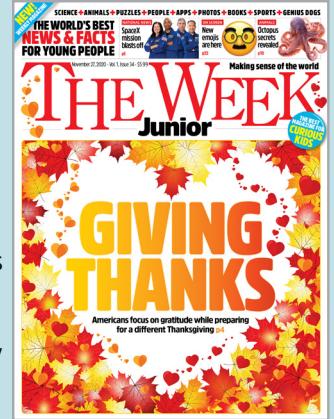


# The Week Junior Teacher's Guide

**In this issue we are learning about** two major drug companies who are in a global race for a COVID-19 vaccine, which would help to stop the spread of the virus. Readers will also debate the issues of whether or not headphones should be banned for children. Finally, learn about Kim Ng and why she is making sports history.



## This week at a glance

Page	Big news	Big question	Article type
2	COVID-19 Vaccines Prove Effective	Describe why a vaccine is important. What will happen once people are able to receive a vaccine? Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.	News
4	Americans Prepare for A Different Thanksgiving	According to the article, Thanksgiving will be different for American families this year. Explain how you and your family have decided to celebrate.	National News
8	Should Headphones be Banned for Kids	Do you think headphones should be banned for kids? Be sure to explain your opinion.	Opinion
12	A Ship's Voyage to A New World	Explain in detail the two month journey to North America. What happened once the pilgrims settled in Plymouth, Massachusetts?	History
18	General Manager Makes Sports History	What word would you use to describe Kim Ng? Explain why she is an important woman in history. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.	Sports

### THIS WEEK'S BIG DEBATE: SHOULD HEADPHONES BE BANNED FOR KIDS?

**YES** - headphones are unsafe | **NO** - headphones are here to stay

#### ACTIVITY:

1. Each student should choose a side of the argument, for or against headphones.
2. Have students write 5-10 questions for students who are on the opposite side of the argument.
3. Put students in pairs, one student from each side of the argument.
4. Students will use their questions to conduct a peer interview.
5. Students will use peer responses to write 1-2 paragraphs summarizing the interview.

**Have your students visit [theweekjunior.com/polls](http://theweekjunior.com/polls) to vote. We'll publish the results next week.**

### What you need to know?

- The first modern headphones were invented in the kitchen. Nathaniel Baldwin made them (two ear pieces with a headband) by hand and sold them to the Navy as radio equipment.
- Some research suggest that hearing loss in kids is on the rise. In one study, 13% of children showed hearing loss by age 18 that could affect the ability to understand sounds and speech.
- In one 2016 analysis of children's headphones, half did not restrict volume to the limit promised.

## NOTES

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## This week's big news

### COVID-19 Vaccines Prove Effective

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#### Lets Discuss

1. Pfizer and Moderna are in a global race for a drug that prevents people from getting sick. Explain the research and results of each company's vaccine. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.
2. What are antibodies and how are they beneficial to people? Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.
3. What evidence from the text proves that COVID-19 is on the rise? What are some ways people can stop the spread of the virus? Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.

#### Vocabulary

Vaccine  
Antibodies  
Herd Immunity

#### TWJ Kids take action

*In school or remote*

Design a new cover for this week's issue.

### Americans Prepare for A Different Thanksgiving

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#### Lets Discuss

1. What restrictions have Government officials set for the Thanksgiving holiday? Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.
2. What do you think Mike Gibson of West LaFayette, Indiana means when he says "Thanksgiving will be smaller, but more meaningful"?
3. What evidence from the text supports the idea that families are finding creative ways to celebrate Thanksgiving?

#### Vocabulary

Social Distance  
Government official  
Ban

#### TWJ Kids take action

*In school or remote*

Thanksgiving Instagram Page: Draw on picture that represents how your family will celebrate Thanksgiving this year. Be sure to write a description under the picture explaining how this year's Thanksgiving celebration is different. Create 1-2 hashtags for your photo.

### Last Week's Poll:

Last week, we asked you if people should always forgive one another. Most of you said yes, but some of you said not all things can be forgiven.

### Virtual Activity

Share your screen and take a virtual tour of the First Thanksgiving. Students can watch short videos and take a slideshow tour of the Pilgrim Village and the Wampanoag Homsite. Have students share out facts that they learned.

### Brain Booster

1. Research and choose a local organization that gives back to the community.
2. Write a 3-5 paragraph essay that details and explains each of the following topics (about the organization, mission of the organization, programs or services that the organization provides, and how people can get involved.)

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