

4th Grade February 22nd 2021

Complete these steps.

_____ Read the “Troll and Dragon” and complete the writing prompt

_____ Complete the Math Learning Review Questions 1-9

_____ Read independently for 20 minutes with a book of your choice.

_____ Turn in Writing Prompt and Math Review on notebook paper when you return on Tuesday.

Troll and Dragon

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1 "You look upset, Mom," Prince Gabriel said.

2 "I've received some not-so-good news," said the queen. "A troll has moved into the cave on the western road. He says no one can pass without handing over a gold coin."

3 Gabriel said, "Don't worry. At least the eastern road is still open, and--"

4 A messenger ran into the room. "Your Highness, a dragon has moved into the cave on the eastern road! He says that no one can pass without handing over a gold coin."

5 "Oh no," said Gabriel. Their small kingdom was ringed by high mountains. The western and eastern roads were the only routes in and out.

6 "We don't have enough knights to drive away trolls and dragons," the queen said glumly. "What shall I do?"

7 Gabriel thought awhile. Then he said, "Leave this to me."

8 Soon after, Gabriel rode his horse to the troll's cave. As he drew close, the troll stomped out and unknotted a huge sack stuffed with gold.

9 "Turn back, Prince," said the troll, "or toss in a gold piece."

10 "Your gold is exactly what I've come to talk about, Troll," said Gabriel. "The dragon that just landed on the eastern road can't wait to get his claws on treasure. I'm sure it won't be long before you two go into battle. I'm begging you to fight in the mountains, so you won't destroy my city."

11 The troll looked worried. "Is this dragon big?"

12 "He's the biggest dragon who's ever invaded my kingdom," said Gabriel. *Which is true, he thought, since he's the only dragon who's ever invaded my kingdom.*

13 The troll slung his sack over his shoulder. "I've suddenly remembered that my dear aunt Gooella has invited me to her swamp for lunch. No one makes better cockroach pudding than she does. I'll be back to squash the dragon later."

14 "I'll let him know," said Gabriel politely. Then he turned his horse and trotted to the eastern road.

15 When the dragon heard hoofbeats, he slithered from his cave and pointed to an enormous chest filled with gold. "Hand over your fee, young Prince," he hissed, "or I won't allow you to journey onward."

16 "I'm not trying to ride on," Gabriel said. "I'm delivering an important message from the troll."

17 "Troll? What troll?"

18 "The troll who lives on the western road. I'm surprised you haven't heard of him, Dragon. He's the biggest troll in my kingdom, and he loves treasure as much as you do. He said to tell you he'd fight with you this afternoon for your gold."

19 The dragon paused, then said, "I've suddenly remembered that my dear aunt Roastina has invited me to her volcano for lunch. No one makes better lava pudding than she does. I'll be back to barbecue the troll later on." And he snatched up his treasure chest and flew away.

20 *That's that, thought Gabriel, grinning. Now for my own lunch. No one makes better chocolate pudding than the palace cook does!*

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You have read the fable "Troll and Dragon" by Maggie Murphy, in which Gabriel, a prince, must find a way to beat a troll and a dragon. One of the themes of this fable is that a person does not have to fight to win. Analyze the text to identify evidence that supports this theme and write a response explaining the theme and the evidence identified.

Your writing will be scored based on development of ideas, organization of writing, and language conventions of grammar, usage, and mechanics.

Multiplication in Word Problems

Name: _____

Use a strategy of your choice to solve each problem.

- 1** The library has 5 mystery books on a shelf. It has 4 times as many fiction books on another shelf. How many fiction books are on the shelf?

There are _____ fiction books on the shelf.

- 2** Paul runs 2 laps around the gym. Carrie runs 6 times as many laps as Paul. How many laps does Carrie run?

Carrie runs _____ laps.

- 3** Violet has 3 markers. She has 6 times as many colored pencils as markers. How many colored pencils does she have?

Violet has _____ colored pencils.

- 4** Owen draws 7 comics in April. He draws 3 times as many comics in May. How many comics does Owen draw in May?

Owen draws _____ comics in May.

- 5** Tasha used 8 tomatoes to make salsa. She used 4 times as many tomatoes to make sauce. How many tomatoes did Tasha use to make sauce?

Tasha used _____ tomatoes to make sauce.

- 6** There are 7 pear trees on a farm. There are 7 times as many apple trees as pear trees. How many apple trees are on the farm?

There are _____ apple trees.

- 7** There are 9 school buses in the parking lot. There are 6 times as many cars as school buses in the parking lot. How many cars are in the parking lot?

There are _____ cars in the parking lot.

- 8** There are 8 vases at an art show. There are 9 times as many paintings as vases at the art show. How many paintings are at the art show?

There are _____ paintings at the art show.

- 9** Write and solve a word problem for this equation: $5 \times 6 = ?$