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for eEditions

grades 6-8

1 Day of the Dead

From October 31 through November 2, families in Mexico celebrate Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead. This holiday, which is also celebrated by Mexican Americans and residents of other Hispanic countries, honors relatives and other loved ones who have died. In groups, use the eEdition and online sources to find another example of a holiday celebrated in a country other than the United States. Research the history and traditions associated with it. Give an oral presentation to the class, explaining what you learned in your research.

Learning Standard: Describing, comparing and explaining the locations and characteristics of races, cultures and settlements.

2 eEdition Suffixes

Electronic editions allow you to search their content for stories or topics that interest you. This ability to search also can help you build vocabulary and word skills. You can search, for example, to see how many times a word appears in the paper. Or you can search to see how many times a suffix appears. As a class, review how suffixes are added to the end of words to change their meaning. Some common ones are "able," "ity," "ment," "tion," "ive" or "less." As a class, discuss which you think are used most often. Then search today's eEdition to see how often different suffixes appear. Show your findings as a bar graph or chart.

Learning Standards: Using technology tools to enhance learning; understanding the operations and functions of technology systems and becoming proficient in the use of technology.

3 MLK Day

On November 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill creating a national holiday to honor the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Throughout his life, Dr. King used non-violent methods to fight for justice, and in 1964 he was awarded the world's Nobel Peace Prize. Find another example in the eEdition of someone fighting for justice for themselves, their family, their community or their country. Write a short biography of the person in the story.

Learning Standards: Demonstrating the ability to write clear and grammatically correct sentences and compositions; considering the effects of an individual's actions on other people and how one acts in a virtuous and ethically responsible way as a member of society.

4 Stats

The NBA season just started, and basketball fans are anxiously watching their favorite teams to see how they'll do this year. Use eEdition articles and online sources to make a chart comparing the statistics of your favorite team with the statistics of three other teams. Then make a prediction, based on the information in the chart, for which team will be the most successful this season. Design a poster showcasing the strengths of your favorite team.

Learning Standards: Collecting and exploring data, organizing data into a useful form and developing skill in representing and reading data displayed in different formats; organizing data using tables, charts, graphs, spreadsheets and data bases.

5 Tut

After years of searching, British archaeologist Howard Carter discovered the entrance to King Tutankhamun's tomb in Egypt in November 1922. Other kings' tombs had been found years before, but King Tut's tomb was hidden deep under piles of sand and rock. King Tut is known

as the boy king because he was only a kid when he became ruler of Egypt. How would you rule if you were the head of the country? Look through the eEdition and pick three problems in the United States that are making news. For each, use the eEdition and online sources to write a paragraph explaining how you'd try to fix the problem.

Learning Standard: Conducting investigations by formulating a clear statement of a question, gathering and organizing information from a variety of sources, analyzing and interpreting information and reporting results orally and in writing.

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