

# news {..BYTES..}

## for eEditions

grades 6-8

### 1 Pick a Movie!

Your eEdition 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 movie you would like to see with your friends. Click on the ad to show your friend what actors are in the movie and why you find it interesting. Now find an ad or listing that will tell you where and when you can see this movie. List two or three choices on a sheet of paper. Finish by writing a paragraph describing how using an eEdition is different from print for finding movies, 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 Gandhi

Indira Gandhi was prime minister of the Asian nation of India in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. She first ruled for 11 years, but then was accused of corruption and voted out. But Gandhi was elected again in 1980. On October 31, 1984, however, she was assassinated by her own bodyguards. Using the eEdition and online sources, read about another leader, past or present. It can be someone in government, business, a local community or anything else. Write a short biography of the person. From what you learned in your research, make a list of five characteristics that you think helped the person be a leader.

Learning Standards: 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 as a member of society; demonstrating understanding of the complexity of enduring issues.

### 3 Traveler

Every year Condé Nast Traveler magazine ranks the best cities in the world, based on its Readers' Choice Survey. This year, for the 17th year in a row, the magazine named San Francisco, California, the best U.S. city to visit. Which city would you like to visit? Look through the eEdition and online and pick a city. It can be anywhere in the world. Read about the city and look at images of it in the eEdition or on the Internet. Then write down a list of reasons you'd like to visit it. Share your chosen city and what you wrote with the class.

Learning Standard: Expressing responses and making connections between oral, visual, written and electronic texts and students' lives.

### 4 Ghosts

Kids across the country take to the streets on Halloween, dressed in all types of costumes. People trick-or-treat, throw parties, decorate their homes with pumpkins and ghosts, and eat lots of candy. Look through the eEdition for articles about how people in your neighborhood and city are celebrating Halloween. Use the Internet to read about how people in other countries celebrate Halloween. Write a paragraph describing what you learned.

Learning Standards: Describing, comparing and explaining the locations and characteristics of races, cultures and settlements; writing fluently for multiple purposes.

### 5 The Queen

The British queen surprised theatergoers earlier this month when she and her husband showed up to see a play in London's West End theater district. An aide for Queen Elizabeth told a newspaper that she and her husband, Prince Philip, frequently sneak out to the theater, but

they're not usually spotted. What would you say to President Obama if he showed up at a local theater on a night you were there? Would you ask him something personal or ask about an issue making news? Look through the eEdition and pick an issue that's important to you. Write a paragraph summarizing the issue. Then write down five specific questions you'd ask the President about the issue if you ran into him at a theater.

Learning Standard: Focusing on meaning and communication while listening, speaking, viewing, reading and writing in personal, social, occupational and civic contexts.

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