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for eEditions

grades 2-5

1 Another King First

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was the first to do many things during the Civil Rights movement in America. And now his youngest child has become the first to do something for an organization that was led at the start by her father. The Rev. Bernice King of Atlanta, Georgia, has been elected as the first woman to be president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), a group that works for racial justice and youth opportunities. The SCLC was founded in 1957, and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was its first president. As a class, talk about the character traits needed to be the first to do something. Then find someone who is the first to do something in today's eEdition. Write a list of character traits this person has.

Learning Standards: Identifying and explaining how people demonstrate good character and personal virtue; acquiring information from multiple sources and then organizing and analyzing it.

2 New York, New York

When terrorists attacked the World Trade Center buildings in New York in 2001, people vowed never to forget. Now the U.S. Navy has launched a new ship that provides an unusual way to remember. The Navy assault ship USS New York was built using steel that was taken from the wreckage of the World Trade Center towers. Last week the assault ship sailed into New York Harbor and was greeted with a 21-gun salute and cheers from New Yorkers. The \$1 billion ship contains about 7.5 tons of steel from the fallen towers and is longer than two football fields. As a class, talk about ways people remember important people and events. Then find a person in the eEdition whom you think should be remembered in the future. Write a short paragraph explaining why.

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

3 eEdition Review

When using an eEdition, it's good to review its features every once in a while. One thing to review is how to move through your eEdition. There are several ways, and every so often it's good to look again at which you like best. Start with the navigation arrows, which usually are in the toolbar. They often are labeled "First," "Prev," "Next" and "Last." Click on each. Then write a sentence describing how each allows you to move through your eEdition. Finish by writing a short paragraph comparing use of the navigation arrows to the way people read a printed newspaper.

Learning Standards: Understanding the operations and functions of technology systems and becoming proficient in the use of technology; comparing information technologies from the past and present.

4 Two Fast Cats

Usain Bolt of Jamaica is the fastest human in the world. And now he has adopted a cat from the fastest cat species. Bolt, who comes from the Caribbean nation of Jamaica, has adopted a three-month-old cheetah in the African nation of Kenya. Bolt paid \$13,700 to adopt the cub as part of an effort by Kenya to protect cheetahs, which are endangered in Africa. He named the cat "Lightning Bolt." With a partner, find an endangered animal in the ads, stories and photos of the eEdition. Design a poster for this animal, describing ways humans could help it.

Learning Standards: Describing positive and negative effects of humans on nature and wildlife; explaining ecosystem concepts and processes; representing creatively.

5 Good News for Ford

It has not been a good year for auto companies, but last week Ford Motor Company finally had some good news to report. The Michigan-based automaker reported that in the "third quarter" months of July, August and September it earned a profit of nearly \$1,000,000,000

Learning Standards: Describing major kinds of economic activity and concepts of supply and demand; writing fluently for multiple purposes.

— one billion dollars. The company earned the unexpected profits by cutting costs for factories and workers and by introducing cars that families wanted to buy. It also was aided by the U.S. government's "Cash for Clunkers" program, which gave buyers cash credits for turning in old, "gas-guzzling" cars and buying newer cars that get better gas mileage. As a class, talk about what it takes to be successful as a business. Then find a story or ad in the eEdition for a business that is successful. Write out reasons you think this business is successful. Then write out a description of a business you would like to start — and why.

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