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Find a news article written in past tense. Clip it out of the paper and rewrite it in present tense.

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Study some of the editorials in the newspaper. Then write an editorial on a topic of controversy for the period of history you are studying.

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Find a fraction that is more than $\frac{2}{10}$; $\frac{2}{3}$ of a comic strip; a store giving $\frac{1}{4}$ off; an ad larger than $\frac{1}{2}$ page; a team that has won over $\frac{1}{2}$ of its games; a picture that is $\frac{1}{4}$ of a page; etc.

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Find stories on major technological breakthroughs and then do research to trace the scientific developments that led to these advances.

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Check the salary levels for unskilled workers in the help-wanted section of the classified ads. Compare the salaries to those for skilled laborers or professional positions.

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Choose an editorial. Read it carefully. Decide which statements are facts, which are opinion, and whether the tone is conservative or liberal.

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Read articles in the newspaper about court cases. Compare the structure of our court system with the judicial system created by the Ancient Romans and other civilizations.

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Choose an item from the classified section (automobiles, refrigerators, boats, housing, etc.) and have students create a word problem involving algebraic equations.

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Find articles/ads with products where science was important to its development. Has that product reduced society's workload, or improved efficiency/quality of life?

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Cut out the following items: the price of a used truck, the name of a government official, an 8:00pm TV show, a city's high temperature, a sports score, an index.

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Presidents Day

Select a sports story that is of interest to you, and rewrite passive voice sentences into active voice.

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List product advertisements that are from foreign countries. What countries are they from and are more from one particular country?

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Find 5-10 House for Sale ads. List the houses in order of least to most expensive and compare them. What does the most expensive house have that the least does not?

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Create a classroom bulletin board with newspaper articles, graphs, and photos about people, events and places in the news—all related to science.

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Make a chart that is divided into four parts: spring, summer, fall, winter. Cut and paste pictures of clothing you would wear during each season.

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Select the most important news story of the day and post it on a bulletin board. At the end of the week, have the class vote on the most important story of the week.

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Find articles that represent "man vs. nature" and "nature vs. man." Create a display on the interdependencies between human beings and nature.

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Find a car in the Classified or Auto section. If approved for an 8% three-year car loan, based on the price, how much will you spend over the 3 years? How much per month?

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Read an article on a predicted event such as meteor showers, eclipses, tidal flooding, etc. Research and then observe (personally or on TV) and then write an article on your findings.

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Find the answers to these questions: Who? What? When? Where? Why? Note the organization of details in this story. Which is the most important? Where is it found in the story?

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Select a job in the classified section of the newspaper. Write a letter to the Human Resources director of your chosen job stating what qualities make you perfect for that job.