

Lesson Plan: 'Bay of Life' enlarges the vision of what we call home



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)

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- 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 small town / unincorporated community was devastated by flooding during the storms of 1995?

A: Pajaro, California

2. "Bay of Life" is a collaborative effort spearheaded by which two Santa Cruz figures?

A: Frans Lanting (photographer) and Chris Eckstrom (writer)

3. Where were Lanting and Eckstrom during the Santa Cruz storms of January 2023?

A: Aboard a research vessel in Antarctica

4. What are three landmarks that the Monterey Bay region encompasses?

A: The Monterey Bay region envelopes the Santa Cruz Mountains; extends to the watersheds of the San Lorenzo, Pajaro, Carmel and Salinas Rivers; and contains ecological treasures such as Point Lobos, Pinnacles National Park, and Año Nuevo

5. Lanting, Eckstrom, and the Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History have partnered with Santa Cruz METRO to produce what sorts of materials?

A: "Wraps" on city buses that essentially turn the buses into rolling billboards and give Lanting's amazing photos the kind of scale and exposure they deserve. Ultimately, there will be 30 buses, each with a unique image carrying the "Bay of Life" message.

6: What sorts of historical moments does "Bay of Life" acknowledge within its coverage of the land within the Monterey Bay region?

A: "Bay of Life" acknowledges not only the Indigenous peoples' interaction with the land and sea of the area, but also the free-for-all exploitation of it largely during the 19th century when plunder and destruction went on almost completely unchecked.

7. What does "home" mean to you? Do you consider neighboring counties to be a part of your home?

A: Open-Ended / Personal Experience

8. Which memorable counties within the Monterey Bay region have you visited?

A: Open-Ended / Personal Experience

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9. How were you or someone you know in the Monterey Bay region impacted by the storms and floods of January 2023?

A: Open-Ended / Personal Experience

10. Which natural qualities of the Monterey Bay's geographical region are your favorite (ex: lush forests, marine life, diverse wildlife)?

A: Open-Ended / Personal Experience