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for eEditions

grades 6-8

1 Mouse Ears

Mickey Mouse made his first appearance on November 18, 1928, in Walt Disney's short movie "Steamboat Willie." Over the years the Disney Company has evolved into a giant worldwide corporation, but Mickey is still one of its most recognizable symbols. In groups, look at symbols and logos for companies and organizations in eEdition ads and online. Talk about why different organizations chose those symbols to represent them. Then design a symbol for your school. Present it to your classmates and explain what it means.

Learning Standards: Responding to a variety of visual, written and electronic texts by making connections to students' personal lives and the lives of others; identifying and using aspects of the craft of the speaker, writer and illustrator to formulate and express ideas artistically.

2 Technology

The cell phone company Verizon Wireless just introduced its new smart phone, the Droid. Like other smart phones, the Droid lets users check e-mail, browse the Web, send text messages, take photos and more. It even makes phone calls. Look through the eEdition and pick an invention that's changed the way people live. Write a paragraph or two about what it is and what impact it has had.

Learning Standards: Analyzing claims for their scientific merit and explaining how scientists decide what constitutes scientific knowledge; understanding how science is related to other ways of knowing and how science and technology affect our society.

3 Public Service

Every November the nation honors people who have served in the military on Veterans Day. But veterans aren't the only ones who perform an important public service. Look through the eEdition and find someone who is dedicated to public service in another way. It can be a community organizer, a volunteer, or anyone else working for the greater good. Write a letter nominating the person for a service award.

Learning Standard: Considering the effects of an individual's actions on other people, how one acts in accordance with the rule of law and how one acts in a virtuous and ethically responsible way as a member of society.

4 Moon Walk

Astronaut Alan Shepard was born on November 18, 1923. He was the first American to travel in space and one of the first U.S. astronauts to walk on the moon. Find an article in the eEdition or online about another space milestone. It can be an event, a discovery, a new type of equipment or anything else. Write a summary of it, including how it might affect future space exploration.

Learning Standards: Comparing and contrasting our planet and sun to other planets and star systems; describing and explaining how objects in the solar system move; explaining scientific theories as to the origin of the solar system; explaining how we learn about the universe.

5 Search For Sports News!

Every day, your eEdition allows you to find stories that interest you. Your eEdition also allows you to search recent editions for related stories. Go to the sports section of the eEdition and scan the pages for a story that interests you. Read the story and write a short paragraph summarizing the news

and explaining why it interests you. Then use the Advanced Search feature in the toolbar at the top of the page to find other stories on the same athlete or team. Find the stories electronically and read them. Then write a paragraph describing how having the ability to search for recent stories can be a benefit to readers.

Learning Standards: Defining subject searching and devising a search strategy to locate information using available electronic research resources; demonstrating knowledge of changes in technologies and the effect those changes have.

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