

6th Grade Teacher Key

Informational Reading Passage: Advances in Dairy Farming

Complements Mobile Dairy Classroom assembly

Common Core: RI.6.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

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Text Type: Informational	MDC Topics: agriculture technology; milk processing		
Questions	Skill	Common Core Standards – Grade 5	
1. California has been the nation's top producing agricultural state for many years." Identify the agricultural products named in the passage. <i>fruits vegetables nuts milk</i>	meaning of words and phrases	RI.6.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.	
2. Which advances helped turn milk into a marketable product? Explain the significance of each. <i>Pasteurization: Pasteurization kills the harmful bacteria, germs and yeast in the milk. This improved the quality and safety of the milk. Refrigeration: "When controlled refrigeration methods and refrigerated trucks were invented, transporting perishable foods like milk to different markets became profitable."</i>	inference and evidence	RI.6.1 Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	
3. Write a definition for bioenergy . Use the affix as a clue and consider the context. <i>The affix "bio" means life. Bioenergy is a type of renewable energy derived from materials associated with living things. Manure comes from a cow.</i>	determine word meaning--strategies use context and affix	L.6.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies	

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4. A central idea in the text: In order for milk to have the quality and availability that it does today, many problems were solved by advances in technology and science. For each problem/need in the following chart, identify one or more solutions developed by science/technology.		RI.6.2 Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.																																	
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5. Does the author think science and technology will find a way to replace the cow? Support your answer. No. According to the author, “Dairy farms of the future will always depend on cows for the milk they produce.”	author's point of view	RI.6.6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text.																																	