way that is just right for what is happening
- 5 tilted or tipped to the side
- 6 unstable or unsafe
- 7 a piece of evidence or proof
- 11 different from all others
- 13 one of a series of layers set on top of one another

WORD BANK: accompany, anticipated, appropriately, architecture, cocked, compress, foundation, furrowed, lapse, optimistically, perpendicular, precarious, testament, tier, unique

China's Ancient Buried Army

Level 7.0, Story 3



ACROSS

- 2 brownish-red earthenware or clay pottery
- 5 a long, narrow ditch in the ground
- 6 tools or other objects that people made long ago
- 7 a place where people live and work together and share what they have
- 11 carved
- 12 difficult and tiring work
- 14 made into one
- 15 soldiers who fight on foot

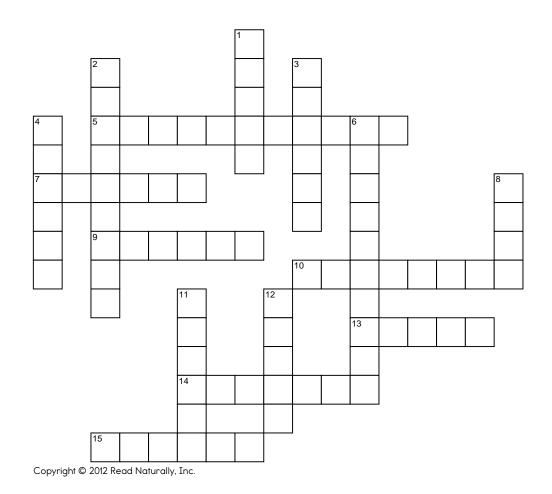
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- 1 people who shoot with bows and arrows
- 3 scientists who study ancient people and things
- 4 life that happens after death
- **8** a search for something
- **9** lasting forever
- 10 a group of soldiers who fight on horseback
- 13 a time as leader

WORD BANK: afterlife, archeologists, archers, artifacts, cavalry, commune, eternal, infantrymen, quest, reign, sculpted, terracotta, toil, trench, unified

The Roman Colosseum

Level 7.0, Story 4



ACROSS

- **5** opened for the first time with a celebration
- 7 curved structures that go across open spaces
- 9 long, flat pieces of wood
- **10** a structure with special importance or historical significance
- 13 to build, construct, or raise
- 14 coverings that give protection from the weather
- 15 present-day

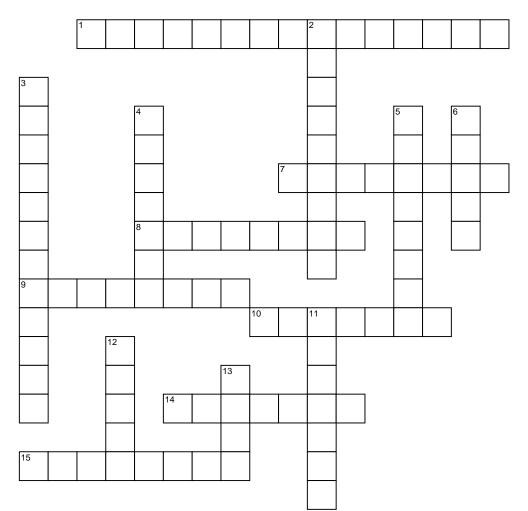
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- 1 a place where people can come together for an activity or event
- 2 most important
- 3 put on or arranged
- 4 a place where people dig up stone or sand for building
- 6 meetings, often ones that are unexpected or unwanted
- 8 fake or pretend
- 11 cruel or brutal
- 12 a language that was spoken in Rome a very long time ago

WORD BANK: arches, awnings, encounters, erect, inaugurated, landmark, Latin, mock, modern, planks, principal, quarry, savage, staged, venue

Egypt's Great Pyramids

Level 7.0, Story 5



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ACROSS

- 1 successful efforts that require skill
- 7 an endless period of time
- 8 treated with preservatives to prevent decay
- 9 extremely large
- $10\;$ worked hard toward a goal
- 14 an enclosed space used for a certain purpose
- **15** to keep something from being harmed, damaged, or changed

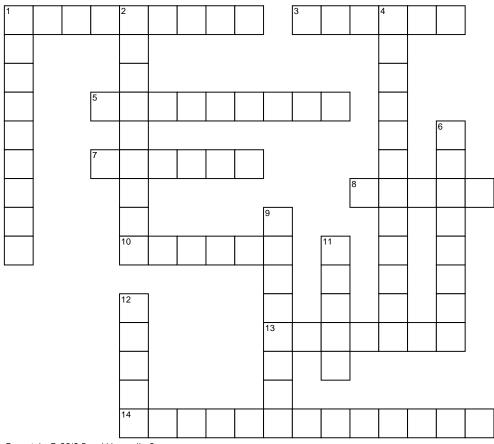
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- 2 groups or communities of people
- **3** the structure and style of a building or group of buildings
- 4 tools that people use to cut or chip things
- 5 to come together at a point
- 6 to discourage or try to stop someone
- 11 a good, positive, or helpful thing
- 12 acts that take strength, skill, or courage
- 13 the bottom or lowest part of something

WORD BANK: accomplishments, architecture, base, benefit, chamber, chisels, colossal, converge, deter, embalmed, eternity, feats, labored, preserve, societies

Machu Picchu

Level 7.0, Story 6



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ACROSS

- 1 channels for bringing water from one place to another
- 3 a large area of land containing a home
- **5** almost completely
- 7 belonging to the original inhabitants
- 8 to get rid of
- 10 many countries or territories under one ruler
- 13 changed in order to better handle a place or situation
- 14 advanced or highly developed

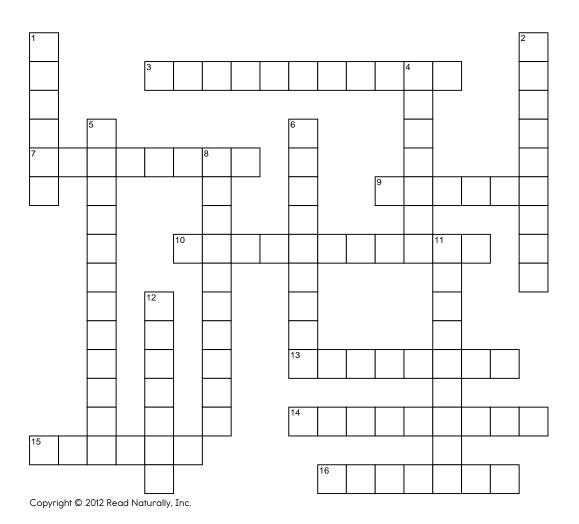
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- 1 left empty and no longer used
- 2 the position of influence or control over others
- 4 a scientist who studies ancient people and things
- **6** built from layers of dead plant material such as straw
- 9 flat areas cut out of the side of a hill
- 11 related to the king or queen's family
- 12 the people who once ruled the western part of South America

WORD BANK: abandoned, adapted, aqueducts, archeologist, clear, dominance, empire, estate, Incas, native, royal, sophisticated, terraces, thatched, virtually

The Mexican Pyramids

Level 7.0, Story 7



ACROSS

- **3** things that are strange and interesting
- 7 having to do with hearing or sound
- **9** a material used for coating walls
- **10** having four sides, only two of which are parallel to each other
- 13 happening in the fall
- 14 the outsides of things
- 15 in a big way or to a great degree
- 16 understanding

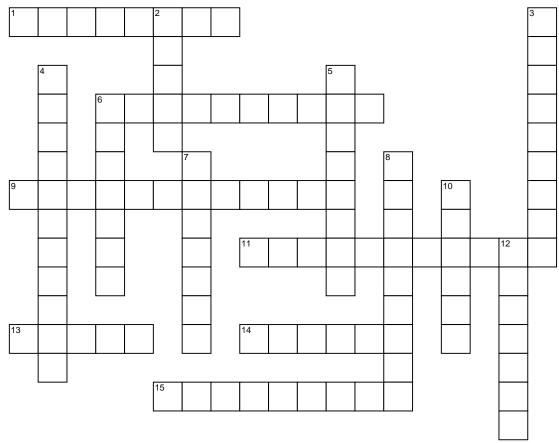
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- 1 happening in the spring
- $\mathbf{2}$ the times of year when the sun crosses the equator
- 4 built, constructed, or raised
- 5 things that are like others of their type
- 6 periods of 1,000 years
- 8 interesting or causing curiosity
- 11 going up
- 12 significant

WORD BANK: acoustic, ascending, autumnal, counterparts, curiosities, equinoxes, erected, exteriors, insight, intriguing, millennia, notable, stucco, trapezoidal, vastly, vernal

Easter Island's Statues

Level 7.0, Story 8



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ACROSS

- 1 put back in place
- 6 plant life
- 9 places where people or things can go
- 11 the people who live in a certain place
- 13 extremely bare and lacking in detail
- 14 far away from other things
- 15 flat, raised surfaces

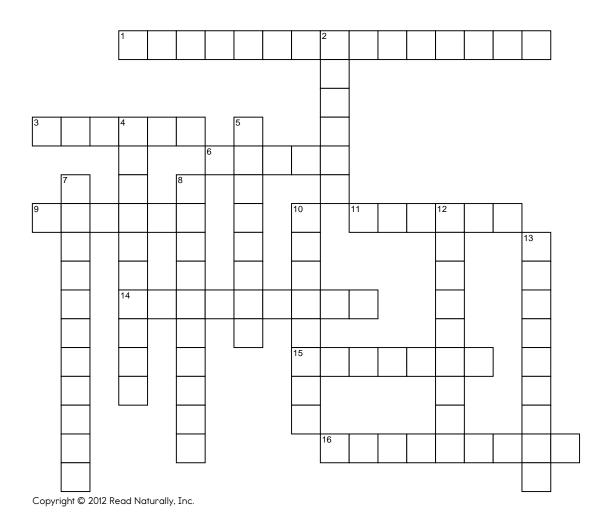
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- 2 to vary between the two farthest points of something
- 3 family that lived before you were born
- 4 people's children, their children's children, and so on
- 5 extremely large
- 6 winners in a contest or battle
- 7 puzzled or caused confusion
- 8 tube-like shapes that are circular on both ends
- 10 a big, hollow area in rock
- 12 tipped or knocked something over

WORD BANK: ancestors, baffled, colossal, crater, cylinders, descendants, destinations, inhabitants, platforms, range, remote, restored, stark, toppled, vegetation, victors

The Tangshan Earthquake

Level 7.0, Story 9



ACROSS

- 1 basic organizational systems of a country
- 3 to grow well or be successful
- 6 a good example of something
- 9 a place of safety, shelter, or protection
- 11 help or rescue
- 14 not easily damaged or affected by something
- 15 suffered through
- 16 overwhelmingly loud

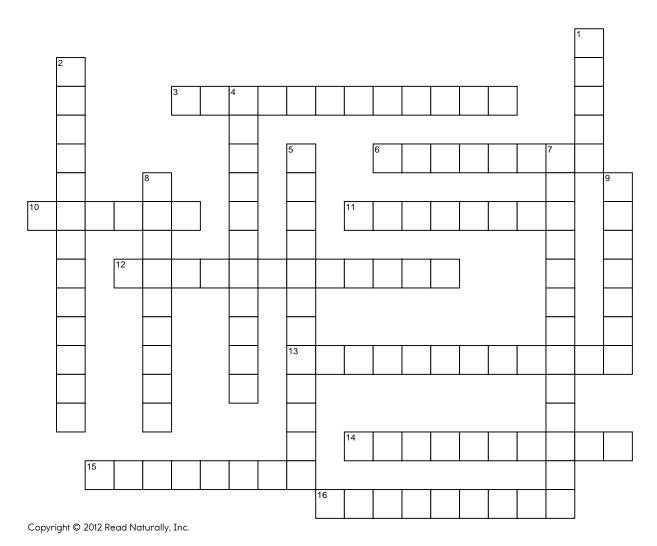
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- 2 broken pieces of rock, stone, or brick
- 4 having to do with manufacturing
- **5** to fall down or cave in
- 7 cruelly or harshly
- 8 showed or displayed on an instrument
- 10 easy to realize, see, or understand
- 12 the state of being about to happen
- 13 moving in a hurry, with quick, light steps

WORD BANK: apparent, collapse, deafening, endured, imminence, industrial, infrastructures, mercilessly, model, refuge, registered, relief, resistant, rubble, scurrying, thrive

Chernobyl

Level 7.0, Story 10



ACROSS

- 3 births that come too early in a pregnancy
- 6 devices used to produce a nuclear chain reaction
- 10 a chemical that helps the thyroid to work properly
- 11 caused a change in or influenced
- 12 able to be explained as the result of
- 13 dirty or infected
- 14 the act of moving away to live in a new place
- **15** decreased or diminished
- 16 at first

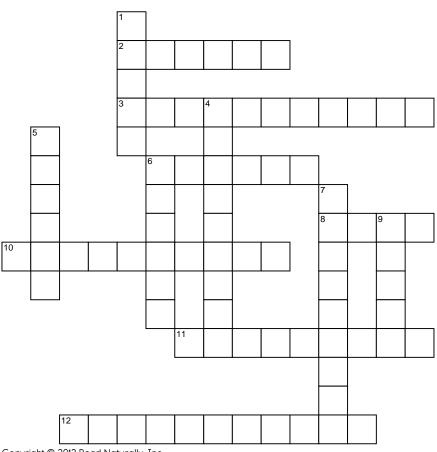
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- 1 pieces of our DNA
- 2 causing disagreements or debates
- 4 births of babies that have already died
- 5 told or shared information and ideas
- 7 the energy given off when an atom's nucleus breaks up
- 8 occurrences or examples
- 9 adjusted, varied, or changed

WORD BANK: affected, altered, attributable, communicated, contaminated, controversial, dwindled, genes, initially, instances, iodine, miscarriages, radioactivity, reactors, relocation, stillbirths

Earthquakes

Level 7.0, Story 11



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ACROSS

- 2 a large place or area of land
- **3** an instrument that detects and records the force of earthquakes
- 6 a layer of molten rock between Earth's core and crust
- 8 a strong metal found in the earth
- 10 totally destroyed
- 11 shows or displays on an instrument
- 12 the dimensions or size of something

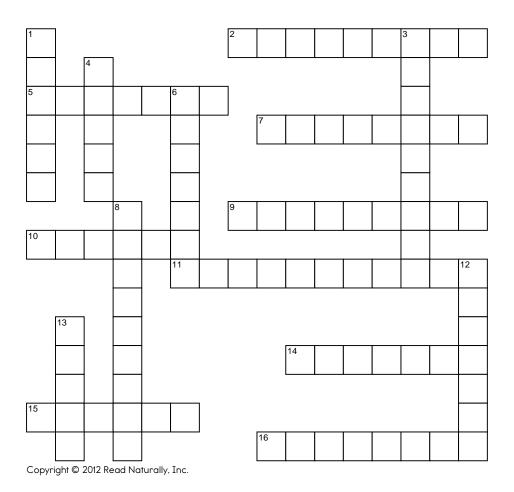
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- 1 Earth's outer layer
- 4 able to notice or react to small things
- 5 sheets of rock that form Earth's crust
- 6 turned into liquid by heat
- 7 a continuous, rapid movement back and forth
- 9 to take place

WORD BANK: crust, devastated, iron, mantle, molten, occur, plates, proportions, region, registers, seismograph, sensitive, vibration

Radiation

Level 7.0, Story 12



ACROSS

- **2** living things
- $\mathbf{5}$ the total amounts of electrical energy in things
- 7 brings about
- **9** energy that is sent out in waves by certain substances
- **10** to become different from other things of the same type
- **11** growth or formation
- 14 involving energy from the centers of atoms
- 15 to discover
- 16 surrounding area

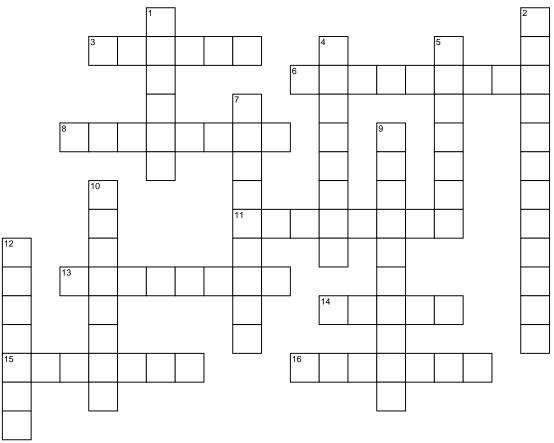
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- 1 left-over or extra
- **3** to make free of germs
- 4 causing death
- 6 left unprotected
- 8 very tiny pieces of matter smaller than atoms
- 12 treatment of diseases, illnesses, or problems
- 13 amounts someone is exposed to

WORD BANK: charges, conjures, detect, development, doses, excess, exposed, fatal, mutate, nuclear, organisms, particles, radiation, sterilize, therapy, vicinity

Statue of Liberty

Level 7.0, Story 13



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ACROSS

- **3** covered in something with graceful folds
- **6** relating to designs or styles from the past
- 8 very grand and worth admiring
- 11 shaped in an artistic way
- 13 a base or support for a statue
- 14 things that take away the freedom to act
- 15 the ability to make your own choices
- 16 unfair and cruel use of power

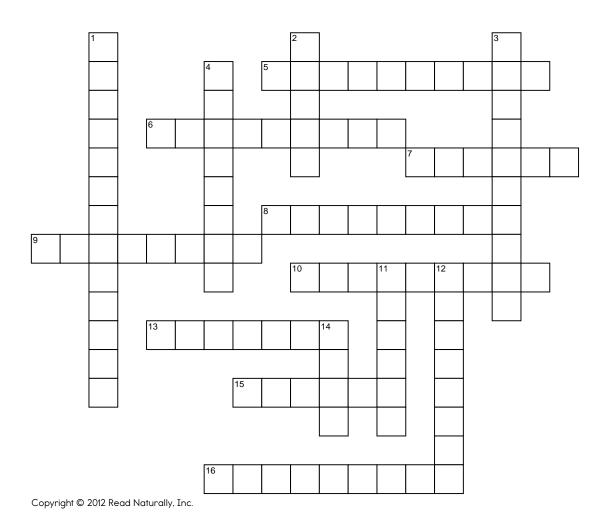
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- 1 a flat piece of hard material that has writing or carvings on it
- 2 giving knowledge
- 4 easy to bend
- **5** fastened together using metal bolts
- 7 to endure, survive, or make it through something difficult
- 9 a 100-year anniversary
- 10 uncovered, revealed, or shown
- 12 holds protectively

WORD BANK: bonds, centennial, classical, cradles, draped, enlightening, flexible, liberty, majestic, pedestal, riveted, sculpted, tablet, tyranny, unveiled, withstand

The Brooklyn Bridge

Level 7.0, Story 14



ACROSS

- 5 related to business, industry, and trade
- 6 came next or followed
- 7 very strong wires, chains, or ropes
- 8 great size, scale, or degree of importance
- 9 kept within a small space
- 10 brought suffering to or caused pain
- 13 threatening or signaling bad things to come
- **15** to cause great trouble
- 16 people who travel to and from work

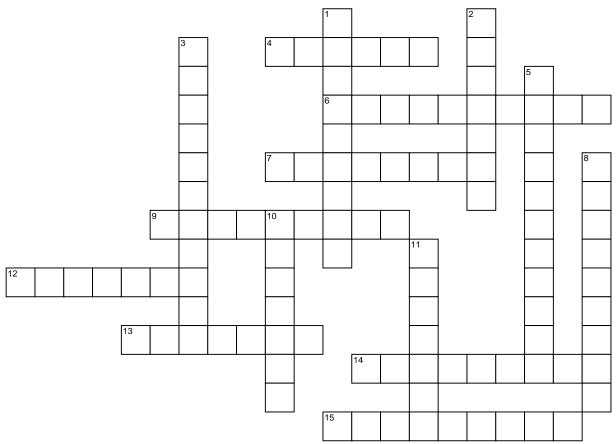
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- 1 something that makes things difficult
- 2 presented or put forth
- 3 matched or was very similar
- 4 gave specific orders
- 11 the most recent part of something
- 12 watertight spaces for doing underwater construction
- 14 a long and complicated series of events

WORD BANK: afflicted, cables, caissons, commercial, commuters, confined, dictated, inconvenience, latter, magnitude, ominous, paralleled, plague, posed, saga, succeeded

The Eiffel Tower

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ACROSS

- **4** an influence, or something that causes another thing to change
- 6 lovely, charming, or delightful
- 7 a written note asking those in power to do a certain thing
- 9 risky or unsafe
- 12 the outline of city's buildings when seen from a distance
- **13** things people say or do to express dislike for something.
- **14** to take apart piece by piece
- 15 structures that have historical significance

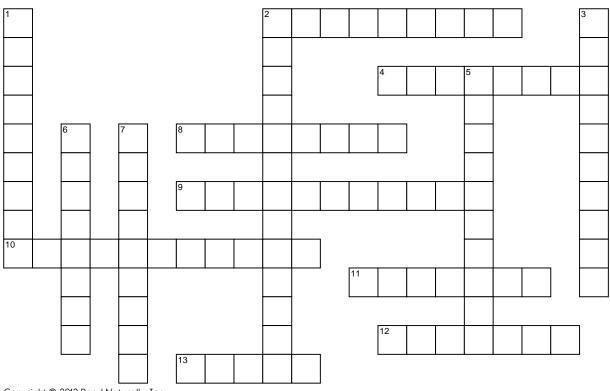
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- 1 a fond or loving feeling toward something or someone
- 2 very well-known or famous
- 3 very tall buildings
- 5 having a major effect
- 8 makes up the most noticeable part of something
- **10** fastened together using metal bolts
- 11 uncovered or out in the open

WORD BANK: affection, dismantle, dominates, effect, eminent, enchanting, exposed, hazardous, insults, landmarks, petition, riveted, significant, skyline, skyscrapers

The Golden Gate Bridge

Level 7.0, Story 16



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ACROSS

- 2 a watertight space or enclosure
- **4** a platform that is built above ground to hold workers and their tools
- 8 began a business, enterprise, or project
- 9 met unexpectedly
- 10 amazing and eye-catching
- **11** very big, heavy, and solid
- 12 water joining two larger areas of water
- 13 stretches out across or extends over

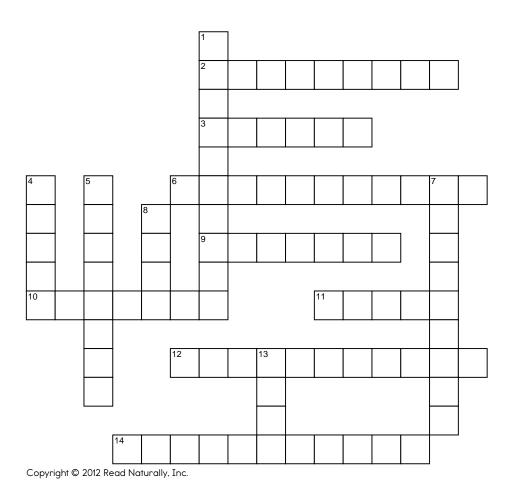
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- 1 sidewalks or other paths for people to walk on
- 2 when a group of people cooperate on a project
- **3** a person walking somewhere
- **5** the base upon which something is built or supported
- **6** the length through the widest part of a circle
- 7 bold or grand in what you set out to accomplish

WORD BANK: ambitious, channel, cofferdam, collaboration, diameter, embarked, encountered, footpaths, foundation, massive, pedestrian, scaffold, spans, spectacular

The Black Hills

Level 7.0, Story 17



ACROSS

- ${\bf 2} \ \ keeps \ or \ holds$
- **3** a large number of people or things that come into a place
- 6 unsuccessfully or without reward
- 9 small pieces or chunks of something
- 10 has to do with
- 11 a person or group's origin
- 12 having the ability to affect what people do or feel
- 14 nevertheless or however

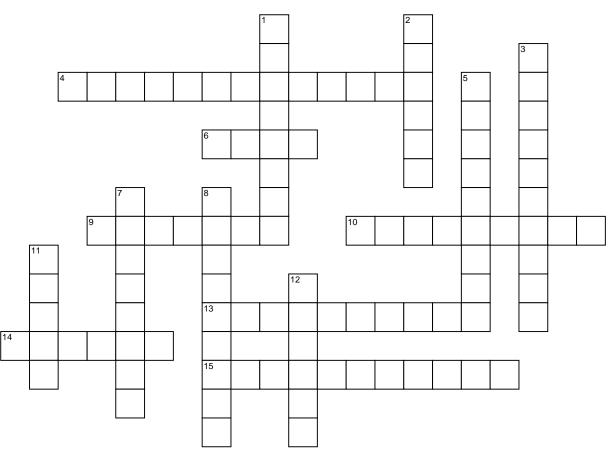
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- 1 people who move from one location or country to live in another
- **4** something that people talk about even though it may not be true
- 5 the act of fighting
- 7 all of the things that make up an area of land
- 8 great or stretching across a large area
- 13 covered with thick and healthy plant life

WORD BANK: conflict, fruitlessly, immigrants, influential, influx, landscape, lush, maintains, nonetheless, nuggets, relates, roots, rumor, vast

Tornadoes

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ACROSS

- 4 described by one or more traits or features
- 6 a sudden rush of wind
- 9 to form or be the basis of something
- **10** a distinctive characteristic that helps identify what something is
- 13 the air or gases that surround a planet, moon, or star
- 14 what is left after something has been destroyed or damaged
- **15** a condition in which something can suddenly lose its pattern or structure

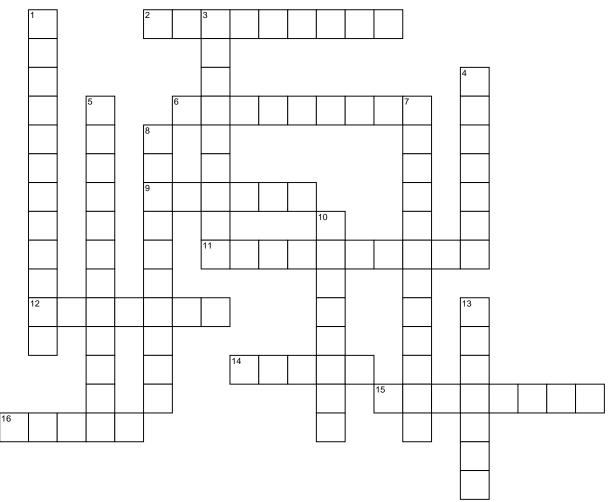
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- 1 force or weight that is put on something
- 2 jammed or stuck in something
- 3 connected with something else
- **5** the rate at which something happens
- 7 turning or spinning around a center point
- 8 the beginning of something's development
- 11 to firmly put something into something else
- **12** a swirling mass that sucks everything near it into its center

WORD BANK: associated, atmosphere, characterized, compose, debris, embed, formation, gust, incidence, instability, lodged, pressure, rotating, trademark, vortex

Mount Rushmore

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ACROSS

- 2 growth
- **6** powered by air pressure
- 9 the dark circles in the middle of the eyes
- 11 pictures, images, or sculptures of other things
- 12 a light-colored, hard rock
- 14 the size of something compared to something else
- 15 talked about or mentioned something
- 16 a way of doing something

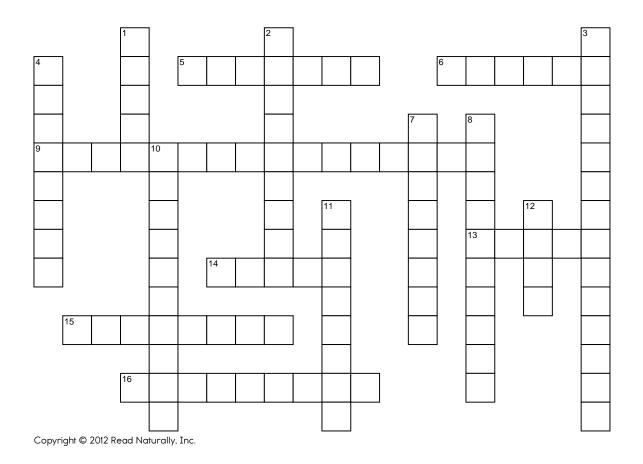
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- 1 the parts of rocks that come to the surface of the earth
- 3 most important
- 4 tools to cut or chip things
- 5 the act of making something last over time
- 7 hired someone for a certain job
- 8 directed the work of someone
- 10 every year
- 13 parts or features of something

WORD BANK: annually, aspects, chisels, commissioned, expansion, granite, likenesses, means, outcroppings, pneumatic, preservation, principal, pupils, referred, scale, supervised

Hurricanes

Level 7.0, Story 20



ACROSS

- **5** to watch the development or progress of something in a regular and systematic way
- 6 fully developed
- **9** in the opposite direction that the hands on a clock move
- 13 to come to a halt or to suddenly lose power
- 14 electronic equipment that sends and receives radio waves
- 15 hit with many blows
- **16** an object sent into space to receive and send signals

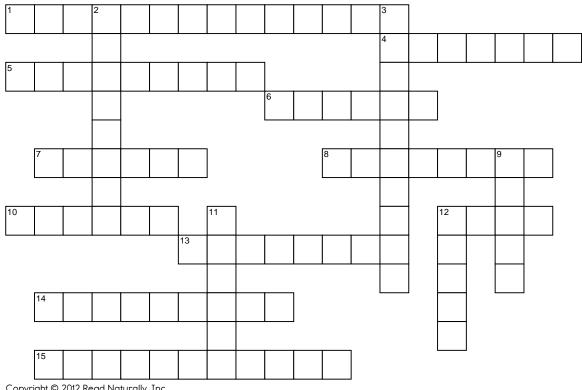
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- 1 to generate something or bring it into being
- 2 forced to move from one's home or country
- 3 scientists who study weather
- 4 a force that resists movement between two objects
- 7 the length through the widest part of a circle
- 8 one half of the earth
- 10 fast-moving or rushing in great quantities
- 11 the movements of water or air in a certain direction
- 12 an extremely strong wind

WORD BANK: battered, counterclockwise, currents, diameter, displaced, friction, gale, hemisphere, mature, meteorologists, monitor, radar, satellite, spawn, stall, torrential

The Golden Temple

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ACROSS

- 1 unable to be destroyed
- 4 cozily situated in a certain spot
- 5 the courage to face trouble
- 6 calm or peaceful
- 7 surrounded by
- 8 superiority
- 10 holy or having to do with religion
- 12 covered with thick and healthy plant life
- 13 to think or concentrate calmly
- 14 to represent something else
- 15 scenic, pretty, or charming

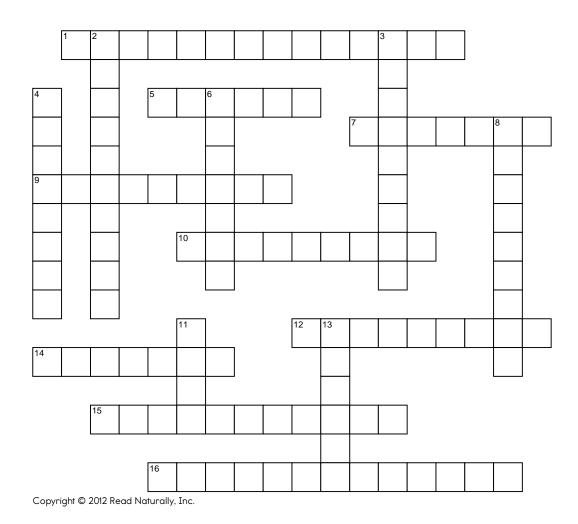
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- 2 the outside of something
- **3** imagined an idea in the mind
- 9 gives off or projects
- 11 to say out loud
- 12 a system of reasoning or careful thinking

WORD BANK: amidst, casts, eminence, envisioned, exterior, fortitude, indestructible, logic, lush, meditate, nestled, picturesque, placid, recite, sacred, symbolize

King Henry VIII

Level 7.0, Story 22



ACROSS

- 1 a complete change
- 5 shared
- 7 greatest in status, authority, or power
- 9 characterized by short or interesting stories
- 10 rude
- 12 causing something to happen
- 14 extreme or far-reaching
- 15 an obsession or intense fondness
- 16 without an earlier example

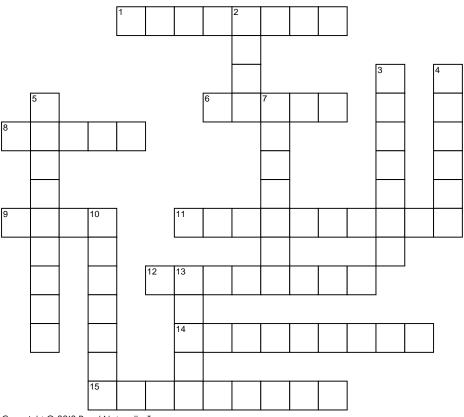
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- 2 in a way that is careless or not cautious
- 3 driven by sudden feelings, not careful thought
- 4 having a bad reputation
- **6** to be proof of something
- 8 an important event
- 11 a long story
- 13 the group of people ruling a country

WORD BANK: anecdotal, impulsive, infamous, infatuation, milestone, mutual, offensive, provoking, radical, recklessly, regime, saga, supreme, testify, transformation, unprecedented

The Taj Mahal

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ACROSS

- 1 evenness of parts
- **6** the holy book of Islam
- 8 a chamber or room where people are buried
- 9 a round, curved roof
- 11 pictured an idea in the mind
- 12 short pieces of writing taken from longer works
- 14 the outer areas of a city or town
- 15 rules or models used to judge or evaluate things

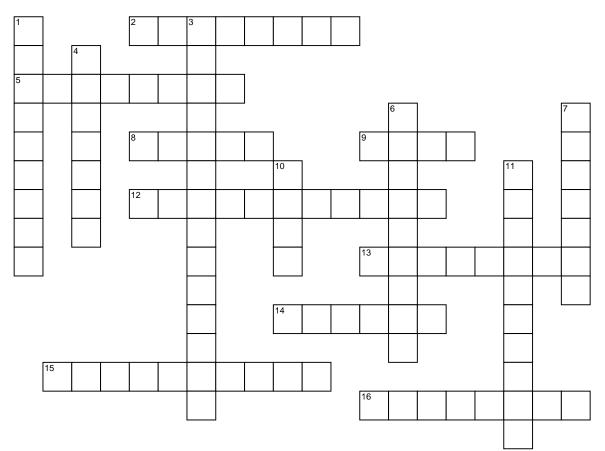
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- 2 to reflect or imitate the feeling of something
- **3** beautiful, graceful, and refined
- 4 embedded into a flat surface
- 5 a large building for dead bodies
- 7 a duplicate or close copy of something
- 10 a woman who leads an empire
- 13 to decorate

WORD BANK: adorn, dome, echo, elegant, empress, envisioned, inlaid, Koran, mausoleum, outskirts, passages, replica, standards, symmetry, vault

The Tower of London

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ACROSS

- 2 having a bad reputation
- **5** rods held by kings or queens that are symbols of their power
- 8 a time as leader
- 9 the place where a country's coins are produced
- 12 members of the elite, wealthy, or ruling class in a society
- 13 secret scheming and planning
- 14 horrifying and frightening
- **15** having a common center
- **16** a strong structure used by a military to defend a place

DOWN

- 1 a dwelling
- 3 structures built around a place to protect it
- 4 items used by kings and queens that symbolize their positions
- 6 for good reason
- 7 a group of related buildings or units
- 10 a deep, wide ditch dug around a castle
- 11 started or came to be

WORD BANK: aristocrats, complex, concentric, fittingly, fortifications, fortress, grisly, infamous, intrigue, mint, moat, originated, regalia, reign, residence, scepters