

LEAP CONNECT

Practice Test Reference Materials & Writing Stimuli

English Language Arts
High School

Reference Materials include required graphics that are to be presented to the student during administration of the LEAP Connect ELA practice test. Refer to the *Directions for Practice Test Administration* (DPTA) for detailed instructions.

Session 1

Ruby Bridges Goes to School Answer Options (Items 1 – 5)

Timeline 1, “Ruby Bridges: Then and Now” (Items 6 – 8)

Ruby Bridges: Then and Now Answer Options (Items 6 – 8)

Noah’s Found Art Answer Options (Items 9 – 13)

Louisiana’s Wetlands: Marshes and Swamps Answer Options (Items 14 – 19)

Session 2

Mardi Gras Indians Answer Options (Items 20 – 23)

Session 3

Answer Options (Items 24 – 27)

Writing Stimuli 1, “Community Service Projects” (Items 28 – 33)

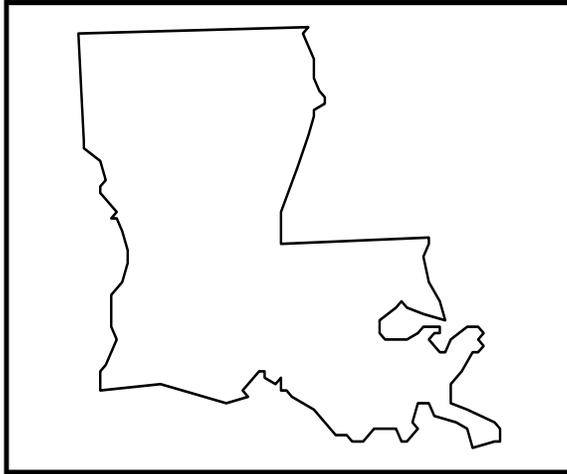
Answer Options (Items 28 – 33)

Session 4

Increase Student Engagement Cards 1a – 15a

Session 1

Session 1 – Item 1 Answer Options

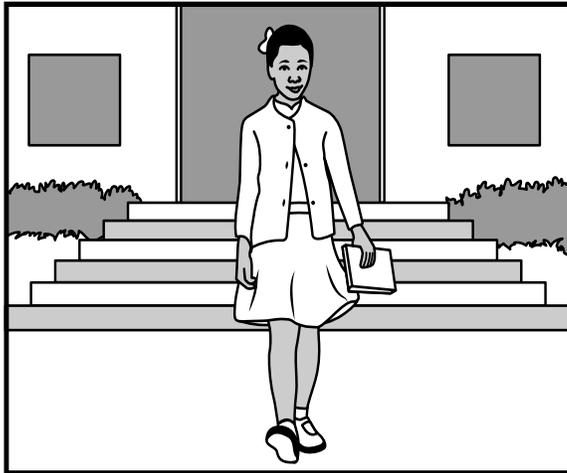


A. She lived in Louisiana.



B. She lived far away from the school.

Session 1 – Item 2 Answer Options



A. Ruby did not want to study after school.



B. White families did not like Ruby going to the all-white school.

Session 1 – Item 3 Answer Options



- A. It was unsafe for Ruby to go to the all-white school.



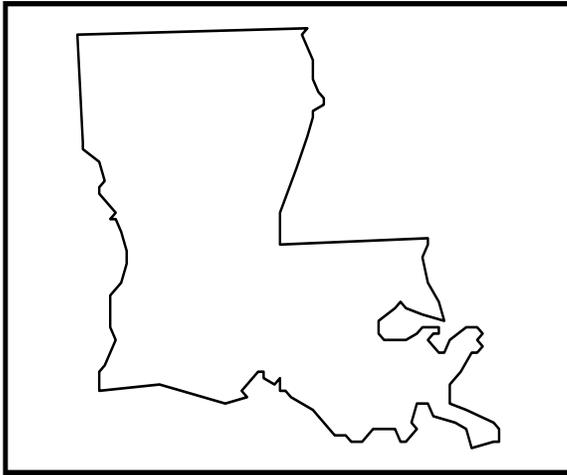
- B. Ruby and her family decided she would not go to school.

Session 1 – Item 4 Answer Options

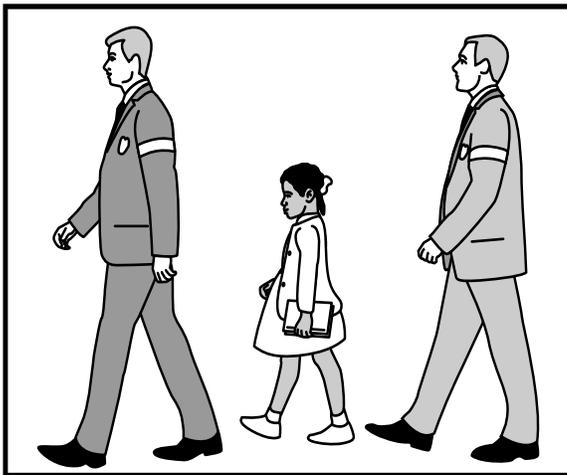
A. careful

B. important

Session 1 – Item 5 Answer Options



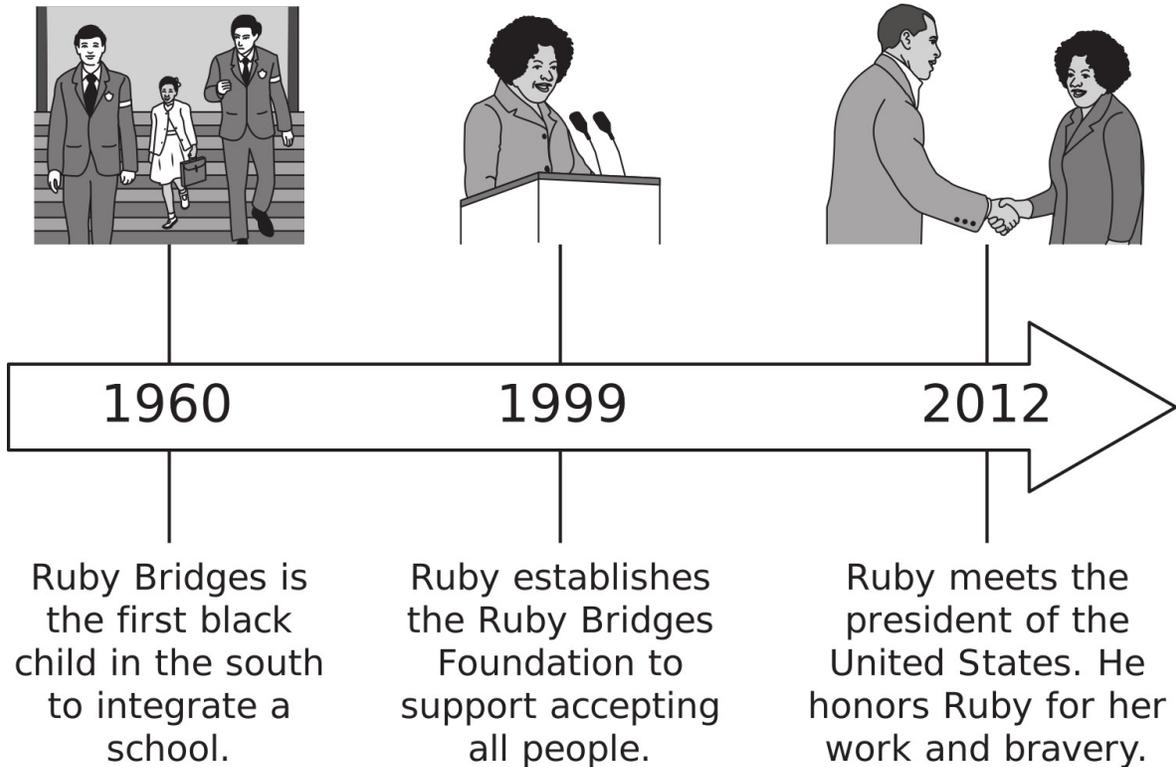
A. She lived in Louisiana when she was little.



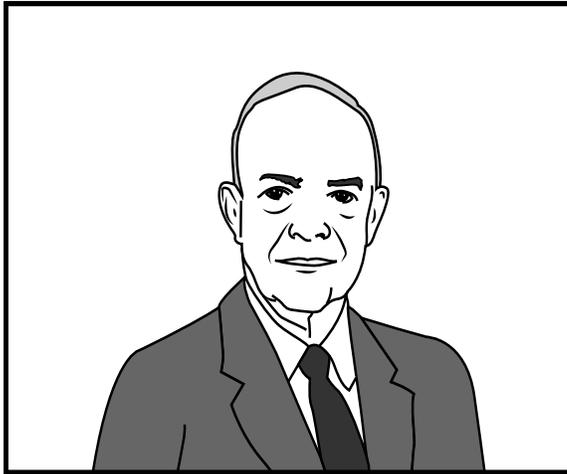
B. She was the first black student to integrate an elementary school.

Timeline 1, “Ruby Bridges: Then and Now” (Items 6 – 8)

Ruby Bridges: Then and Now



Session 1 – Item 6 Answer Options

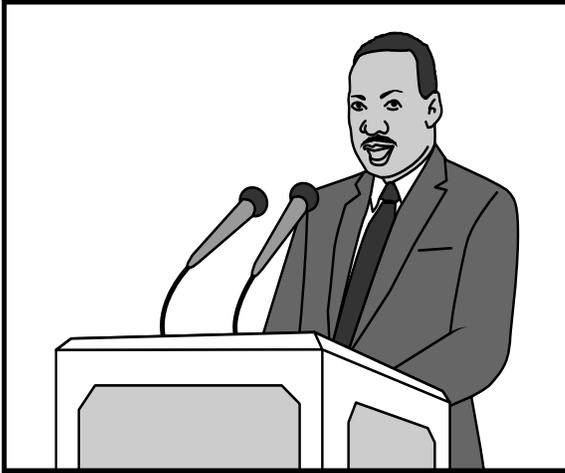


- A. 1960: Dwight D. Eisenhower is president of the United States.



- B. 1960: Ruby Bridges is the first black child in the South to integrate a school.

Session 1 – Item 7 Answer Options



- A. 1960: Dr. Martin Luther King begins giving speeches.



- B. 1999: Ruby establishes the Ruby Bridges Foundation to support accepting all people.

Session 1 – Item 8 Answer Options



A. Ruby Bridges has helped our country.

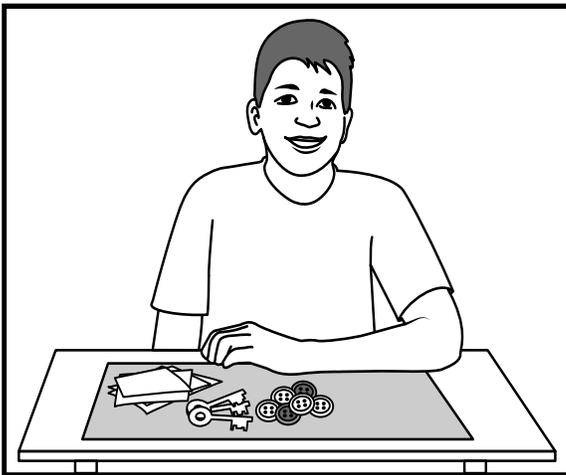


B. Ruby Bridges is looking for a job.

Session 1 – Item 9 Answer Options



A. Noah has an art teacher.



B. Noah spends time making unusual art.



C. Noah has lots of old materials around his house.

Session 1 – Item 10 Answer Options



- A. He uses antique toys, scraps of metal, and broken glass.



- B. His teacher tells him about the school's contest.

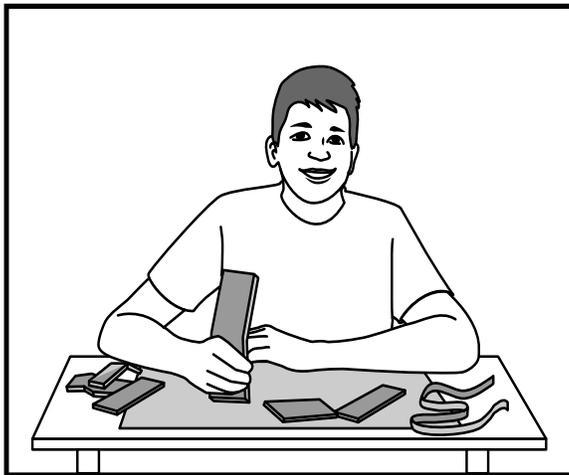
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29	30					

C. He spends two weeks creating his art.

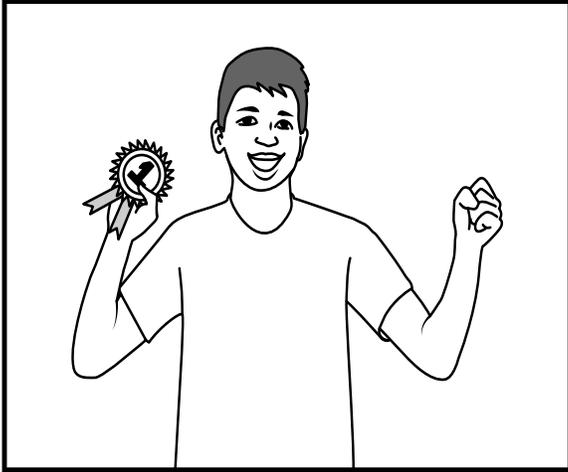
Session 1 – Item 11 Answer Options



A. to show he is her favorite student

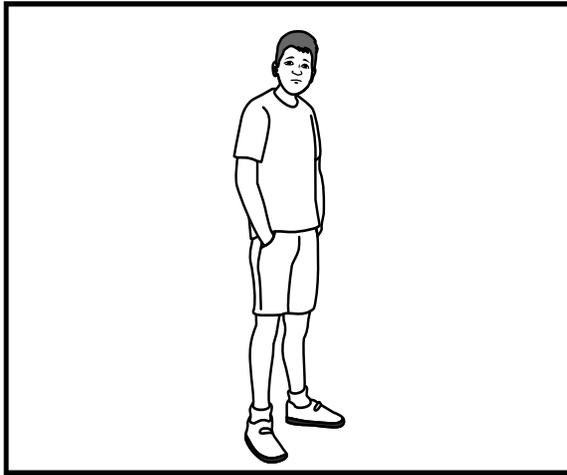


B. to show she knows his interest in found art

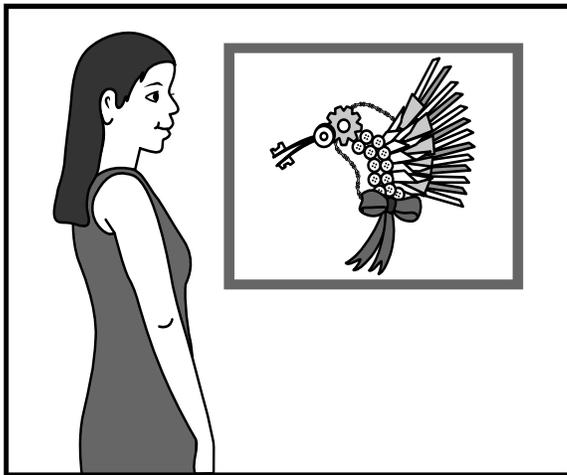


C. to show she believes in competition

Session 1 – Item 12 Answer Options



A. to show why Noah did not win the contest



B. to show that others appreciated Noah's artwork



- C. to show that Noah should not enter art contests

Session 1 – Item 13 Answer Options

A. heavy objects

B. shiny things

C. extra pieces

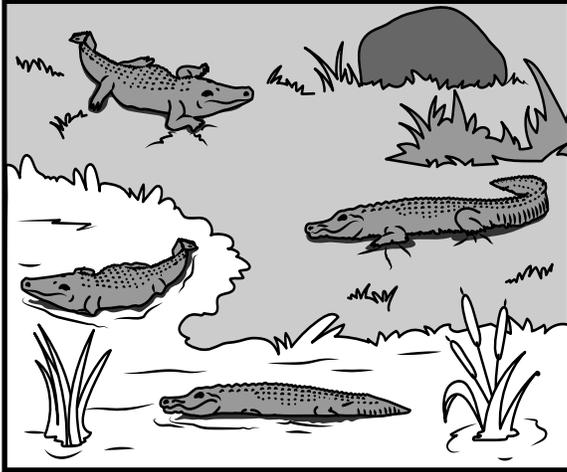
Session 1 – Item 14 Answer Options



- A. “Two types of wetlands in Louisiana are marshes and swamps.”

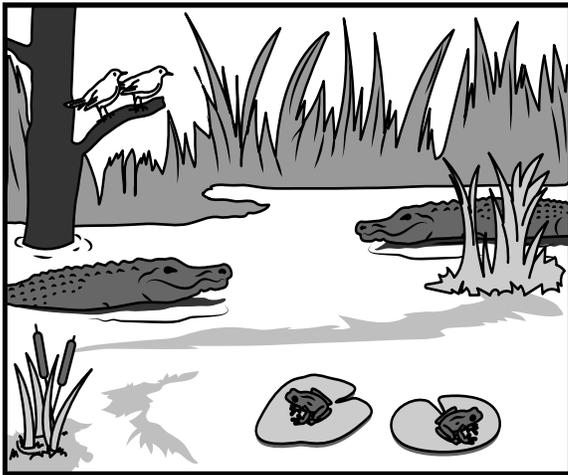


- B. “People from all over come to Louisiana to see the wetlands.”



C. "There are about two million alligators that live in the swamps of Louisiana."

Session 1 – Item 15 Answer Options



- A. The swamps and marshes are filled with many plants and animals.

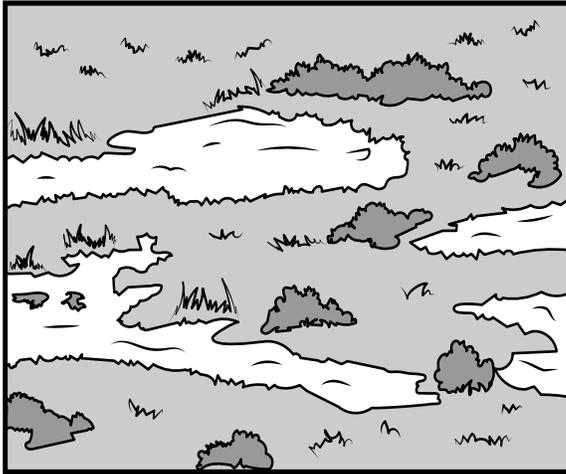


- B. The swamps and marshes can be found near rivers.

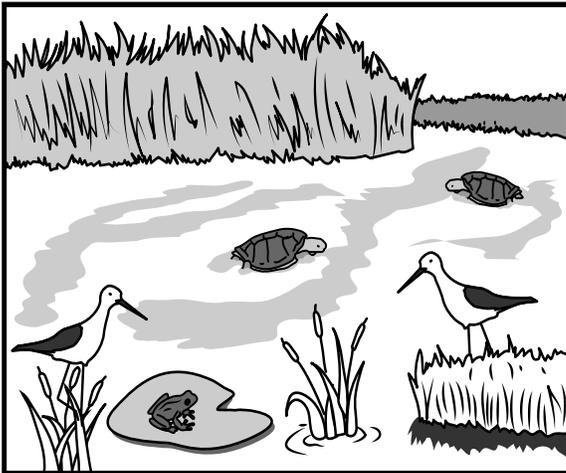


C. The swamps and marshes are mostly found in southern Louisiana.

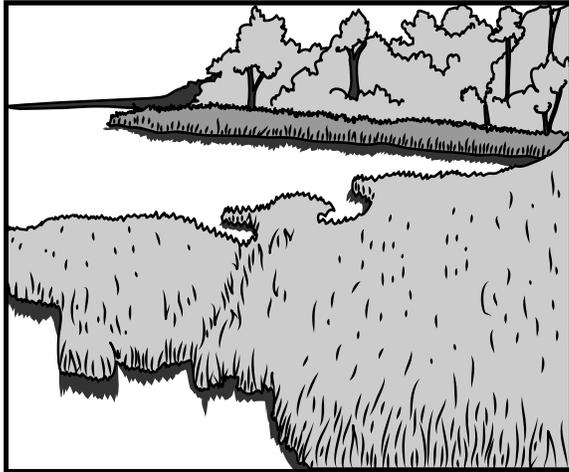
Session 1 – Item 16 Answer Options



- A. Swamps and marshes have less water at low tide.

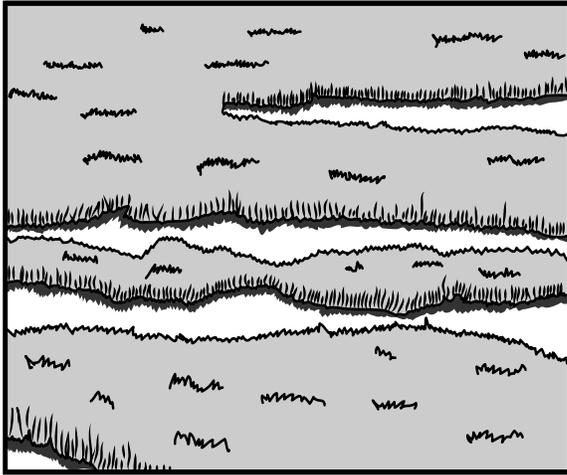


- B. Swamps and marshes provide animals protection.



C. Swamps and marshes can be found along shorelines.

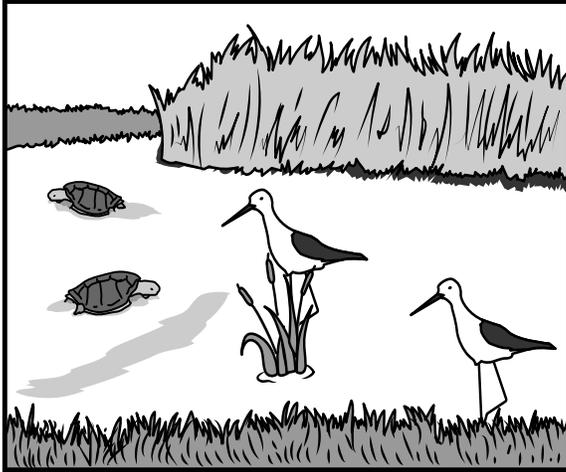
Session 1 – Item 17 Answer Options



- A. The water in the marsh rises and falls twice every day.



- B. Marshes are usually covered by shallow water.



C. Many plants and animals can survive in a marsh environment.

Session 1 – Item 18 Answer Options

A. The wetlands are beneficial to Louisiana.

B. The water in the wetlands is dirty.

C. The animals enjoy living in the wetlands.

Session 1 – Item 19 Answer Options

A. swimming without shoes

B. trying something new

C. growing in water

Session 2

Session 2 – Item 20 Answer Options

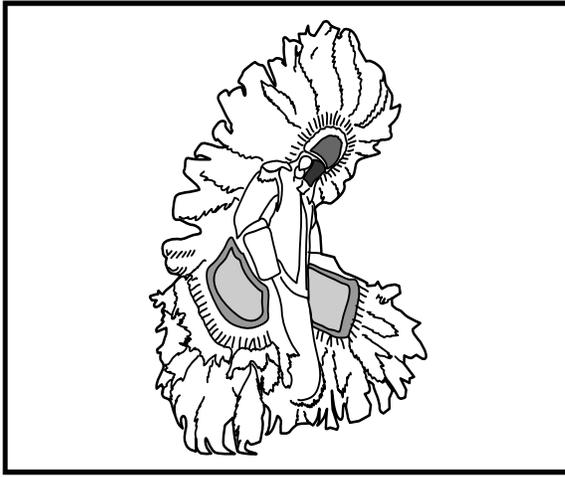


- A. The girl and her grandpa go to see the Mardi Gras Indians.



- B. The girl and her grandpa go to a new store.

Session 2 – Item 21 Answer Options

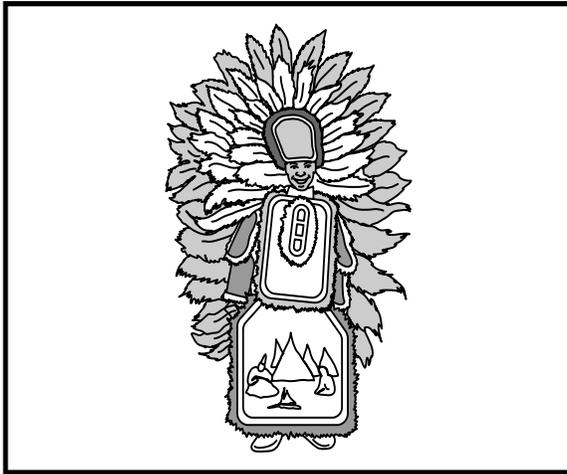


A. "They were dressed in large and colorful costumes."



B. "I saw a parade of Mardi Gras Indians."

Session 2 – Item 22 Answer Options

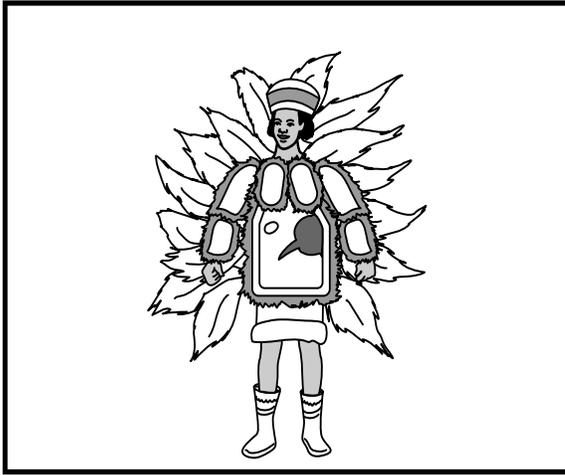


A. "Many of the costumes had beads."

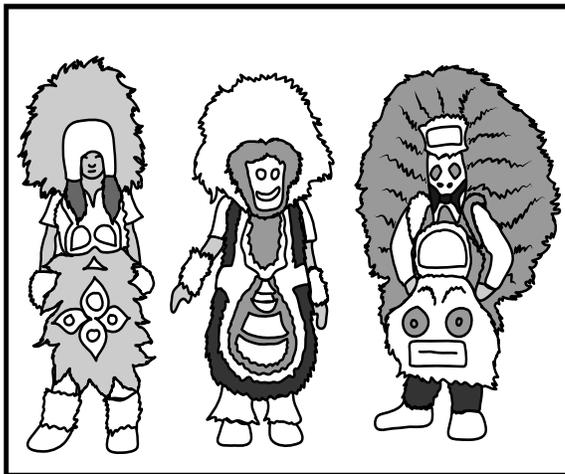


B. "Everyone cheered for all of the chiefs."

Session 2 – Item 23 Answer Options



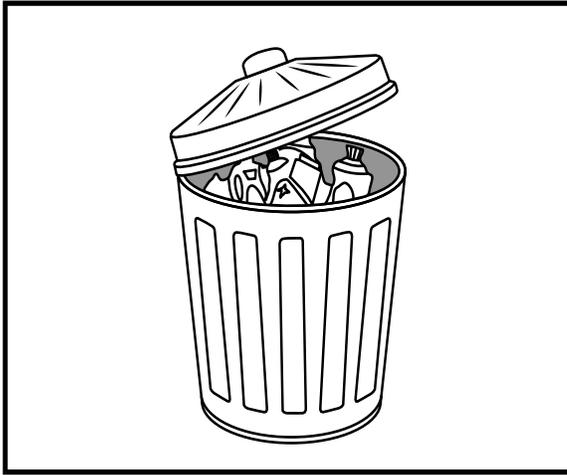
A. The girl wants to be a Mardi Gras Indian.



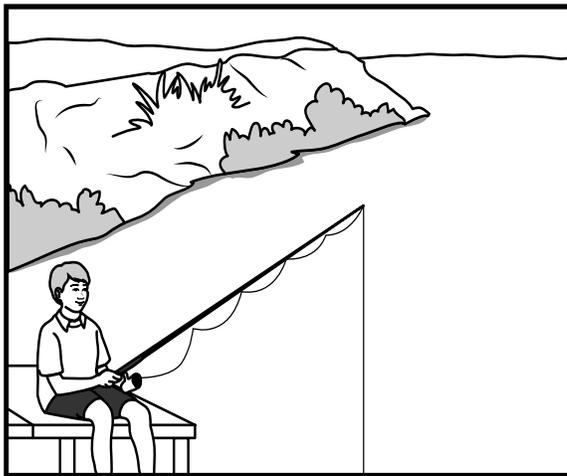
B. There are many Mardi Gras Indian tribes.

Session 3

Session 3 – Item 24 Answer Options

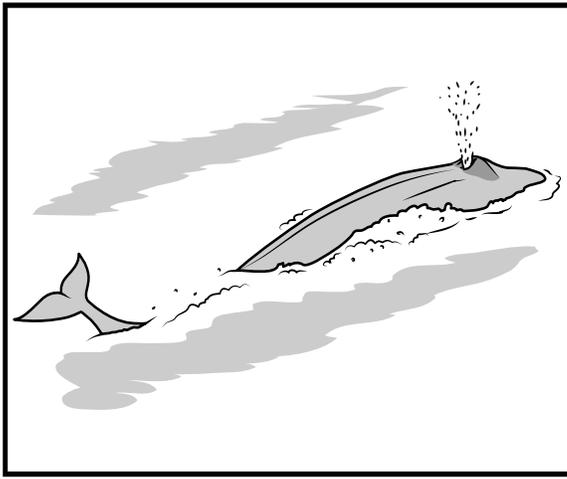


A. Litter belongs in trash cans.

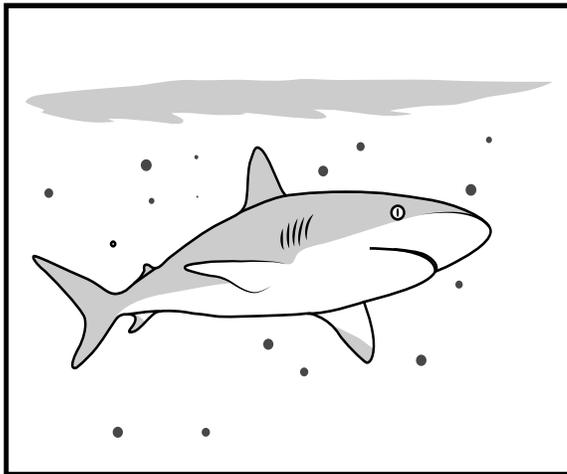


B. People like to fish in lakes.

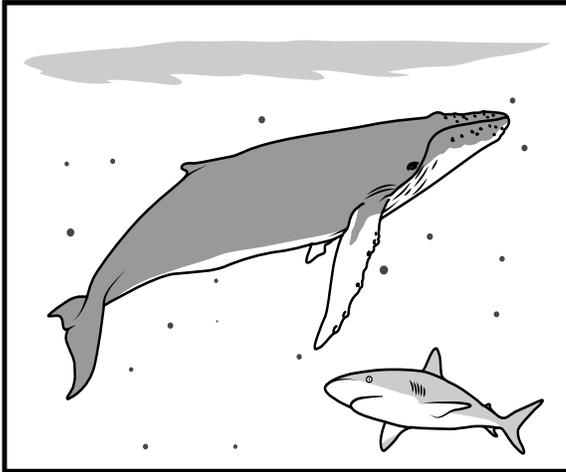
Session 3 – Item 25 Answer Options



- A. Only whales come to the surface of the ocean to breathe.



- B. A shark cannot adjust its body temperature, but a whale can.



C. Sharks and whales both live in the ocean.

Session 3 – Item 27 Answer Options

- A. “Students enjoyed dancing at the prom to the most popular songs.”

- B. “The prom started at 8:00 P.M. and ended at 11:00 P.M.”

- C. “Many teachers and parents served as chaperones at the prom.”

Community Service Projects

High school students should participate in community service projects. Community service projects give students the opportunity to improve their community. Also, students will learn new skills when they participate in a service project.

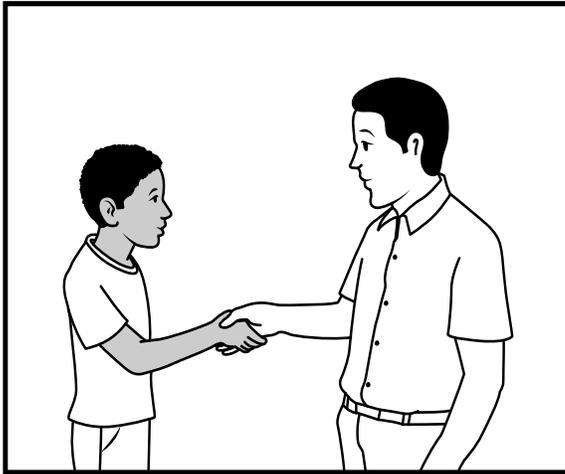
Participating in community service projects allows high school students to help people who need it. Adults who began volunteering when they were younger are twice as likely to volunteer.

Community service projects can teach responsibility. For instance, students will learn that others depend on them to complete an important task.

It is important to write about community service projects because the community benefits.

In conclusion, high school students should participate in community service projects.

Session 3 – Item 29 Answer Options



- A. Participating in community service projects allows high school students to help people who need it.



- B. Participating in community service projects helps students relax.

Session 3 – Item 30 Answer Options

**Volunteers Hours
of Service**

Year	Hours
1	32

- A. Volunteers average about 32 hours of service in a year.



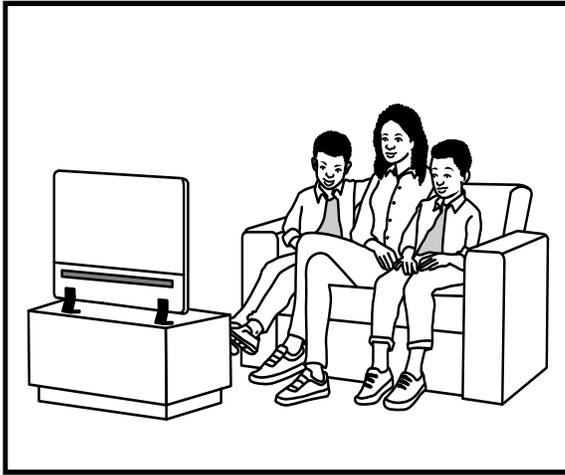
- B. Adults who began volunteering when they were younger are twice as likely to volunteer.

Session 3 – Item 31 Answer Options

A. For instance,

B. On the other hand,

Session 3 – Item 32 Answer Options



- A. It is important to write about community service projects because people like to watch movies.



- B. It is important to write about community service projects because the community benefits.

Session 4

High School Stimulus Materials List for: Increase Student Engagement

Card 1a: Example Essay, "Career Readiness Class"

Card 2a: high schools should host more social events for students

Card 3a: high schools should offer more virtual learning opportunities for students

Card 4a: Graphic Organizer

Card 5a: engage with teachers in a positive way

Card 6a: feel more positive about going to school

Card 7a: learn to interact with one another outside of social media

Card 8a: increase student interest in completing assignments

Card 9a: allow more choices for taking different types of classes

Card 10a: improve students' technical skills and use of the internet

Card 11a: Capital letters, end punctuation, complete sentence

Cards 12a-13a: Response Template Card

Card 14a: Signal Word Example Card

Card 15a: List of signal words

Career Readiness Class

In this essay, I will convince you that high school students should take a career readiness class. One reason is that a career readiness class will help students develop the skills for a career.

It is important to develop the skills for a career because it will help students know how to complete a task in the workplace. Also, students learn to work with others.

In conclusion, I hope you are convinced high school students should take a career readiness class. This is important because it will help students develop the skills needed for a career.



high schools should host more social events for students

Increase Student Engagement Card 2a



high schools should offer more virtual learning opportunities for students

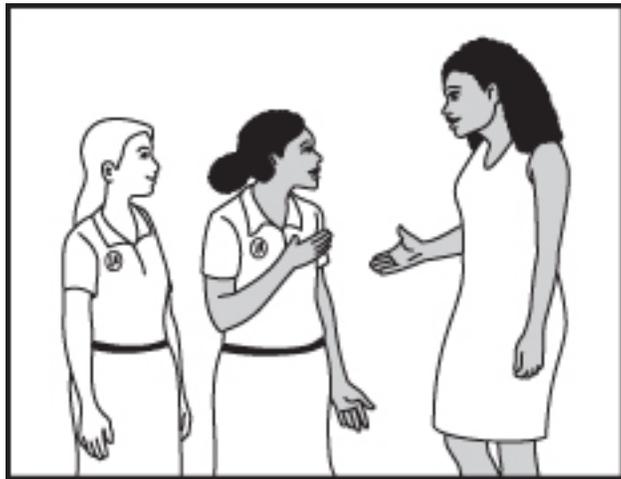
Increase Student Engagement Card 3a

Topic: How Schools Can Increase Student Engagement

Claim: _____

Reason	Fact or Example
_____	1. _____
_____	_____
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_____	2. _____
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Increase Student Engagement Card 4a



engage with teachers in a positive way

Increase Student Engagement Card 5a



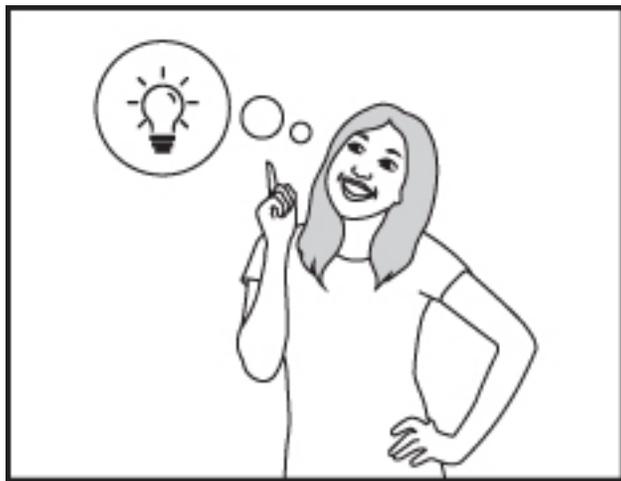
feel more positive about going to school

Increase Student Engagement Card 6a



learn to interact with one another outside of
social media

Increase Student Engagement Card 7a



increase student interest in completing
assignments

Increase Student Engagement Card 8a



allow more choices for taking different types of classes

Increase Student Engagement Card 9a



improve students' technical skills and use of the internet

Increase Student Engagement Card 10a

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Good writers use complete sentences.

Topic: How Schools Can Increase Student Engagement

In this essay, I will convince you that _____

One reason _____

It is important to _____

Also, _____

Increase Student Engagement Card 12a

In conclusion, _____

Increase Student Engagement Card 13a

It is important to develop the skills for a career because it will help students know how to complete a task in the workplace.

Increase Student Engagement Card 14a

Signal Words

because

so

for example

Increase Student Engagement Card 15a

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