

# news {..BYTES..}

## for eEditions

grades 6-8

### 1 Sing it Loud

On November 10, 1975, a ship named the Edmund Fitzgerald sank in Lake Superior. The 730-foot ship was one of the biggest in the Great Lakes and was heading from the state of Wisconsin to the city of Detroit, Michigan, when it sank. Everyone on board died. A folk singer named Gordon Lightfoot wrote a song about the event, called “The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald” that became widely popular throughout the world. In groups, pick an article in the eEdition and write a song about an event, location or person in the article. Present your song to the class – or perform it if you’re feeling especially creative!

Learning Standard: Reading and writing fluently, speaking confidently, listening and interacting appropriately, viewing critically and representing creatively.

### 2 Young Leaders

On November 8, 1960, John F. Kennedy won the presidential election, becoming the youngest president ever elected in the United States. He was 43 years old. Look through the eEdition and find an example of someone else who is both young and achieving something big. The person can be a kid or teen, or just young for what he or she has accomplished. Write a short biography of the person. Make a list of characteristics the person appears to have that you think have helped make him or her successful.

Learning Standards: Applying knowledge, ideas and issues drawn from texts to students’ lives and the lives of others; writing fluently for multiple purposes to produce compositions, such as personal narratives, persuasive essays, lab reports and poetry.

### 3 Be Kind

November 13 is World Kindness Day. Using the eEdition and the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation Web site – [www.actsofkindness.org](http://www.actsofkindness.org) – come up with one great idea for something your class can do in honor of World Kindness Day. As a class, share your ideas. Then pick two or three ideas to follow through on. Devise a plan for how you can make the idea work; Then start putting it into action!

Learning Standards: Engaging peers in constructive conversation about topics of interest or importance; describing shared issues in the human experience that appear in literature and other texts. Examples include quests for happiness and service to others.

### 4 Money

On November 12, 1984, the British government announced that it was getting rid of the one-pound note, a type of paper money similar to our dollar bill. The pound note, which had been in circulation for more than 150 years, was replaced by a coin. Using the eEdition and online sources, make a chart comparing the value of the dollar to the British pound and two other currencies in different countries. Use the Internet to find an example of what you could buy for 10 U.S. dollars in each of the countries.

Learning Standards: Acquiring information from books, maps, eEditions, data sets and other sources; organizing and presenting the information; interpreting the meaning and significance of the information.

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Learning Standards: Utilizing technology-based research tools to locate and collect information; analyzing the use and reliance on technology.

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