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Election Lingo

As you read “Can a Kid Be President?” circle new or unfamiliar words related to elections. Then complete the chart below to help you understand the meaning of election-related words and phrases.



Word or phrase	Definition	Write a sentence using the word or make an illustration
political party		
candidate	a person trying to win an election	
_____	working hard to get the support of voters	
_____	big meetings where people show support for someone or something	
primary		
caucus		

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Summarizing
Common Core W.3.2

Text Message Summary

After reading “Escape From Pompeii,” think about what you could tell a friend about it. Summarize the article in a 2-3 sentence text message. Use the checklist below to help you write your summary.

Summary Checklist

Make sure your summary...

- states the main idea of the article
- uses your own words
- sticks to the facts instead of giving personal opinions about the topic
- includes only key details (details that support the main idea)

BONUS! Draw three emojis you would include with your summary.



The smartphone graphic contains a large rectangular area with ten horizontal lines for writing a text message. Below the lines is a keyboard with the following keys: Q, W, E, R, T, Y, U, I, O, P; A, S, D, F, G, H, J, K, L; an arrow key pointing up, Z, X, C, V, B, N, M, and a key with an 'X' in a square; 123, a smiley face emoji, a microphone icon, a space bar, and a return key.

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Close-Reading Questions

Refer to “Escape From Pompeii” to respond to the questions below. Reread the article to find details that support your answers. Remember to write in complete sentences.

1. Summarize what happened when Mount Vesuvius erupted.

2. What is one way the people of Pompeii were similar to people today?

3. How does Steven Ellis feel about preserving Pompeii? Do you agree with him? Why or why not?

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Refer to “Can a Kid Be President?” to respond to the questions below. Reread the article to find details that support your answers. Remember to write in complete sentences.

1. What are the three requirements for becoming the president of the U.S.?

2. Summarize the responsibilities of the U.S. president.

3. What is the purpose of campaigning?

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Be a Quiz Whiz!

For each question below, fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

Escape From Pompeii Pages 2-3

1 Recent items uncovered in Pompeii show the people there ____.

- Ⓐ lived similarly to people today
- Ⓑ lived very differently from people today
- Ⓒ were not interested in art
- Ⓓ did not have elections

2 Part A Why will archaeologists leave some of Pompeii buried?

- Ⓐ There haven't been important discoveries.
- Ⓑ They have already found everything.
- Ⓒ They want to leave some discoveries for future searches.
- Ⓓ More digging may cause another eruption.

3 Part B Which detail best supports the answer to question 2?

- Ⓐ "This work continues today — and it's providing amazing new clues ..."
- Ⓑ "Over time, archaeologists have uncovered hundreds of Pompeii's buildings ..."
- Ⓒ "Other new discoveries have been made on walls."
- Ⓓ "That way, people can someday study it with better tools."

Can a Kid Be President? Pages 4-5

4 In paragraph 1, *heating up* means ____.

- Ⓐ becoming hotter
- Ⓑ getting more exciting
- Ⓒ boiling
- Ⓓ ending

5 Which is a rule for being president?

- Ⓐ being at least 35 years old
- Ⓑ living in the U.S. for at least three years
- Ⓒ serving in the U.S. military
- Ⓓ having created at least one law

6 The two main parties are ____.

- Ⓐ the Democrats and the Republicans
- Ⓑ the primaries and the caucuses
- Ⓒ the president and Congress
- Ⓓ the campaign and the election

Choose Kindness Page 6

7 Which phrase from the article gives an example of being bullied?

- Ⓐ "got her first pair of glasses"
- Ⓑ "kids teased her"
- Ⓒ "asked the kids to stop"
- Ⓓ "wanted to help"

8 Which statement about Marayah Carter is true?

- Ⓐ Her book is only for kids who have been bullied.
- Ⓑ She no longer wears glasses.
- Ⓒ She has written many different books.
- Ⓓ Her experience inspired her to help others.

Can You Spot the Zebra? Page 6

9 A synonym for *rare* is ____.

- Ⓐ usual
- Ⓑ uncommon
- Ⓒ beautiful
- Ⓓ speckled

Prizes for Perfect Attendance? Page 7

10 Which detail supports giving prizes for perfect attendance?

- Ⓐ "... prizes like this one encourage kids to go to class and keep them from falling behind."
- Ⓑ "... it's unfair to kids who miss school for important reasons, such as illness."
- Ⓒ "I've never had perfect attendance, but I admire kids who have."
- Ⓓ "Kids don't decide when they're absent from school."