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Topic	Page	Discussion Points / Activity Ideas
Government stories	1-4	<p>See civics in action: The first pages of the newspaper have various stories about local government. Read one or more of the articles. Which branch of government took action? What did they do? What are some possible effects of their action? How it might affect your life personally? What connections can you make to social studies concepts?</p> <p>Standards: SS.K.C.1.1; SS.K.C.1.2; SS.K.CG.1.2; SS.412.A.1.1; SS.312.C.1.1; SS.312.C.1.2; SS.312.C.3.2; SS.3.C.3.3; ELA.312.V.1.1; ELA.312.EE.1.1; ELA.312.EE.2.1; ELA.312.EE.4.1; ELA.312.EE.5.1; ELA.312.EE.6.1; ELA.312.C.1.2; ELA.312.C.1.4; ELA.312.C.2.1; ELA.312.C.3.1; ELA.312.R.2.4; ELA.312.R.3.2; ELA.312.C.4.1</p>
Viewpoints & Opinions	5	<p>Consider different perspectives: Choose one of the letters to the editor to read. What is the author's main point? How is your experience similar to and different than the author's? Share your thinking.</p> <p>Standards: ELA.K12.EE.4.1; ELA.412.EE.5.1; ELA.412.EE.6.1</p>
Valentine's Day	Any	<p>Holiday hunt: Skim the newspaper from front to back, looking for and listing where you see information about the upcoming holiday. Look for stories, columns, ads, calendar items and more! How many you list? Look over your list and select three to take a closer look at. Share your thoughts.</p> <p>Standards: ELA.312.EE.1.1; ELA.312.EE.2.1; ELA.312.EE.3.1; ELA.312.EE.4.1; ELA.312.C.1.3; ELA.312.C.4.1; ELA.312.F.1.3; ELA.312.R.2.2; ELA.312.R.2.4</p>
Innovator Tomara Watkins	13	<p>Recognize achievement: Who is being recognized? In what way? For what reason? By whom? Why is his achievement noteworthy?</p> <p>Standards: ELA.K12.EE.1.1; ELA.K12.EE.2.1; ELA.K12.EE.4.1; ELA.K12.EE.6.1</p>
JROTC drill meet	14	<p>Summarize using five Ws and an H: As you read the article, turn facts into questions that begin with Who, What, Where, When, Why and How. Trade questions with another person and see if you can answer them from memory. Use your answers to write a brief summary (shorter than the article itself).</p> <p>Standards: ELA.K.C.4.1; ELA.K.R.2.2; ELA.K.V.1.2; ELA.412.EE.4.1; ELA.412.R.2.3; ELA.412.R.2.4; ELA.412.C.5.1; ELA.412.F.1.3; ELA.412.F.1.4; ELA.412.R.2.2; ELA.412.R.2.3; ELA.412.R.2.4; ELA.412.R.3.2; ELA.412.V.1.1; ELA.412.C.2.1</p>
ACA Basketball senior night	15	<p>Enjoy!</p>
Puzzles	20	<p>Try it! Build your brain flexibility by completing the Word Search, Sukoku and Crossword Puzzle.</p>
Johnston's 100 th anniversary	22	<p>Explore a career: As you read the article, think about what it would be like to have a job in a meat market. Would you be interested in this type of work? Why or why not? Share your thinking.</p> <p>Standards: ELA.312.V.1.1; ELA.312.EE.1.1; ELA.312.EE.2.1; ELA.312.EE.4.1; ELA.312.EE.5.1; ELA.312.EE.6.1; ELA.312.C.1.2; ELA.312.C.1.4; ELA.312.C.2.1; ELA.312.C.3.1; ELA.312.R.2.4; ELA.312.R.3.2; ELA.312.C.4.1</p>



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