

news {..BYTES..}

for eEditions

grades 9-12

1 Let's Go Shopping!

Your e-Edition contains everything included each day in the print edition of the newspaper. That includes ads as well as stories and photos. In today's eEdition, find an ad for a cell phone or electronic device you would like to have. Then search the eEdition for other ads offering the same item for sale and compare the 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.

2 Abe Lincoln

On November 19, 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln gave a speech in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where a major battle had taken place. In the "Gettysburg Address," as it became known, Lincoln honored the dead, and inspired the living to continue the fight to make all people equal. Look through the eEdition and find a situation in which people are struggling, whether they're fighting against other people or an unjust ruler or fighting poverty, hunger or disease. Write an uplifting speech you would give to the people.

Learning Standards: Recognizing and using varied innovative techniques to construct text, convey meaning and express feelings to influence an audience; demonstrating how language usage is related to successful communication in different contexts.

3 Year One

Barack Obama was elected president last November. What has he been able to do in a year? In groups, pick an issue that President Obama is involved in, such as a law he's trying to pass. Using the eEdition and online sources, create a presentation about the issue. Include how Obama addressed the issue during his campaign, what he has been able to accomplish so far, what has stood in his way and what the future likely holds for action on the issue.

Learning Standards: Locating information pertaining to a specific social science topic in-depth, using a variety of sources and electronic technologies; explaining how American governmental institutions provide for the limitation and sharing of power.

4 SNL

TV and movie producer Lorne Michaels was born on November 17, 1944. Michaels is best known for creating "Saturday Night Live," the long-running TV show made up of short skits, many of them based on current events. In groups, find an interesting news story in the eEdition. Then create a funny skit based on it. Perform your skit for the rest of the class.

Learning Standard: Communicating information accurately and effectively and demonstrating expressive abilities by creating oral, written and visual texts that enlighten and engage an audience.

5 Court Case

A case currently before Britain's Supreme Court in Europe could affect thousands of schools. The case began when JFS, a religious school for Jews, rejected an applicant whose father is Jewish and whose mother is a Jewish convert. JFS argued that under its definition the

student is not a Jew and therefore cannot attend the school. The student's family sued and lost, but when they challenged the decision the Court of Appeals ruled in their favor, saying that the school's policy discriminates based on ethnicity. The school then appealed to the Supreme Court. Read about the case in the eEdition or online. Then write an eEdition editorial explaining how you think the British Supreme Court should rule, and why.

Learning Standards: Describing the political and legal processes created to make decisions and resolve conflicts in a free society; explaining why people may agree on democratic values in the abstract but disagree when they are applied.

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