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***The Turtle from The Grapes of Wrath* Enrichment Activity**

PART I. Literary Analysis- Theme

Strong determination to survive is a theme of *The Grapes of Wrath*. The Joad family travels from its home of many generations in Oklahoma to California, where it hopes to establish a new farm. This short chapter, "The Turtle," mirrors that theme; the turtle, like the Joads, travels toward an unknown goal, determined to survive despite all obstacles.

DIRECTIONS: Cite three (3) pieces of textual evidence that reflects details in "The Turtle" that might be connected to the theme of survival, and the explain how each detail relates to the theme of survival in the chart below

TEXTUAL EVIDENCE	HOW IT RELATES TO THE THEME
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The Turtle from The Grapes of Wrath Open Book Quiz

DIRECTIONS: Identify the letter of the choice that best answers the question

1. What is the “life” that waits to wake up and grow in many places in “The Turtle” from *The Grapes of Wrath*?

- A. animals asleep for the winter
- B. Seeds waiting to be spread all over
- C. people asleep at the wheel of a car
- D. insects living under the soil

2. In “The Turtle” from *The Grapes of Wrath*, how is the turtle’s struggle for survival shown?

- A. He opens his horny beak.
- B. He keeps on going, no matter what happens.
- C. He moves to the side of a road.
- D. He toe nails slip in the dust.

3. What theme about life is important in “The Turtle” from *The Grapes of Wrath*?

- A. the hugeness of the desert
- B. the effect of humans on animals
- C. the struggle for survival
- D. the importance of laughter

4. In “The Turtle” from *The Grapes of Wrath*, how will the turtle’s journey help plants spread and grow?

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6. In “The Turtle” from *The Grapes of Wrath*, how does the sedan driver help the turtle stay alive?

- A. She feeds the turtle.
- B. She builds a home for the turtle.
- C. She gives the turtle away.
- D. She avoids hitting the turtle.

7. In “The Turtle” from *The Grapes of Wrath*, how do the sedan driver and truck driver provide important clues to the theme?

- A. They have the ability to either help or prevent survival.
- B. They are people who cannot help themselves.
- C. They are people who are helping the turtle.
- D. They are people looking for new opportunities.

8. In “The Turtle” from *The Grapes of Wrath*, how does the stem of the wild oat seeds use the turtle to carry it to a place where it can grow?

- A. It travels next to the turtle.
- B. It wraps around the turtle’s leg.
- C. It lies on the ground.
- D. It sticks to the driver’s truck.