

# news {..BYTES..}

for eEditions

grades 2-5

## 1 Good News For Rhinos

The Sumatran rhinoceros is one of the rarest animals in the world. Just 200 live in the wild in Southeast Asia, and just 10 live in zoos. Now rhino watchers are celebrating the news that a pair of Sumatran rhinos are expecting a baby at a sanctuary in the Southeast Asian country of Indonesia. A male named "Andalas," which ordinarily lives at Ohio's Cincinnati Zoo in the United States, and a female named "Ratu" are the first Sumatran rhinos to breed in captivity in all of Southeast Asia. Zoo breeding programs are one way that humans work to help the survival of endangered species. Talk about other ways as a class. Then find an endangered species in the eEdition. Design a poster showing how humans could help this animal.

Learning Standards: Describing positive and negative effects of humans on nature and wildlife; reading and writing fluently; speaking confidently, listening and interacting appropriately; viewing critically and representing creatively.

## 2 Young King Tut

King Tut is one of the most famous rulers of ancient Egypt in northern Africa. Tut – whose full name was Tutankhamun – became a pharaoh king at age 9 and ruled until his death at age 19. Scientists have long wondered why Tut died so young, and now tests on the mummy of King Tut's body may have solved the mystery. X-ray scans of his mummy and scientific study of Tut's genetic DNA show that Tut probably died from complications from a broken leg and the disease malaria, which is spread by mosquitoes. Tut became famous when his tomb was discovered to contain amazing riches, including a solid gold mask for the king. Science makes new discoveries possible every day. Find a story about a scientific discovery. Write a paragraph explaining this discovery in your own words.

Learning Standards: Showing how common themes of science, mathematics and technology apply in real world contexts; applying knowledge, ideas and issues drawn from texts to students' lives and the lives of others; asking questions that help students learn about the world.

## 3 Superman Comic

Comic books have been popular with kids and adults for more than 100 years. And one of the most popular characters is Superman. How popular? A rare copy of the first comic book that showed Superman has been sold to a collector for \$1 million! The 1938 comic shows Superman lifting a car on its cover and originally sold for 10 cents. What would you collect if you could collect anything you wanted? Go through the eEdition and find things you would like to collect. Pick one and write a paragraph explaining why you would like a collection of that type of thing.

Learning Standards: Developing and applying critical standards for individual use; responding to a variety of texts by making connections to students' personal lives and the lives of others; writing fluently for multiple purposes.

## 4 Movie Search

On Sunday, March 7, the Oscar awards will be given out for the top movie achievements of the last year. Use the search and advanced search features of the eEdition to see how the Oscars are being covered this week. Search for "Oscar" or "movie" or "Academy Award." Finish by writing a paragraph describing what kind of Oscar stories were most common in the eEdition this week.

Learning Standards: Using technology tools to enhance learning; understanding the operations and functions of technology systems; writing fluently for multiple purposes.

## 5 A Boy and His Dog

Animals can be trained to do amazing things to help people. Especially helpful are service dogs, which can be trained to assist children and adults with physical disabilities or special needs. A 13-year-old boy from Orion Township, Michigan, soon will be getting help from a service dog,

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

thanks to a dog training program called Canine Assistants. Craig Henderson, who has physical problems that affect his ability to move around on his own, will be getting a dog later this year to help him pick up dropped items, turn on lights and gain independence. Craig's mom said she thinks Craig will gain confidence and freedom by having the assistance dog. As a class, talk about ways that kids your age gain confidence doing things. In the eEdition, find an example of a teen or elementary student doing something successfully. Make a list of ways this student gained the confidence needed to be successful.

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