

Current Events~April/May

Colossal Quake _____/20

<http://www.timeforkids.com/news/colossal-quake/235826>

1) Provide textual evidence that shows that this earthquake in Nepal was “massive”.

2) What are at least two catastrophes that the earthquake caused to happen?

3) How are other countries in the world helping people in Nepal?

4) What are “aftershocks” and how are they impacting Nepal?

5) Write a 8-10 sentence journal entry written by a middle school student from Nepal who just suffered through this earthquake. (Write from their point-of-view.)

Puppy Love

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<http://www.timeforkids.com/news/puppy-love/233456>

1) What is the “cuddle chemical”? How does it work?

2) What did researches find about the “cuddle chemical” that related to the bond between humans and dogs?

3) Summarize the section of the article titled “From Wolves to Dogs”. Include the main points in 5-6 sentences. Remember to use high-level transitions.

Goldfish Invasion

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<http://www.dogonews.com/2015/4/24/the-goldfish-invasion-that-is-threatening-a-colorado-lakes-ecosystem>

1) How many goldfish are thought to be in the lake? Where did this invasive population explosion take place?

2) How did the goldfish get into the lake? Why is it a problem?

3) What methods might be used to remove the fish? What will happen to the fish once they are caught and removed?

4) Why would introducing a goldfish predator to the lake be a bad idea? Give at least one example.

The Science of Sandcastles

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<http://magazines.scholastic.com/news/2015/04/The-Science-of-Sand-Castles>

1) Why did President Obama travel to see Ed Jarrett's sandcastle in New Jersey?

2) What is a sandcastle's toughest opponent, and how does Ed counteract that opponent?

3) Why does Ed use his own sand?
