

Lesson Plan: West Cliff Erosion & Climate Change News Quiz



Reading comprehension

Grade Level: 9-12 Lesson time: 30 minutes

Overview

Lookout's News Quizzes are a great way to get students interested in local news in an easy and quick way. These quizzes test reading comprehension while getting students more informed on issues and happenings in the community.

How best to use this in your classroom

Quizzes are sorted by date and headline and updated frequently. Choose an article related to one of your current teachings. Have students read the article, answer the 10 questions and then share any observations. This is a great reading comprehension and media literacy activity. It could also be a great way to give students extra credit opportunities in your class, a lesson to share when you have a substitute teacher and/or a great icebreaker to connect students with local issues.

LESSON PLAN

- Share this article with your students and have them read it. This can be assigned as homework or done in class (10 min)

Will West Cliff sidewalk collapse, continued erosion eventually pave the way for a one-way street?

- Share the questions with your class and have them answer the questions, either individually or in small groups. Find our Questions doc for a printable or shareable document (10 min)
- Using the answer key, you can either grade this quiz or have a class discussion around it (10 min)

News Quiz: Questions & Answer Key



1. What happened to a portion of the West Cliff sidewalk? What portion?

A: Collapsed walkway on West Cliff Drive between Woodrow Avenue and Columbia Street.

2. When will construction likely begin to fix the sidewalk?

A: Early 2023

3. What is the environmental focus and cost of the redevelopment plan for West Cliff?

A: 20 million dollars, to prepare the iconic Westside road for the imminent effects of climate change and hastening coastal erosion

4. What is a proposed idea to convert the street?

A: A one-way street

5. What does the incoming Mayor Fred Keeley say about the recent incident?

A: A blessing in disguise.

6: What makes the concern of the crumbling sidewalk more urgent?

A: Rising sea levels due to climate change paired with further erosion caused by surface runoff

7. What is 'cliff armoring'?

A: Installing structures to bolster existing infrastructure

8. Which similar changes to East Cliff Drive could be done to West Cliff Drive?

A: Limiting traffic to one-way, providing a spacious walkway and bike path and stabilizing the cliffs

9. Would you like to see West Cliff turn into a one way street?

A: Open ended, opinion

10. BONUS: Not addressed in the article, but can be found elsewhere online:

Are there any other environmental concerns you can think of for a coastal town?

A: Open ended, opinion