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Central Thought Match Answer Key

- **Passage 1** → **C** (Animal shelter volunteering highlights care and responsibility.)
- **Passage 2** → **F** (Bridge symbolizes unity and better travel.)
- **Passage 3** → **A** (Puzzles build problem-solving and perseverance.)
- **Passage 4** → **D** (Life in the desert depends on adaptation to water shortages.)

Notes for Teachers:

- Choices **E** and **B** are distractors: they sound plausible but focus on side details (the mayor's speech, the parade) instead of central ideas.
- This format challenges students to compare all passages against a single set of main ideas, strengthening higher-level reasoning and discrimination skills.