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CURRENT ISSUES AND EVENTS

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2020

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FROM KALI GUINN, FLORIDA ELEMENTARY TEACHER

It is more important than ever for our students to learn to listen to various viewpoints, synthesize information, and form their own opinions. It's also important that they begin to see themselves as **actors of change** from a young age. Implementing current events in the classroom is a strategy that will keep students aware of real-world problems and situations.

JUNE 12, 2019

AMERICA'S KNOWLEDGE CRISIS

26% of respondents believe Brett Kavanaugh is the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, and 14% of respondents selected Antonin Scalia, who died in 2016.

18% of respondents identified Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), a freshman member of the current Congress, as the author of The New Deal, a suite of public programs enacted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1930s.

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12% of respondents understand the relationship between the Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th Amendment, and correctly answered that the 13th Amendment freed all the slaves in the United States.

53% of Americans think it is accurate to say that immigrants who are here illegally do not have any rights under the U.S. Constitution.

37% can't name any of the rights guaranteed under the First Amendment.

74% can't name all three branches of government.

Americans prefer Miley to Syria stories by huge number

Maria Puente, USA TODAY

Published 5:35 p.m. ET Sept. 8, 2013 | Updated 5:46 p.m. ET Sept. 9, 2013

Americans would rather read about the latest transgressions by Miley Cyrus than the latest horrors in Syria. Are we surprised?



(Photo: Kevin Mazur/WireImage for MTV)



You probably already sensed that media coverage of Miley Cyrus' shenanigans would be more popular with Americans than stories about mass murder in Syria and the possible U.S. intervention there.

But someone has actually calculated exactly how much more popular Miley is than Syria: 12 times more popular. It's another one of those signs that suggests...well, something about the state of our culture.

A new survey by [Outbrain](#), a leading "content discovery platform" on the Web, tracked traffic data from its network of 100,000 publishers and major news organizations and found that Americans viewed 12 times as many pages about Miley-the-twerker as they did about Syria-the-damned. *New York* magazine's popular fashion blog, [The Cut](#), summed it up.

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- What does this say about American culture and media?
- Is a twerking twentysomething more interesting than bombing Syria?

The disparity is in spite of the fact that hundreds of Syrians, including more than 400 kids, were recently passed to death, apparently by their own government, and despite the fact that more than twice as many news stories about Syria have been published for every one about Miley in recent days.

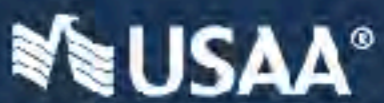
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More than ever, an appreciation for news and our civic institutions is a key step toward self-empowerment and advancement.

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As educators, it's our job to make sure that students are armed with the tools necessary to distinguish between fact, fiction, and plain old opinion; between research or evidence-based statements and empty rhetoric; between exaggeration and reputable journalism – not just “factoids” from Facebook, Twitter, or other information feeds.



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"We know that if you study civics in high school you are more likely to be an informed voter," researcher says



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ABOUT THE CONTEST



- 40 objective questions
- Essay (10 points)
- 60 minutes
- Top score individual (objective plus essay)
- Top score team (objective only; top three individuals constitute team score)

WHO MAY ENTER?



- School may enter four students at district.
- Three individuals advance from district to regional to state.
- Four members of winning team advance.

WHAT AREAS WILL YOU COVER?

- War and conflict
- Politics
- Health
- Science/technology
- Economics (economy, deficit, unemployment)
- Media
- Crime
- Education
- Changing demographics
- Environment
- Major awards/honors

ELEMENTS OF NEWS

- **Timeliness** — when?
- **Conflict** — political, ideological, cultural
- **Consequence** — what? why is it important?
- **Prominence** — who?
- **Proximity** — where? how?
- **Oddity** — unusual events that make the news
- **Human Interest** — newsmakers in a more human role

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NO CELEBRITY QUESTIONS

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- A. He was hired to spy on a cheating spouse.
- B. He was looking for a place to try skateboarding tricks.
- C. He waiting for his therapy session with Dr. Phil.
- D. He thought they were filming his show there.

NO CELEBRITY QUESTIONS



Who cares?

NO CELEBRITY QUESTIONS

Top 10 shocking celebrity arrests

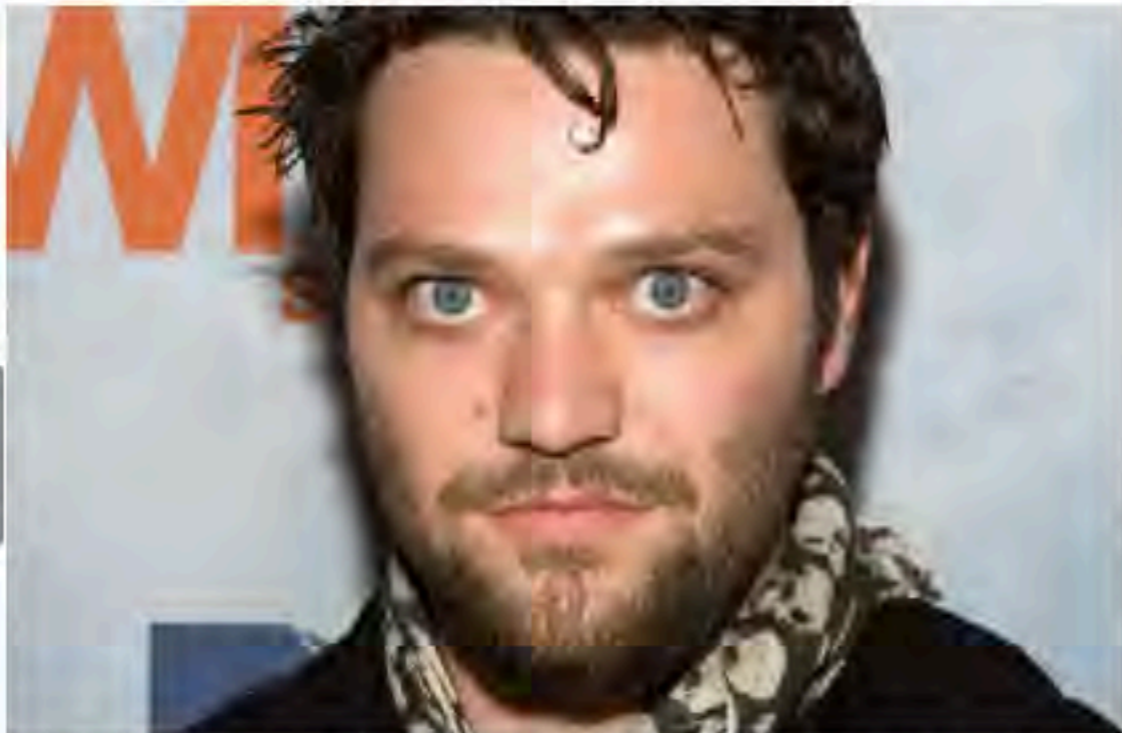
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SNYDE

In another bizarre arrest involving a celebrity this year, former "Jackass" star Bam Margera engaged in a standoff with police after allegedly trespassing at luxury Los Angeles hotel. [Video of the wild incident](#) shows the 40-year-old sitting on the lobby floor and ranting about being hired by someone to spy on a cheating spouse while an officer patiently tried to get him to leave.



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FEEDBACK

R. Kelly

R. Kelly, the once-beloved "I Believe I Can Fly" singer, will end 2019 behind bars after a Lifetime documentary about his long history of rampant sex assault allegations sparked

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Even before it opened in China, Disney's new movie "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" was breaking records.

- Fastest film to gross \$1 billion – 12 days.
- Biggest worldwide opening weekend and single weekend gross – \$529 million.
- Biggest worldwide December opening weekend – \$529 million.

However, the movie, which opened Dec. 18, 2015, was not without controversy. Discuss some of the issues surrounding the production and release of the box office sensation.

NO IMPOSSIBLE STUFF

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The midterm elections gave Democrats a majority of the total voting seats in the House of Representatives when the new Congress convened Jan. 3. How many votes do the Democrats now have in the House?

- a. 196
- b. 235
- c. 278
- d. 239

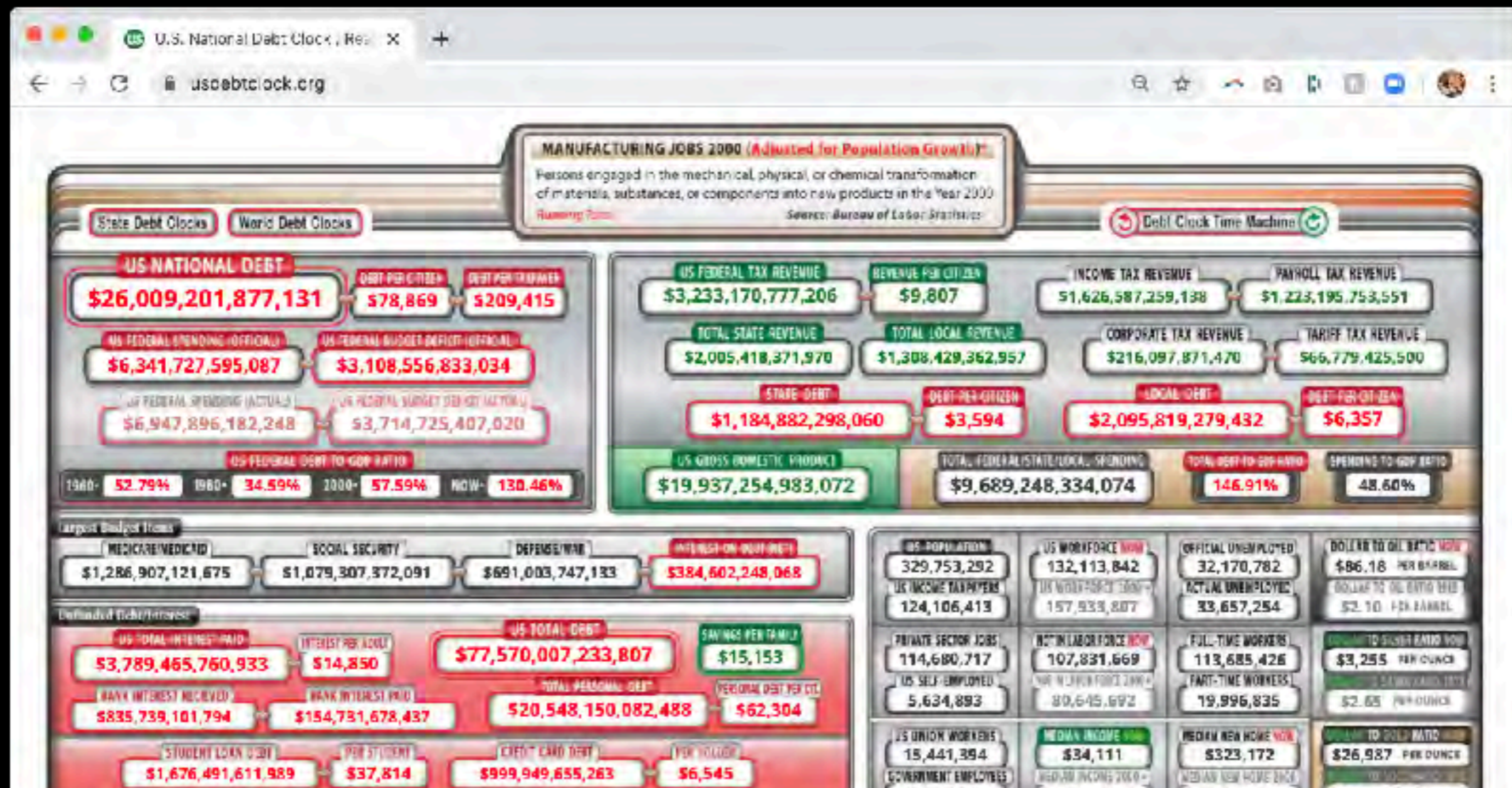
The Labor Department released its monthly hiring and unemployment figures in December, providing one of the better snapshots of the American economy. What was the unemployment rate at the end of the year?

- a. 10.1%
- b. 7.8%
- c. 4.7%
- d. 3.7%

NUMBER QUESTIONS

The U.S. government's public debt is the highest it has ever been. Given that the U.S. population is about 330 million, how much debt is there for each person?

- a. about \$67,000
- b. about \$6,700
- c. about \$67 million
- d. about \$6.70



TRIVIA VS. NEWS



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HOWEVER, I MIGHT ASK...

Justify won \$800,000 in the Belmont Stakes, after winning \$1.24 million in the Kentucky Derby and \$900,000 in the Preakness. Justify was only the 13th horse in history to capture what elite title?

A. Super Bowl

B. Triple Crown

C. Cricket World Cup

D. Formula One Racing

SOME PROBLEM QUESTIONS

POLITICS

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<http://www.cnn.com/2015/12/18/politics/bernie-sanders-campaign-dnc-suspension/>

D is wrong. A is correct. The information wasn't on other candidates anyway. It was on voters.

We sent out a correction the day of Region. "On the CURRENT ISSUES answer key for the Region test, it has been brought to our attention and confirmed that the answer key for #14 is incorrect. #14--A is the correct answer, not D."

CIVIL RIGHTS

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Roy Cooper is serving as the 75th governor of North Carolina since Jan. 1, 2017. **A member of the Democratic Party**, Cooper served as the elected attorney general of North Carolina since 2001.

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CONTESTANT ANSWER SHEET

DO NOT write your name or school on this paper. Clearly write the LETTER corresponding to the **best response** to each question in the space below. Each objective question is worth 1 point. Write your response to the essay on the paper provided. The essay is worth as much as 10 points. You have 60 minutes.

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BEST RESPONSE

Pope Francis became the first pontiff to visit the birthplace of Islam. Where?

- a. United Arab Emirates
- b. Nepal
- c. Morocco
- d. Egypt

DISTRICT 2017

The Latest: Pope on First Papal Visit to Arabian Peninsula

Pope Francis is in Abu Dhabi on the first papal trip ever to the Arabian Peninsula, the birthplace of Islam.

Photo: Reuters



Pope Francis is welcomed by Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, soon to be crowned the ruler of the United Arab Emirates, Sunday, Feb. 22, 2019. Francis traveled to the Gulf to participate in a conference on the United Nations' 75th anniversary and the 100th anniversary of the League of Nations. He also met with the Emir of Qatar, Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, and the Emir of Kuwait, Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, on Sunday.

ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (AP) — The latest on Pope Francis' visit to the United Arab Emirates (all times local):

10:15 p.m.

Pope Francis has been greeted by Abu Dhabi's powerful crown prince, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, as he arrived in the Arabian Peninsula.

A young boy and girl in traditional Emirati dress handed the pontiff flowers after landing Sunday night. The two leaders then walked past an honor guard, all with traditional Arabic daggers at their waists.

Pope Francis and Sheikh Mohammed smiled and spoke to each other as they walked through the airport terminal.

The pope also met a host of Cabinet ministers in a greeting line, as well as local Catholic and Muslim officials.

8:59 p.m.

Pope Francis has landed in Abu Dhabi on the first papal trip ever to the Arabian Peninsula, the birthplace of Islam.

Pope Francis will tonight journey down in the capital city of the United Arab Emirates, a federation of seven sheikhdoms, around 2:00 a.m., on Sunday.

While Francis is building on two of his priorities with his Sunday-Tuesday visit to the United Arab Emirates — combating interfaith dialogue and visiting the Catholic minority — diplomatic protocol will likely dictate that he leaves other concerns behind.

The Emirates' support for Saudi Arabia's war in Yemen, which has caused the world's worst humanitarian crisis, and the UAE's problematic record on human rights and labor violations at home likely will get a pass — at least in public.

However, Francis did appeal earlier Sunday for an end to Yemen's humanitarian crisis, saying the "lives of these children and their parents are up" to God.

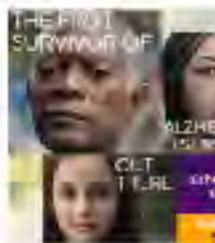
12:48 p.m. WASHINGTON CITY

Christian leaders attending a summit ahead of Pope Francis' arrival in Abu Dhabi say they're excited for the first papal visit to the Arabian Peninsula.

Bishop Camillo Ruini, the apostolic vicar of Northern Arabia, told The Associated Press on Sunday that the Roman Catholic Church provided support for an estimated 1 million faithful in the United Arab Emirates, nearly all of them foreigners drawn to the country for employment.

Ruini said, "This visit is a big and important encouragement for the Christians that live in these countries because they are far from their homeland and they need especially to be encouraged so that they feel they are home."

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Oct. 29, 2017

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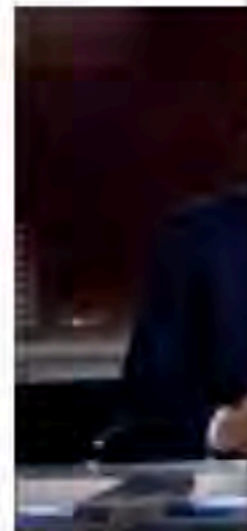
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672,000 gallons of oil spill off Louisiana coast, Coast Guard says



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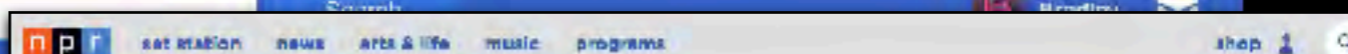
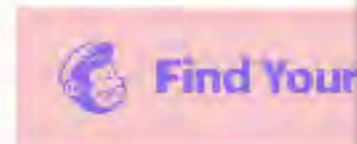
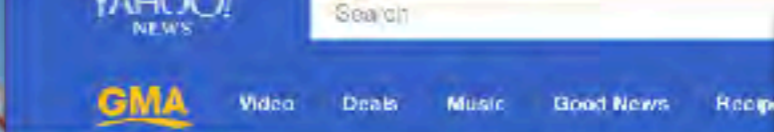
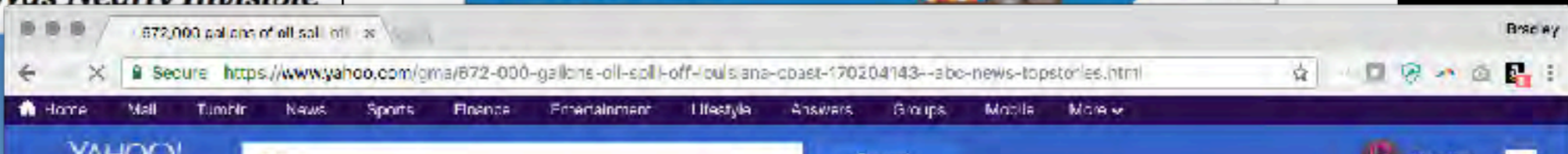
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8 Years After Deepwater Horizon Explosion, Is Another Disaster Waiting To Happen?

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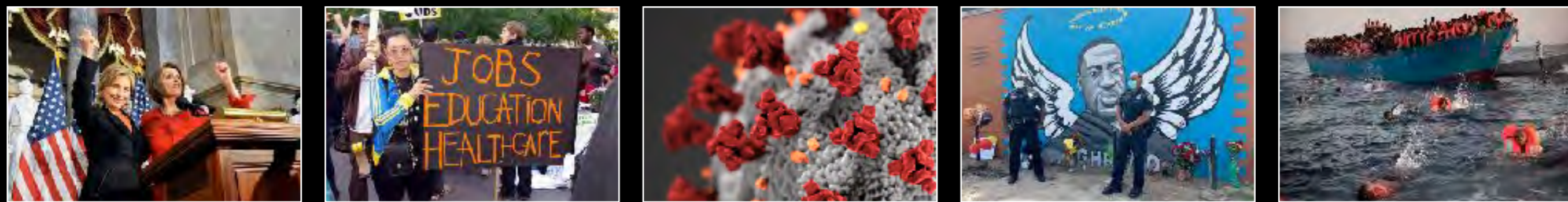
West Delta 105-E is an oil-producing platform located a dozen miles off the Louisiana coast in the Gulf of Mexico. A 2014 explosion on the lower deck killed Jamal "Bubba" Hancock, Governor of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

IMPORTANT TOPICS

- COVID-19 pandemic
- Race relations in America and worldwide
- The census
- National and state elections
- The economy and significant economic events
- United States presidency and national politics
- International conflict
- U.S. Supreme Court decisions
- Climate change and the environment
- Texas politics
- Major scientific and technological developments

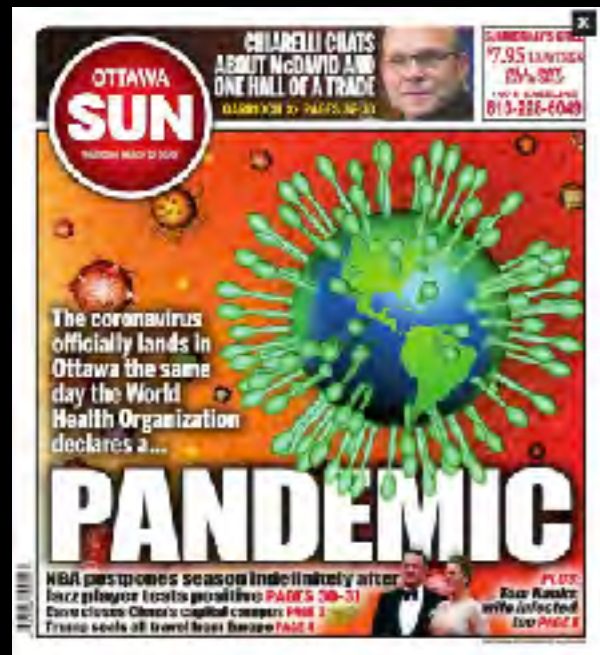
ANY RATIOS?

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No. I play it by ear depending on news flow. In an election year, you can expect a lot of national news. And, you might expect to see questions regarding Texas implications to a national story or event.

THE ESSAY



SPORTS SUNDAY
HOUSTON CHRONICLE • MAY 31, 2020 • SECTION C ★★



Imagine.

If we had embraced Colin Kaepernick's peaceful protest and paid attention to the issue he was trying to address.

Imagine.

We could be working toward change instead of witnessing the chaos, anger and violence in our streets.

Imagine.

Because this was exactly what Kaepernick was protesting. Not the anthem. Not the flag. Not the military. But unchecked police brutality against people of color like George Floyd in our country.

Imagine.



COMMENTARY BY ANN KILLION AND MIKE FINGER ON PAGE C3

The essay matters.

THE ESSAY

The U.S. economy, the world's third-largest economy, is strong. The Gross Domestic Product is growing at about 2.6 percent per year. Unemployment was only 3.8 percent in February. Inflation is only 2.2 percent. While the national debt is about \$22 trillion, 113 percent of GDP, most economists say that is only unhealthy for short periods.

Not all other countries have economies that are that healthy.

Pick three other countries – not the United States – and discuss economic problems they have been having so far this academic year and the sociopolitical situations surrounding them.

THE ESSAY

As Robert Glazer said in an April 1, 2020 *Forbes* article, "With little warning, COVID-19 is changing everything about our lives – changes that are universal across generation. Although each generation will be affected differently, all will be forced to acclimate to a new normal."

And a Pew Research poll released March 30, 2020 showed that nearly 44% of U.S. adults say their life has changed in a major way.

COVID-19 has changed our way of life. First, discuss how the novel coronavirus has changed the way we work, play and learn. Second, include some of the major individuals and companies involved in this new, but temporary, normal. Finally, what steps do officials say will be required to get us back to work, play and school?

FROM THE CONSTITUTION

REPRESENTATION.

(1) **Individual Competition.** Each participant high school may enter as many as four individuals in the district meet, all of whom may place. In districts with more than eight schools, district executive committees may elect to limit entries to three.

(2) **Team Competition.** The individuals entered at district constitute the team. A team shall have a minimum of three contestants compete in order to participate in the team competition.

The **team score** is determined by adding the highest three individual scores in the objective portion of the contest. All four members of the winning team will advance to the next higher level of competition.

ABOUT INDIVIDUAL SCORING



- Objective + essay score.
- Only top eight objective scorers advance to essay round.

ABOUT INDIVIDUAL SCORING OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

- Britney — 32
- Lindsay — 30
- Tara — 28
- Juan — 27
- Jayden — 26
- Sophia — 26
- Nicole — 25
- Hilary — 24

- Noah — 23
- Jacob — 22
- Mary-Kate — 21

All other contestants
answered fewer than 21
correctly.

Top eight advance to the essay round.

ABOUT INDIVIDUAL SCORING

ADD THE ESSAY QUESTIONS

NAME	OBJECTIVE	ESSAY	TOTAL
BRITNEY	32	5	37
LINDSEY	30	7	37
TARA	28	9	37
JUAN	28	10	38
JAYDEN	26	8	34
SOPHIA	26	5	31
NICOLE	25	3	28
HILARY	24	9	33

ABOUT INDIVIDUAL SCORING

FINAL PLACES

NAME	OBJECTIVE	ESSAY	TOTAL	PLACE
BRITNEY	32	5	37	4th
LINDSEY	30	7	37	3rd
TARA	28	9	37	2nd
JUAN	28	10	38	1st
JAYDEN	26	8	34	5th
SOPHIA	26	5	31	
NICOLE	25	3	28	
HILARY	24	9	33	6th

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ABOUT TEAM SCORING

- Top three-member team determined **by objective scores only**.
- For example, TEAM A:
 - Kevin — 29
 - Brad — 26
 - Jake — 25
 - Matt — 21 (lowest score doesn't count)
 - Team score: 80

WHAT ABOUT THE WILD CARD?

- Best **second place** team among the eight districts in a region goes to region.
- Best **second place** team among the four regions in the state qualifies to the State Meet.

8 DISTRICTS PER REGION

4 REGIONS IN THE STATE

- District 1 — 78
 - District 2 — 72
 - District 3 — 69
 - District 4 — 83
 - District 5 — 66
 - District 6 — 81
 - District 7 — 70
 - District 8 — 68
- Region 1 — 81
 - Region 2 — 77
 - Region 3 — 72
 - Region 4 — 83

WHAT IF THERE'S A TIE? FOURTH TEAM MEMBER'S SCORE WILL BREAK TIE.

- District 1 — 78
- District 2 — 72
- District 3 — 69
- District 4 — 83
- District 5 — 66
- District 6 — 83
- District 7 — 70
- District 8 — 68

District 4 (83)

Jennifer - 30

Courtney - 27

David - 26

Matthew - 25

District 6 (83)

Tony - 32

Carmela - 28

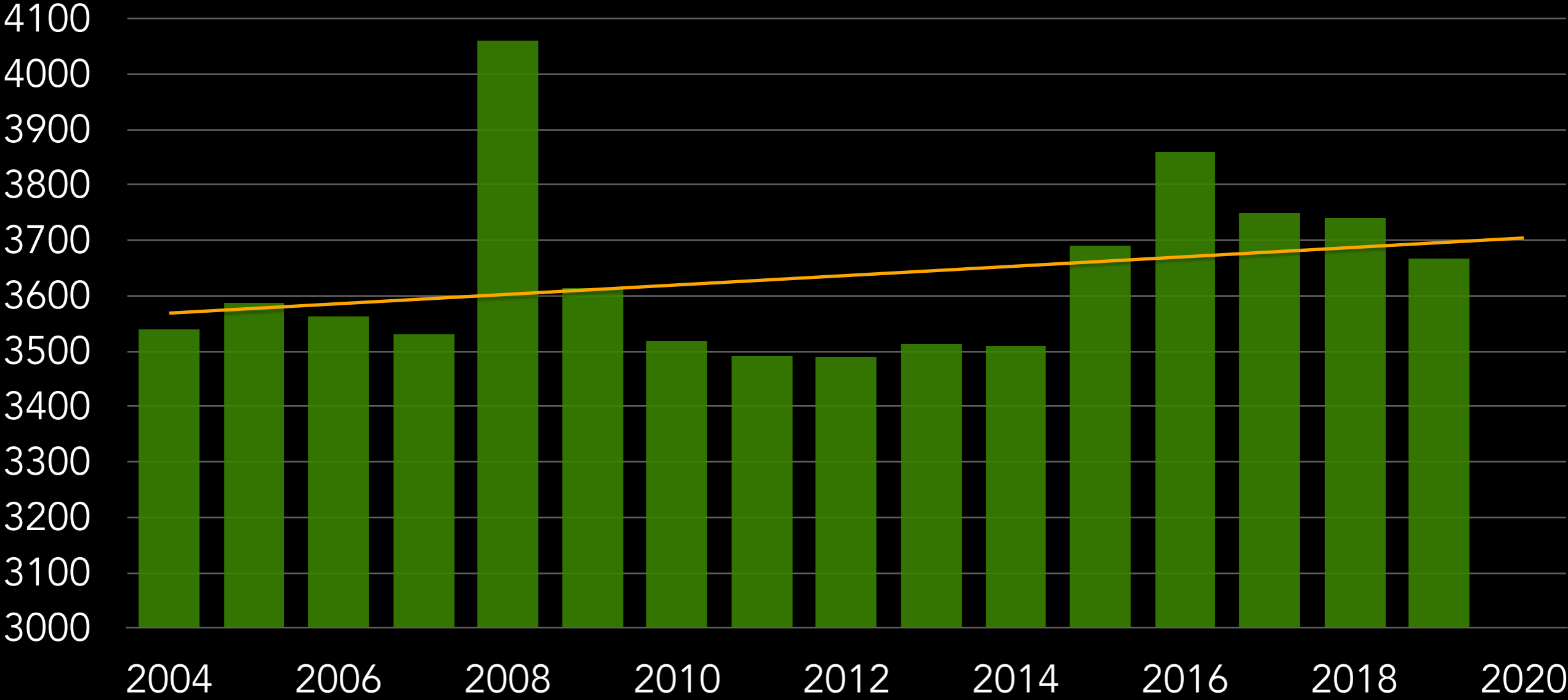
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A.J. - 19

BUT WHAT IF...

- Can a member of a team who did not place first, second or third at district but who advanced with the team then places first, second or third as an individual at region advance as an individual?
- Yes.

THE NUMBERS: DISTRICT



THE NUMBERS: REGION & STATE

Region participation in 2019 — 1,043

(2018 — 1,072)

(2016 — 1,080)

(2015 — 1,088)

State participation in 2019 — 157

Odds of making it to State — 1:6.6

(2018 — 161)

(2017 — 155)

(2016 — 165)

THE NUMBERS: STATE 2019

Overall average | 27.41 (High 42)

(2018: 29.43) (2017: 28.72) (2016: 27.6) (2015: 32.3)

1A — 23.57 (High 35)

2A — 27.08 (High 39)

3A — 27.64 (High 38)

4A — 27.54 (High 40)

5A — 28.86 (High 42)

6A — 29.80 (High 38)

THE NUMBERS: STATE 2019

Objective score average | 25.2

(2018: 27.5) (2017: 31.3) (2016: 27.6) (2015: 32.3)

High | 33

Low | 13

Essay score average | 5.7

(2018: 6.3) (2017: 5.2) (2016: 4.7) (2015: 5.6)

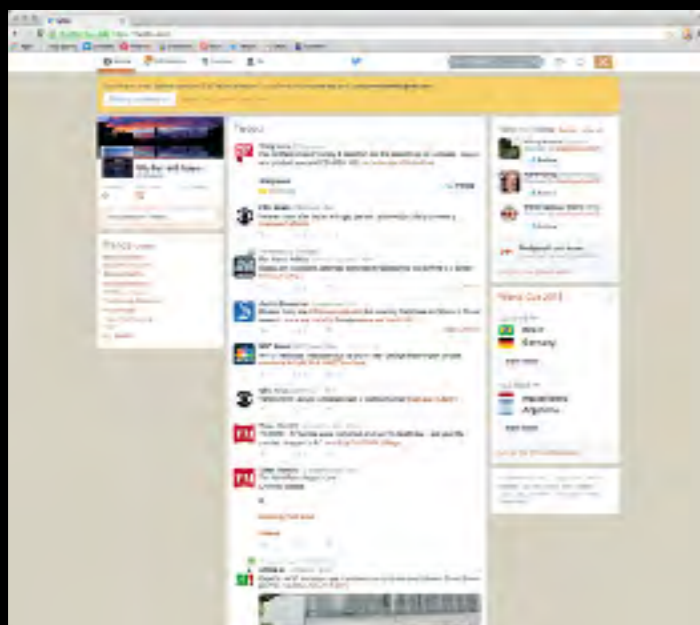
High | 9 (n=1)

Low | 1 (n=1)

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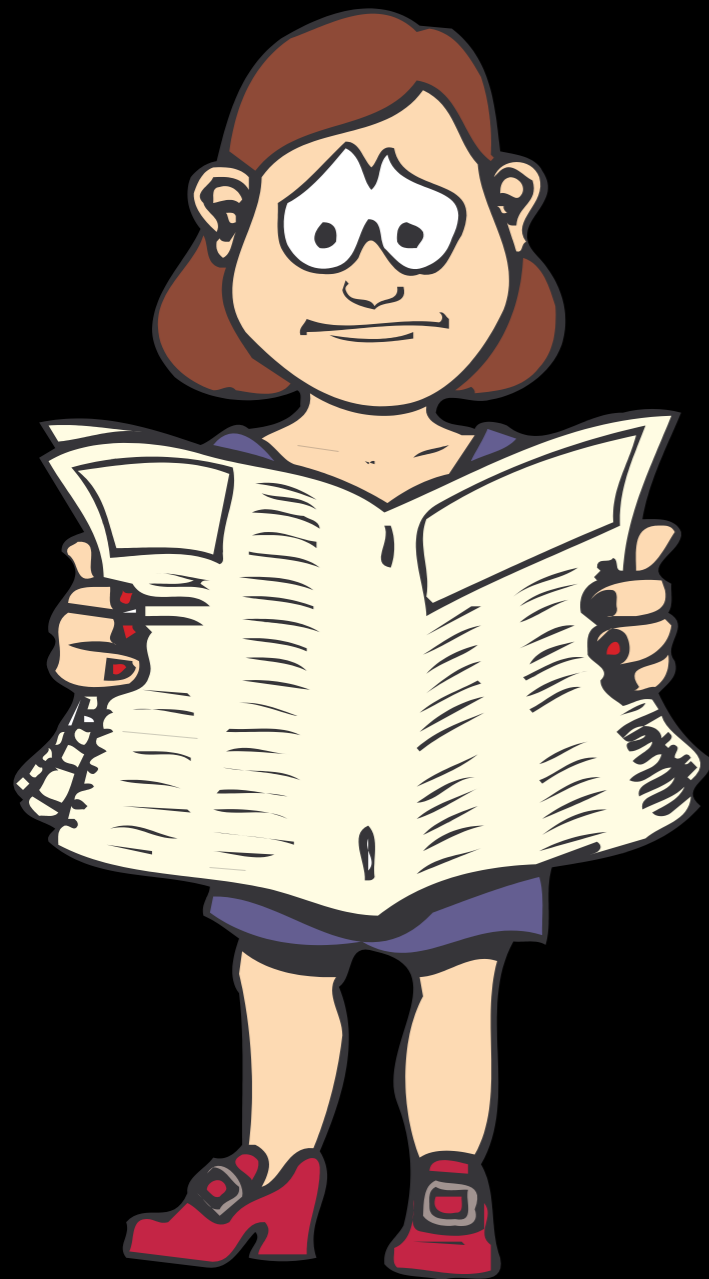


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GET STARTED NOW

- Organize your team
- Read *CI&E Contest Manual*
- Engage in social media
- Collect and store data
- Practice regularly
- Attend an invitational meet
- Practice writing and evaluating essays
- Have fun



APRIL LEAVENWORTH

"Sometimes when we see what's going on in the world around us, it can change our entire perspective on life. We might want to start volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, or with an animal rescue group. Knowing how and why our world is functioning the way it is RIGHT NOW makes us a lot more knowledgeable about how we might be able to change it for the future."

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QUESTIONS?