

The Week Junior Teacher's Guide

In this issue we will learn about the large spending bill that the Senate has passed and how it intends to help the American people. Students will also have the opportunity to debate the issue of whether or not everyone should have access to free high-speed internet. Finally, read to find out why this year's Super Bowl was historic.



This week at a glance

Page	News	Discussion points	Article type
4	Senate passes large spending bill	Explain the minimum wage. How has the minimum wage changed since its creation in 1938? Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.	Big News
10	Protecting elephants from space	Describe the African elephant. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.	Animals & Environment
12	The machines that came to life	Write a 1–2 paragraph summary about how robots went from imagined devices to real helpers.	All About Robots
14	Identical twins can be different	Identify at least two points the author is trying to make in this text.	Science & Technology
18	Tampa Bay wins Super Bowl	What is the Super Bowl? Why was this Super Bowl historic? Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.	Sports

THIS WEEK'S BIG DEBATE: SHOULD EVERYONE HAVE FREE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET?

YES — high-speed internet is a right | **NO** — it's just too expensive

ACTIVITY:

- Invite students to create a newspaper article for or against people having free high-speed internet.
- Encourage students to conduct research that supports their argument.
- The newspaper article should include the following components: a headline, one paragraph about the topic, two to three paragraphs explaining their argument with reasons and examples, two quotes from peers or teachers in support of their argument, and an illustration.

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

What you need to know

- About 14% of US households with school aged children do not have an internet connection at home, according to US data.
- Adults are dependent on the internet more than ever. In a Gallup survey, 33% of Americans said they now "always" work remotely.
- Providing broadband (high-speed internet) throughout the US would require action from Congress and cost between \$6 billion and \$11 billion in the first year.

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This week's big news

Senate passes large spending bill

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Let's Discuss

1. Explain how Congress will use the 1.9 trillion dollars. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.
2. What evidence from the text proves that the Senate worked tirelessly?
3. According to the text, Vice President Kamala Harris is the president of the Senate. Explain how she played an important role in this vote. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.

Vocabulary

Draft
Minimum wage
Vaccine

TWJ Kids take action

In school or remote

Identify 3–4 nonfiction text features from the article. Tell how the text features help you understand more about the text.

Protecting elephants from space

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Let's Discuss

1. Explain high resolution.
2. What is the difference between the old way of counting elephants and the new way of counting elephants? Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.
3. What was the author's purpose for writing this article?

Vocabulary

Satellite
Endangered
Poaching

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Elephants are mammals and the largest existing land animals. The article describes one type of elephant, the African elephant. Research and describe the other two types of elephants: the African Forest elephant and the Asian elephant.

Last Week's Poll:

Last week we asked if chores should be required for kids. Your answers were nearly evenly split, with slightly more of you (53%) saying that kids should have to do them while the other 47% of you voted no.

Virtual Activity

Teach your students how to slow down with this 10-minute [Chair Yoga](#) video. After, have students answer the following reflection questions:

1. How did chair yoga make you feel?
2. What was your favorite pose and why?
3. What was the most challenging pose for you and why?

Brain Booster

1. Choose a famous Black American who has contributed to society in an important way.
2. Research and create a resume for the famous Black American. A resume is a written summary about someone's credentials, skills, and work experience.
3. The resume must include the following components:
 - A) Purpose Statement
 - B) Work History
 - C) Special Skills
 - D) Fascinating Facts
 - E) Educational Journey
 - F) Awards

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