



Activities reinforce Colorado Content Standards using this month's e-editions of the Denver Post.

**AUGUST 22, 2010**

**ACTIVITY** Article: **2,711 days later**, *Thurs., Aug. 19, Main, p. 1A*

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- Read the article
- Select the main idea expressed in the story.
  - o U.S. diplomats will have two new \$100 million outposts in Iraq.
  - o Private security guards will defend five compounds and perform other security assignments.
  - o U.S. plans huge civilian effort as last combat forces leave Iraq.
  - o The war in Iraq began in 2003 when planes bombed Baghdad.

**ACTIVITY**

Article: **Moose leaving trail of clues to arthritis**, *Tues., Aug. 17, Main, p. 2A*

- The following paragraphs are from the article. Underline adjectives.

**In the 100 years since the first moose swam into Lake Superior and set up shop on an island, moose have mostly minded their moosely business. But now the moose of Isle Royale have something to say — well, their bones do. Many of the moose, it turns out, have arthritis.**

**And scientists believe their condition's origin can help explain human osteoarthritis — by far the most common type of arthritis, affecting one of every seven adults 25 and older, and becoming increasingly prevalent.**

**The arthritic Bullwinkles got that way because of poor nutrition early in life, an extraordinary 50-year research project has discovered. That could mean, scientists say, that some people's arthritis can be linked in part to nutritional deficits, in the womb and possibly throughout childhood.**

**The moose conclusion bolsters a small but growing body of research connecting early development to chronic conditions such as**

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**osteoarthritis, which currently affects 27 million Americans, up from 21 million in 1990.**

- Which two of these words is an adjective that means "of long duration; continuing; constant"?
  - o arthritis
  - o bolsters
  - o nutrition
  - o chronic
- Write a complete sentence correctly using each of the words in the preceding answer selection.

**ACTIVITY**

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Article: **Colorful idea to drive less**, *Sun., Aug. 22, Denver & The West, p. 9B*

*Rewrite the following selections from the article editing capitalization, punctuation and spelling (there are 5 corrections to make in each selection).*

- On labor Day weekend, the city plans to launch a campaign to encourage residents to "do their 14.3 percent" to cut down on the number of cars on the rode — reducing air pollution, cutting carbon and road rage — buy making a commitment to go car-free on the day of the week thats correlated to your Vehicle's color.
- Those that Stick to there car-less commitmants can Win prizes from the campaigns' sponsors.



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### R E A D I N G & W R I T I N G



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Activities are based on all the issues available from the first of the month through the date printed on the activity. Throughout the year you will encounter instances where only one e-edition is referenced; other times an entire month's worth of issues will be available for use and referral. Each activity will be referenced to the issue in which the article or information is contained.

Students will need additional writing material to complete the activities. If you print the activities, the back of the printout can be used. As an alternative, this might be a good time to implement a writing journal. Students can record their answers in one section; they can have another section dedicated to new words.

#### ACTIVITY 1:

- Select the main idea expressed in the story.
  - o U.S. plans huge civilian effort as last combat forces leave Iraq.

#### ACTIVITY 2:

- Which two of these words is an adjective that means "of long duration; continuing; constant"?
  - o chronic

#### ACTIVITY 3:

- On Labor Day weekend, the city plans to launch a campaign to encourage residents to "do their 14.3 percent" to cut down on the number of cars on the road — reducing air pollution, cutting carbon and road rage — by making a commitment to go car-free on the day of the week that's correlated to your vehicle's color.
- Those that stick to their car-less commitments can win prizes from the campaign's sponsors.

#### Reading and Writing Standard 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

#### Colorado Model Content Standards for CSAP assessment

**Reading and Writing Standard 1:** Students read and understand a variety of materials.

**Reading and Writing Standard 2:** Students write and speak for a variety of purposes and audiences.

**Reading and Writing Standard 3:** Students write and speak using conventional grammar, usage, sentence structure, punctuation, capitalization and spelling.

**Reading and Writing Standard 4:** Students apply thinking skills to their reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing.

**Reading and Writing Standard 5:** Students read to locate, select, and make use of relevant information from a variety of media, reference, and technological sources.

**Reading and Writing Standard 6:** Students read and recognize literature as a record of human experience.

**NEW STANDARDS** are posted at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/UAS/CoAcademicStandards.html>

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