

# news {..BYTES..}

## for eEditions

grades 6-8

### 1 Unclaimed

When a suitcase from an airplane flight isn't claimed, its contents sometimes wind up at the Unclaimed Baggage Center in Scottsboro, Alabama. This giant store sells items from luggage no one ever picked up, including such things as books and clothes. The center also features a museum with some of the more unusual unclaimed items, including a violin from the 1770s. If you were going to set up a museum, what kind of museum would it be? In groups, use the eEdition for ideas to come up with a plan for a museum, including what exhibits it would feature. Design a poster or brochure advertising your museum.

Learning Standards: Focusing on meaning and communication while listening, speaking, viewing, reading and writing in personal, social, occupational and civic contexts; reading and writing fluently, speaking confidently, listening and interacting appropriately, viewing critically and representing creatively.

### 2 Heavyweight

Boxer George Foreman was born on January 10, 1949. In 1973, he became the professional heavyweight champion, but he lost the title to Muhammad Ali the following year. Foreman retired, but then returned to boxing in 1994, at age 45, and was able to reclaim the title and become the sport's oldest heavyweight champion. Look through the eEdition and online and find another example of a person who made a "comeback," or achieved success in something after multiple attempts. Write a short biography of the person and make a list of character traits you think the person has that helped him or her be successful.

Learning Standards: Responding to a variety of oral, visual, written and electronic texts by making connections to students' personal lives and the lives of others; writing fluently for multiple purposes.

### 3 MLK

January 18 is the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, a day when people across the country volunteer to help out their communities. Look through the eEdition and online to see what people are planning for this year's Day of Service. As a class, come up with a plan for how you, your class or your family could pitch in to help your school or neighborhood.

Learning Standards: 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; engaging in activities intended to contribute to solving a national or international problem studied.

### 4 Strawberry Crab

A marine biologist on the Asian island of Taiwan says he has discovered a new species of crab. The crab is certainly unusual. It has a red shell with small white bumps, and looks like a strawberry. Find an example of another recent scientific discovery in the eEdition or online. Write a short report about it, including what impact the discovery might have in its field.

Learning Standards: Asking questions that help students learn about the world; learning from books and other sources of information; communicating findings using appropriate technology; reconstructing previously learned knowledge; constructing new scientific knowledge.

### 5 Let's Go Shopping!

After the December holidays, many stores offer sales to get customers to shop in January. Your eEdition contains ads as well as stories and photos, and can be used to find the best deals. In today's eEdition, find an ad offering a sale for an item you would like to have. Then search the eEdition for

other ads offering the same item, or a similar item, on sale. Compare prices and the locations of stores. Write a paragraph explaining where you would purchase the item and why. Finish by writing a paragraph describing how using an eEdition is different from print for finding products to buy, along with the advantages and disadvantages.

Learning Standards: Using a variety of technology tools for data collection and analysis; comparing information technologies from the past and present.

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