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grades 9-12

1 Massachusetts Senate Election

Last week voters in Massachusetts went to the polls to select a new senator to replace Edward Kennedy, who died in August. It was an important election for the country, specifically for the fate of legislation to reform health care and President Obama's other goals. When Republican Scott Brown won an upset victory over Democrat Martha Coakley, it increased the possibility that Republicans will be able to block Obama's health care plans and other measures. Read articles about the Massachusetts election in the eEdition or online. Write a short report explaining the connection between the election and health care.

Learning Standards: Identifying the purposes of national, state and local governments in the United States, describing how citizens organize government to accomplish their purposes and assessing their effectiveness; writing fluently for multiple purposes.

2 Drip Paintings

Artist Jackson Pollock was born on January 28, 1912. Pollock painted in the Abstract Expressionist style. Abstract Expressionist paintings show a lot of movement and emotion, using abstract shapes and lines rather than realistic images. Pollock was best known for his "drip paintings" — large canvases covered with splashes, drips and drizzles of paint. Look at Pollock's paintings and other examples of Abstract Expressionism in books or online. Find an article in the eEdition that interests you. Then create an Abstract Expressionist work of art based on it. Share it with the class, and explain how your art represents the article.

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

3 Haiti

Haiti is all over the news because of a major earthquake that hit the country two weeks ago. Organizations like the Red Cross and the Salvation Army immediately started raising money to send people to Haiti to rescue Haitians trapped in collapsed buildings, treat the injured and provide food and water. Look through the news in the eEdition and make a list of organizations that are helping Haiti. In groups, research the organizations. Then write a paragraph explaining which one you would donate to, and why. Discuss your group's choice with the class.

Learning Standards: Locating information pertaining to a specific social science topic in-depth using a variety of sources and electronic technologies; conducting an investigation prompted by a social science question and comparing alternative interpretations of the findings.

4 Egypt

Archaeologists in Alexandria, Egypt, have uncovered a 2,000-year-old temple that may have been a place to worship the cat goddess Bastet. Alexandria was the capital city during the time that the Ptolemaic Dynasty was in power, including Queen Cleopatra. Find a mention of another archaeological or scientific discovery in the eEdition or online. Write a report about what the discovery is and what it tells us about the culture it came from.

Learning Standards: Describing, comparing and explaining the locations and characteristics of races, cultures and settlements; comprehending the past.

5 Search by Date

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eEditions by date. Find that option on the home page of your eEdition. Then scan the front page of the eEdition for every day over the last week. List what the top stories were on each day. Were stories on the same topic front-page news on different days? Write a paragraph summarizing the top story for the week and why that story got front-page coverage. Then write a sentence describing the advantages of having the ability to compare eEditions from different days.

Learning Standard: Understanding the operations and functions of technology systems and becoming proficient in the use of technology.

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