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Class Period _____

Directions: Read the update "Mary: Truth and Connections." Using the information given in the update, answer the following questions.

1. The article begins by picturing Mary in a way that is meant to make you think. To what contemporary/modern image is Mary compared?

Have you ever thought of Mary in this way? What does this image add to your understanding of her?

2. Name the four "pillars" of Church teaching on Mary.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

3. As the Mother of Jesus, Mary is the Mother of _____.

What Church title is given to her that comes from this information?

What is the EXACT meaning of this title?

4. Name two reasons why we might see ourselves as having a "family connection" with Mary?
 - a.
 - b.

5. Write out the Scripture passage that is the basis of our belief that Mary is our Mother.

6. Name two of the five listed attitudes expressed in the "Hail Mary."

a.

b.

7. (see box) What is the difference between "honoring" and "worshipping?"

Which applies to Mary? Why?

8. What is the dogma of the Immaculate Conception?

How does this make Mary "one of a kind?"

9. The Church teaches that Mary remained a virgin throughout her life. Why did she make this choice?

10. How can we apply Mary's example of virginity to our lives?

11. Mary had confidence in God's plan for her. What did this give her the ability to do?

12. What does the dogma of the Assumption?

What does this dogma teach?

13. (see box) What is the purpose of Mary's appearances on earth? How can they be important to us?

14. Name 3 new ideas and/or attitudes regarding Mary you have gained from reading this article.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

BONUS: Using this article and any other resources (without copying from another student!! -INTEGRITY!!) such as the Internet, Catholic Calendar or Encyclopedia, connect the Marian Feast with the date it is celebrated.

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God	March 25
Annunciation	August 15
Visitation	January 1
Assumption	May 31
Immaculate conception	September 8
Nativity of Mary (Mary's Birthday)	December 8