

APRIL 2023

# CRITICAL THINKING NOODLER



## If You Ran Things

*News from Friday, March 10th*

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A Texas woman was forced to turn over her eight-foot “pet” alligator to a zoo and pay a fine after Parks and Wildlife officials found it living in her backyard. That’s because in Texas, anyone who wants to keep an alligator must have an alligator farmer permit. Different states have different laws about keeping pets, from what types of animals can be kept as pets to how many pets can live in one home.

If you were in charge of making the rules about pet ownership in your town or city, what rules would you make? Make a list, and be sure to explain your thinking for each rule.

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## Design it!

*News from Friday, March 17th*

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Singapore's Changi Airport was rated the "World's Best Airport" based on a survey of millions of airline passengers by Skytrax. The airport features a butterfly garden, IMAX theater, indoor waterfall, and over 280 shops and restaurants.

Design *your* version of the "World's Best Airport." Create a map of the airport, labeling all of the things that make it the best.

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## Pros and Cons

*News from Monday, March 27th*

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Utah just became the first in the nation to set a curfew for social media. Effective next March, anyone under 18 will be barred from the likes of TikTok, Snapchat, and Instagram between 1030pm and 630am. The new law also requires permission from parents to create an account, blocks apps from using addictive features, and makes it easier for families to sue over harmful content.

The goal, according to Governor Spencer Cox, is to protect kids from the not-so-great side of social media. Other states may follow suit. What are the pros and cons of such a curfew? Write a list, including at least one pro and one con. Then, decide whether you would be in favor of or against such a ban.

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## Get In Their Head

*News from Wednesday, March 15th*

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The Jules Undersea Lodge is a 100 square foot “hotel” located thirty feet underwater off the coast of Key Largo, Florida. One professor, Joseph Dituri from the University of South Florida, will attempt to live there for 100 days, testing the impact of underwater life on the human body.

Write a story about a day in Joseph Dituri’s life in the Jules Undersea Lodge. Be sure to think about what it would look, sound, and feel like to live in the Jules Undersea Lodge, as well as the challenges Dituri might encounter.

Or, paint, draw, or design a picture of a day in Joseph Dituri’s life in the Jules Undersea Lodge.

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## Expand It: Bonus Question!

*News from Wednesday, March 21st*

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For the 6th year in a row, Finland has been named the world's happiest country. The reasons, according to the United Nations World Happiness Report, are its strong school systems, great healthcare, good economy, low crime rates and the connection its residents feel to nature. The US ranked 15th.

Write down three suggestions to send to President Biden - or, for our international friends, to the leader of your own country - that you think might bump your nation into a cheerier position in next year's world rankings!

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