



KidNuz Noodlers

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Have an answer you're proud of?

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1. Pros and Cons

News from Tuesday, April 5th

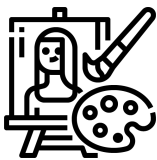


A petition to ban cell phones during lunch hour at some Australian schools received over 20,000 signatures. It started after a 12-year-old boy told his mom that he hadn't made any friends at his new school because his classmates spent all their break times glued to social media apps.

Write two or more reasons to support the ban and two or more reasons to oppose it.

2. Get In Their Head

News from throughout March and April



Many people are stepping up to help the more than four million Ukrainian refugees, who have fled their country because of the Russian attack. Many adults, kids, companies, and governments have donated money, food, clothes, and more to help.

What do you think it is like for a refugee child when they arrive at a refugee camp in a new country? Write a diary entry that you imagine they might write the first night.

3. If You Ran Things

News from Monday, April 11th



For the next decade, actor Will Smith will have to watch the Academy Awards like the rest of us: from home. The organization's Board of Governors banned the actor from the event for 10 years for slapping comedian Chris Rock. The Academy left open the possibility of more consequences, but it does not appear that Will Smith will have to give back his Best Actor Oscar. AND, he can still be nominated for future awards.

If you were in charge of the Oscar Awards, what consequences would you choose for Will Smith? Explain your reasoning.

4. Imagine!

News from Friday, April 8th



Scientists recently announced that they have completely sequenced and assembled the genetic code that makes us all uniquely human. As one researcher said, putting it together was like "taking a book, ripping it up" then trying to piece it together again. Why does it matter? Solving this mystery will help scientists to figure out how and why some people get diseases and others don't and, hopefully, to develop drugs to fight them.

Imagine that the scientists learn something very unexpected when they look through the genetic code. You're welcome to use this story-starter to write a short story:

When scientists set out to sequence the human genetic code, they thought they would just learn about how to fight diseases. It turned out they learned something far more important...

5. Design it!

News from Monday, April 11th



This season, the Atlanta Braves are commemorating their 151 years as a baseball team by selling a ballpark burger for \$151. Who would pay that? We're not sure. But we do know that the buyer has to like more than ketchup. This particularly expensive patty is made with special beef, and is topped with eggs, gold-leaf-wrapped duck liver, lobster tail, tomato, cheddar cheese and a sauce.

Design a \$151 slice of pizza. Draw out what it would look like and make sure to point out why it would cost that much!

6. Expand It!

News from Friday, April 8th



The US Senate has confirmed the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, making her the country's first-ever Black woman Justice. She'll soon join eight other Supreme Court justices in hearing - and deciding - the most important legal cases in the country. Many of those who opposed her nomination are still applauding the ground-breaking appointment.

Consider the gender, race and age of the people you see holding different roles in your school and neighborhood, or in the wider world? Write a paragraph identifying an area where you would like to see more diversity and ways to help make it happen.