

## APRIL

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Read only the first sentence of each paragraph to determine the basic components of an article. Write your impressions. Then read the whole article to confirm or revise your impressions.

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Research good and bad relationships between the United States and other countries. Try to categorize the reason these relationships may exist.

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Choose five jobs showing wages, some hourly and some yearly. Prepare a chart showing how much you will make per hour, per day, per week, per month, and per year from each job.

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Using the weather map, find the city with the highest and lowest temperature. What is its longitude and latitude? Graph how many cities have a clear, cloudy or rainy forecast.

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Find a story with a moral problem or conflict. What was a better choice based on the concepts: How would I feel if it were done to me? Would it be good if everyone did it?

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Cut out words, phrases, parts of headlines, photos, cartoon characters, or anything else in the paper that excites and interests you. Use them to help you write a poem.

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Using the newspaper, give some names and titles of international and political leaders. Describe their roles, as you understand them from articles you have read.

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Find various units of size and volume measurement in the newspaper (inch, mile, centimeter, gallons, pints, etc.). Rank them from the smallest to the largest.

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Find articles in the newspaper about areas experiencing severe weather. Discuss how these stories can help us prepare for weather emergencies.

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Find a story with a moral problem or conflict. What was a better choice based on the concept: Does it produce good consequences in the long run for the individual and others?

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Read articles and determine which type of organizational pattern is used: Chronological order, compare and contrast, cause and effect, problem and solution, and descriptive examples.

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Read an article or editorial in the newspaper. Draw a political cartoon that represents the article.

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Choose two carpet or floor coverings from an ad (showing a price). Measure the area of your classroom. What will it cost to cover the floor? Which is more cost effective or the best value?

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Find common measurements in the paper and convert them to metric. Inches  $\times 25.4 =$  millimeters, Miles  $\times 1.609 =$  kilometer, Quarts  $\times .946 =$  liters, Pounds  $\times .453 =$  kilograms, Fahrenheit  $-32 \div 1.8 =$  Celsius

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Find a story with a moral problem or conflict. What was a better choice based on the concept: Does the choice satisfy my conscience? Does my reasoning ring true to intuition and to reason?

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The news is often about the troubles in the world. Encourage students to find a good news story. Have them write a brief summary to share in class.

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Use news stories to teach new words related to geography, such as delta, monsoon, panhandle, harbor and terrain. Discuss the way the words are used in newspaper stories.

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Look at the movie listings. Assuming a 15-minute break between shows, determine the duration of three movies.

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Find articles, advertisements, etc., about equipment that will help conserve energy. What claims are made about saving?