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Grade 4 Writing Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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3. Source: "The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France and was dedicated in 1886." Which paraphrase changes the meaning?

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   In 1886, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated, and it had been given by France.

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4. Source: "Arctic terns fly from the Arctic to Antarctica and back every year." Which paraphrase changes the meaning?

   Each year these birds make a round trip between the Arctic and Antarctica.

   Every year, Arctic terns travel all the way to Antarctica and then return north.

   Arctic terns fly to Antarctica once and then stay there for life.

   An Arctic tern's yearly journey takes it to Antarctica and home again.

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