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To the Teacher

Social Studies Critical Thinking gives students the opportunity to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Activities can be completed by individual students, or students may challenge one another. Skills include the following:

- convergent and divergent thinking
- brainstorming
- categorizing/classifying
- visual memory
- ideational fluency
- vocabulary development
- flexibility
- force-fitting/forced association
- originality
- forecasting
- synthesizing



Okay or No Way?

Read each headline below. Find out if it really could have happened. When was the item in each headline invented or discovered, and/or when did the person(s) involved live? Decide “okay” or “no way” for each headline and prove or disprove it with the appropriate dates.

Example: Helicopter Brings Woodrow Wilson to His First Inauguration

Okay: _____

No way: Wilson was first inaugurated in 1913, and the first flight of a practical single-rotor helicopter was not until 1939.

1. Surviving Wright Brother Witnesses Aviation History as the Sound Barrier is Broken

Okay: _____

No way: _____

2. Thomas Edison Honored in White House Ceremony by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Okay: _____

No way: _____

3. X-Ray Locates Bullet in President McKinley’s Stomach, But Efforts To Save Him Prove Futile

Okay: _____

No way: _____

4. Photocopies of President Truman’s Inaugural Address Sold Across Nation

Okay: _____

No way: _____

5. Abraham Lincoln Honored in His Native State at the First Running of the Kentucky Derby

Okay: _____

No way: _____

6. Original CD Signed by Elvis Presley Sells for \$4 Million at Auction

Okay: _____

No way: _____

7. Aqualung Aids Rescuers in Search for Survivors of the Wreck of the *Andrea Doria*

Okay: _____

No way: _____

Clueless

Fifteen U.S. presidents are described below—each by a two-word clue and a three-word clue. In the chart at the bottom of the page, list each president’s name and the letter of both the two-and three-word clues that describe him.

2-WORD CLUES

- a. Rough Rider
- b. Whiskey Rebellion
- c. “Black Thursday”
- d. Louisiana Purchase
- e. “Old Hickory”
- f. Arkansas governor
- g. Emancipation Proclamation
- h. Navy pilot
- i. Fireside chats
- j. Brigadier general
- k. PT-109
- l. Challenger Explosion
- m. Watergate break-in
- n. Sputnik launched
- o. Atom Bomb

3-WORD CLUES

- a. Cuban missile crisis
- b. Supreme Allied Commander
- c. Resigned from office
- d. Commander of Continental Army
- e. “The Great Communicator”
- f. “The buck stops here.”
- g. Transcontinental railroad completed
- h. Declaration of Independence
- i. Operation Desert Storm
- j. Fort Sumter falls
- k. Bull Moose party candidate
- l. The Manhattan Project
- m. The “kitchen cabinet”
- n. Oklahoma City bombing
- o. Great Depression begins

PRESIDENT’S NAME	2-WORD CLUE	3-WORD CLUE
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____
11. _____	_____	_____
12. _____	_____	_____
13. _____	_____	_____
14. _____	_____	_____
15. _____	_____	_____

Herstory

Read each headline below and name the woman who is being described.

1. Former Teacher Founds Red Cross
Who am I? _____
2. Woman Breaks Sound Barrier
Who am I? _____
3. First Lady Rescues White House Valuables as British Advance on Washington
Who am I? _____
4. First Woman Takes Seat on Supreme Court
Who am I? _____
5. First Woman Nominated To Run for Vice President on Major Party Ticket
Who am I? _____
6. First Lady Serves as Delegate to United Nations
Who am I? _____
7. Lady Sure Shot Travels with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show
Who am I? _____
8. Shoshone Woman Guides Lewis and Clark Through the Pacific Northwest
Who am I? _____
9. Her Photographs Tell the Story of the Great Depression in America
Who am I? _____
10. Graduate Student Designs Memorial for Vietnam Veterans
Who am I? _____
11. Former First Lady Elected to U.S. Senate
Who am I? _____
12. First Woman Pictured on a U.S. Postage Stamp
Who am I? _____



What a Discovery!

“Rare pairs” are two rhyming words that answer a riddle. Do research to help you figure out these rare pairs using the names (first or last) of famous inventors.

Example: Bifocals inventor’s writing implements = Ben’s pens

1. powered flight pioneers’ luminary devices _____
2. telephone inventor’s egg coverings _____
3. developer of the aqualung’s high-level lands _____
4. sewing machine inventor’s Holsteins _____
5. dynamite inventor’s screams _____
6. repeating pistol developer’s fasteners _____
7. steel plow inventor’s bridge supports _____
8. radioactivity researcher’s snowstorms _____
9. Model-T inventor’s prizes _____
10. electric razor inventor’s building blocks _____
11. polio vaccine developer’s speeches _____
12. relativity theory developer’s solar energy _____
13. mercury thermometer inventor’s pencil lead _____
14. developer of psychoanalysis has a job _____



Name Game

Place names can be very interesting. Use a map of any U.S. states to find place names that fit the categories below. Challenge a friend to top your list!

List place names that are...

1. color names:

Greenacres (WA, FL), Yellowstone (MT) _____

2. edible names:

Tangerine (FL), Tomato (AR), _____

3. humorous names:

Winkle (OH), Dink (WY), _____

4. animal names:

Buffalo (NY), Boca Raton (FL), _____

5. peoples' first names:

Jack (TX), Elmer (MN), _____

6. twelve letters long or longer:

Pottawattamie (KS), Copperopolis (CA), _____

George, MS

CHELSEA, AL

Lynn, IN

OTIS, CO

Leslie, KY

ERIN, TN

Archie, MO

GARY, SD

Shirley, NY

KENT, DE

Tucker, WV

MONA, UT

TOM BEAN, TX

TODD, SD

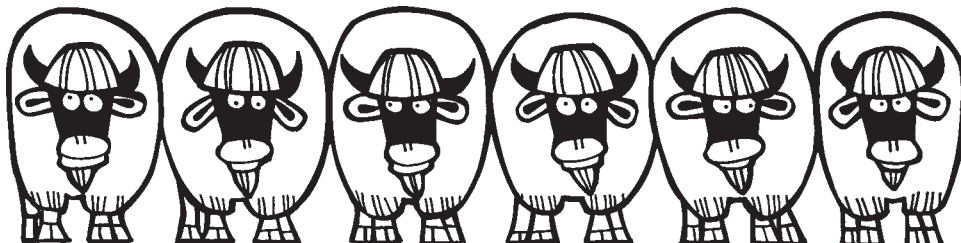
Louisa, VA

SHARON, WI

Franklin, VT

HUGO, MN

John Day, OR





High and Dry



Read each clue below and name the mountain(s) or desert(s) being described. Answers may be used more than once.

- _____ 1. mountain range that is home to both the Brooks Range and the Grand Tetons
- _____ 2. Chinese desert that covers more than half a million square miles
- _____ 3. highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere
- _____ 4. resting place of Noah's Ark, according to the Bible
- _____ 5. mountain range that is home to the wild yak
- _____ 6. desert that is inhabited by the San or "Bushmen"
- _____ 7. mountain range that is home to llamas, vicunas, and alpacas
- _____ 8. world's largest volcano
- _____ 9. mountain range where the Sherpa people live
- _____ 10. highest mountain in the Alps
- _____ 11. highest mountain in Africa
- _____ 12. highest mountain system in the world
- _____ 13. highest mountain in North America
- _____ 14. world's only natural source of sodium nitrate
- _____ 15. mountain range named after a Greek Titan
- _____ 16. mountain chain that separates France and Spain
- _____ 17. desert home of the nomadic Tuareg and Toubou tribes
- _____ 18. the driest desert in the world—400 years without rain until early 1970s
- _____ 19. the largest desert in the world—as large as the USA
- _____ 20. low mountain range that is home to the Crazy Horse and Mt. Rushmore memorials