

The Week Junior Teacher's Guide

In this issue we will learn about the cargo ship that was stuck in the Suez Canal and the massive effort that was used to free it. Students will have the opportunity to read and form their own opinion about whether or not memes make the world a better place. Finally, discover how bald eagles are being protected in the United States.



This week at a glance

Page	News	Discussion points	Article type
2	Cargo ship freed in Suez Canal	What is the Suez Canal and why is it unique? Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.	Big News
5	Bald eagle population is soaring in US	What do you think motivated the author to write this article? Explain your answer.	National News
9	Actor raises awareness	According to the article, what is stuttering and how many children does it affect?	People
12	The ship they thought could never sink	Write a one- to two-paragraph summary explaining the famous luxury liner the Titanic and the tragedy that occurred.	All About
20	Taylor Swift releases special album	Explain Taylor Swift's quote "[It] stripped me of my life's work." Why does she want to help change the music business?	Arts & Entertainment

THIS WEEK'S BIG DEBATE:

DO MEMES MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE?

YES—memes connect people with humor | **NO**—memes push things too far

ACTIVITY:

1. Show students a series of kid-friendly memes. Memes can be printed or shared virtually via Google slides.
2. Invite students to discuss the following: How did the memes make you feel? Did you have a personal connection to any of the memes? Do you have a favorite meme? Do you think memes make the world a better place?
3. Have students research and write five strong reasons and give examples for their argument.
4. Encourage students to conduct further research to support their argument.
5. Bonus: Challenge students to create their own meme.

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

What you need to know

- Internet memes use images and words to celebrate or poke fun at current events and popular culture. They've become a popular way for kids to get news and to communicate.
- Approximately one million users post memes every day on Instagram, according to the company.
- Some universities, including Northwestern and Brown, have offered "meme studies" courses to examine how memes affect the way people think, speak, and feel.

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This week's big news

Cargo ship freed in Suez Canal

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Let's Discuss

1. Describe the Ever Given and explain how the ship got stuck in the Suez Canal.
2. Explain why container ships are essential to the shipping industry. Use evidence from the text to support your response.
3. Explain in detail how the ship was freed.

Vocabulary

Buoyant
Cargo
Stern

TWJ Kids Take Action

In school or remote

Think critically about the article using these guiding prompts: Tell 3 interesting facts. Write 2 questions that you have after reading. What is your opinion of the article?

Bald eagle population is soaring in US

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Let's Discuss

1. What caused the number of bald eagles to decrease?
2. How did the federal endangered species list help bald eagles?
3. Identify two ways that bald eagles can continue to be protected.

Vocabulary

Fish & Wildlife Service
Habitats
Breeding pairs

TWJ Kids Take Action

In school or remote

Create a 5- to 10-panel comic strip explaining how the bald eagle population went from being almost nonexistent to becoming a thriving species.

Last Week's Poll

Last week we asked whether kids should receive an allowance. Most of you (89%) said yes, but some of you (11%) don't see a reason to get money on a regular basis.

Virtual Activity

Share your screen and invite students to learn about the [History of the Titanic](#).

Brain Booster

Research one of the following topics about the famous luxury liner the Titanic and write a one- to two-page essay.

- A) Building the ship
- B) The social experience on the ship
- C) Approaching the iceberg
- D) Discovering the Titanic underwater

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