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for eEditions

grades 2-5

1 Coming to America

Every year thousands of people come to the United States from other countries to start new lives. But few come for the reason a family from the European country of Germany came. The Romeike family came because parents Uwe and Hannelore wanted to teach their children at home, and home-schooling is illegal in Germany. The Romeikes decided to leave Germany after they had been fined more than \$10,000 by the government and police had come to their home to force their children to go to school outside the home. As a class talk about how important education is to success. Then draw a comic strip for the eEdition showing you or your friends being successful at something in school.

Learning Standards: Responding to a variety of texts by making connections to students' personal lives and the lives of others; reading and writing fluently, speaking confidently, listening and interacting appropriately, viewing critically and representing creatively.

2 Don't Gum Things Up

Since 1992 it has been illegal to sell chewing gum in the Republic of Singapore in Southeast Asia. The government there says gum causes sticky litter that can mess up sidewalks, floors or even subway doors. This month a member of Singapore's parliament legislature asked that the ban be lifted to give Singapore citizens more freedom. The government said no. "Our efforts at creating a clean, green and safe living environment" are more important than the freedom to chew gum, a top government leader said. As a class, talk about rules governments make that limit what people can do to keep people safe or improve communities. As a class or with a partner, find an example of such a rule in the eEdition. Write a complete sentence stating why the rule was made.

Learning Standards: Engaging peers in constructive conversation about matters of public concern; 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.

3 A Woman Making History

Just as the nation started celebrating Women's History Month, Kathryn Bigelow made history of her own in the world of movies. At the Academy Awards ceremony last week, Bigelow became the first woman to win an Oscar as Best Director of a full length feature movie. Bigelow was honored for directing "The Hurt Locker," a movie that tells the story of soldiers who get rid of bombs in the Iraq war. Find a successful woman in the stories and photos of the eEdition. Write a paragraph describing why she is a success and how you think she became successful.

Learning Standards: Identifying and explaining how individuals demonstrate good character and personal virtue; writing fluently for multiple purposes.

4 Adverb Search

The Search and Advanced Search features of the eEdition are a great tool for building vocabulary and word power. Adverbs are colorful words that can make your writing stronger and more effective. Adverbs describe the action of verbs or the descriptions of adjectives. Many adverbs end in the letters "ly." Use the search features of the eEdition to find adverbs used to make writing more effective or colorful. Remember to leave a space after the "ly" when you search to make sure you find only words where those letters are at the end of the word. Share words as a class.

Learning Standards: Using technology tools to enhance learning and increase creativity; becoming proficient with the use of technology; describing the impact of technology use on individuals at home, at school and in the workplace.

5 Pharaoh's Head

When it comes to ancient treasures, Egypt is one of the richest nations in the world. The Northern African country has the ancient pyramids, of course, and hundreds of burial tombs and the mysterious Sphinx statue. Now archaeologists in Egypt have found a huge sculpture of the head of one

of Egypt's most famous pharaoh kings. The head, which is as tall as a full grown man by itself, was part of a larger sculpture of Amenhotep III and was found at the pharaoh's burial temple in the city of Luxor. Amenhotep III, who ruled nearly 3,400 years ago, was the grandfather of the famous boy-pharaoh, King Tut. In groups talk about the different ways people learn about the past. Then brainstorm ways people could learn about the past history of your community. Finish by writing an editorial for the eEdition listing things about your community that people from the future should know.

Learning Standards: Acquiring information from multiple sources; posing social science questions; comprehending the past; using the craft of the illustrator to express ideas artistically.

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