The Week Junior
Teacher's Guide

In this issue we are taking a deep dive into the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and his vision for the world. Students will also have the opportunity to debate the issue of whether or not homework should be eliminated. Finally, readers will gain an understanding of the events that unfolded at the US Capitol Building.

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THIS WEEK’S BIG DEBATE:
SOME SAY EXTRA WORK AFTER SCHOOL MAKES A DIFFERENCE. OTHERS ARGUE IT’S A WASTE OF TIME.

YES - kids need downtime | NO - homework actually helps you

ACTIVITY:
1. Have the class participate in a whole class vote for or against homework and document the results.
2. Invite students to watch a student led Ted Talk entitled Homework Overload. Encourage students to participate in a class discussion about what they heard in the Ted Talk and about how they feel about homework.
3. Invite students to create a three panel brochure explaining their argument.
4. Each panel of the brochure should include a reason, a paragraph explaining the reason, and a visual.
5. Encourage students to conduct further research if necessary.

Have your students visit theweekjunior.com/polls to vote. We’ll publish the results next week.

What you need to know?
- US students spend an average of 6.1 hours a week on homework. Kids in Finland, whose education system is ranked higher than ours, have less than half as much homework.
- In elementary school, research hasn’t shown that time spent on homework affects achievement. In middle and high school, homework has a slight positive effect on test scores.
- In 2017, a Florida school district banned homework and required 20 minutes of daily reading instead.

NOTES

Contact: schools@theweekjunior.com
This week’s big news

US Capitol Building Attacked
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**Lets Discuss**
2. According to the article, President Trump encouraged his supporters to march to the Capitol. Describe what happened at the Capitol Building. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.
3. Do you think it was important for Twitter and Facebook to ban President Trump? Be sure to explain your response.

**Vocabulary**
- Capitol Building
- 25th Amendment
- Impeachment

**TWJ Kids take action**
*In school or remote*
Invite student to write a newspaper article about the attack on the US Capitol. The article should contain the following components. **A)** Headline - capture the reader's interest. **B)** Storyline - What is the main idea? **C)** Facts - Explain who, what, where, why, and how. **D)** Details - provide more details about the facts. **E)** Conclusion - provide your reader’s with something to think about.

Two New US Senators From Georgia Are Elected
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**Lets Discuss**
1. Why did Georgia hold a special election on January 5th? Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.
2. Explain why Reverend Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff are historic wins. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.
3. What do the results of the senate race mean for the Democrats? Republicans? Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.

**Vocabulary**
- Senator
- Minority Leader
- Majority Leader

**TWJ Kids take action**
*In school or remote*
Invite student to create a biography poster for either Senator Warnock or Senator Ossoff. Each poster should display the following information: name of the senator, early life, accomplishments, policies, quotes stated by the senator, interesting facts, three adjectives to describe the senator, and three visuals.