

# The Week Junior Teacher's Guide

**In this issue we will** take a deep dive into the world of Pokémon and discover how the game evolved from pocket monsters to a worldwide sensation. Students will also have the opportunity to debate whether or not fiction is better than nonfiction. Finally, readers will take a trip down south to Nashville, Tennessee, where they will learn about the creation of the National Museum of African American Music.



## This week at a glance

Page	News	Discussion points	Article type
2	Trump acquitted in trial	Do you think that former President Trump should have been acquitted or convicted for the January 6 US Capitol riot? Be sure to explain your opinion.	Big News
4	Schools receive guidelines for reopening	What evidence from the text supports the idea that some schools may struggle to reopen?	National News
12	Catching creatures for 25 years	Write a 1–2 paragraph summary explaining how the Pokémon game has evolved since its creation.	All About
15	Beetle fossil sheds light on ancient past	What does the word “bioluminescent” mean? Describe how the beetle was preserved. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.	Science & Technology
21	Museum honors African American music	Identify at least two reasons why the National Museum of African American Music was created.	Arts & Entertainment

## THIS WEEK'S BIG DEBATE: IS FICTION BETTER THAN NONFICTION?

**YES** — let your imagination run wild | **NO** — nothing beats fascinating facts

### ACTIVITY:

- Invite students to research and write a five-paragraph essay based on their argument.
- Essay requirements:**  
The introduction makes a clear claim. The argument is clearly organized. It is evident that the student planned out at least three reasons that support the claim and explains each reason in detail. The student includes relevant facts and details from research that supports the argument. The student writes a conclusion that supports the argument.

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

- Last year, as more Americans turned to reading during the COVID-19 pandemic, book sales boomed. The US had the highest print book sales since 2010, according to NPDP Bookscan.
- About 25% of books sold were juvenile (kids') fiction. Juvenile fiction print book sales rose 11%, and sales of juvenile nonfiction books grew 23%.
- Of the top 10 books sold in 2020, more than half were aimed at either kids or young adults.

## NOTES

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## This week's big news

### Trump acquitted in trial

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#### Let's Discuss

1. What is the US Constitution? Explain the steps to impeach a President. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.
2. Explain why former President Trump was impeached. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.
3. Explain the evidence that the House managers provided in their case. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.

#### Vocabulary

Acquitted  
Prosecutors  
Insurrection

#### TWJ Kids take action

*In school or remote*

Think-Pair-Share

With a partner, discuss and take notes about three things you learned from the article, two questions you still have, and one thing you are still wondering about.

### Schools receive guidelines for reopening

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#### Let's Discuss

1. According to the article, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the CDC director, stated that "schools should be the last places closed and the first places open." Why do you think she made such a strong statement? Be sure to explain your response.
2. Describe the different ways schools have reopened. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.
3. What are the key recommendations for reopening schools? Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.

#### Vocabulary

Air ventilation  
Hybrid model  
COVID-19 variants

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According to the article, mask-wearing, social distancing, and handwashing are key recommendations for reopening schools. Design a poster with the three recommendations that can be displayed in your school or classroom.

### Last Week's Poll:

Last week we asked if everyone should have free high-speed internet access. Most of you (88%) said yes, it's necessary for school and work while 12% of you said no.

### Virtual Activity

Share your screen and have students learn [How To Draw Pikachu](#). Invite students to share their drawings with the class.

### Brain Booster

1. Read the Eco Tip of the week on page 25.
2. Choose one community service project that you can do to benefit your community.

**Make a plan:** Write and number all the steps you need to do to complete your service project. Include details.

**Implement:** Tell what parts of the project went well and what parts were a challenge.

**Reflect:** Tell how the project made you feel and what you learned.

3. Share your project with the class by creating a slideshow, poster, or brochure.

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