“Here’s My Dollar”
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Story Test Review

Things to know:

*Read and know the story.

Characters: Angel, Angel's family, animals, zookeepers, students, principal, reporters

Setting: Fresno, California - Chaffee Zoo, home, school, zoo

Conflict: Angel learned that Fresno’s Chaffee Zoo had money problems and that it didn’t have enough money to take care of its animals.

Resolution: Angel wrote a letter to the local newspaper and sent a dollar with it to encourage others to also help the zoo. Angel’s story reached many people who also reached out to help the zoo with its money problems.

Theme: working together

Genre: Expository/Non-fiction articles - information about real people, places, or things
Know the following:

1. Why did Angel write a letter to the Fresno Bee?
   She was worried that the animals at the Chaffee Zoo might not have enough food.

2. What was the purpose of Angel’s letter?
   She wanted to persuade the people of Fresno to help the animals.

3. What did people do because of Angel’s letter?
   They donated money to the Chaffee Zoo.

4. Why did Jim Davis write an article about Angel?
   He wanted readers to know about Angel’s letter and how she has raised money for the zoo.

5. Why did the students and parents fill water jugs in the classroom with money?
   Angel asked her classmates to give money to the zoo.

6. How did Angel continue to help the zoo?
   She made public appearances to ask for money, signed autographs, and spoke to reporters.

7. Why is Angel Arellano a hero?
   She helped save a zoo.