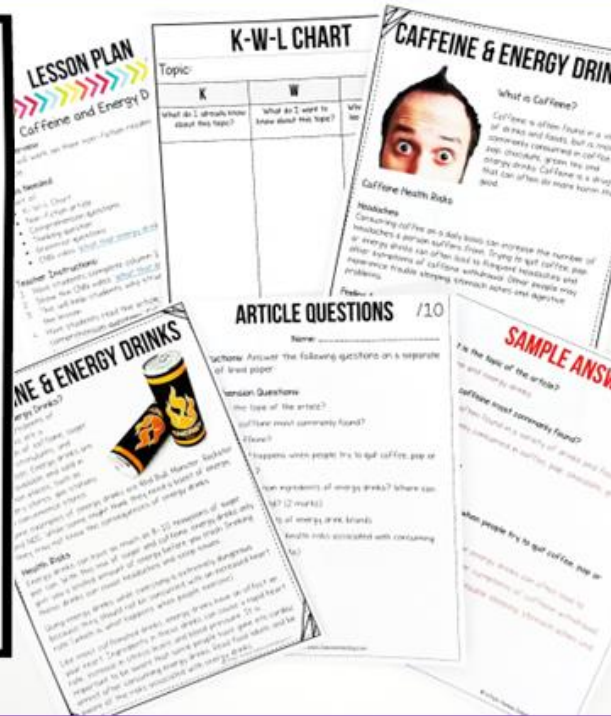


NON-FICTION ARTICLES

PDF & DIGITAL FORMATS

Bundle

- ✓ 10 Articles
- ✓ MP3 Audio Files
- ✓ 2 Article Levels
- ✓ Graphic Organizers
- ✓ 3 Post-Reading Activities



MIDDLE SCHOOL SET 1


2 Peas and a Dog

Middle School Teaching Resources

RESOURCE INCLUDES

- ✓ 10 High-Interest Articles
- ✓ Regular & Modified Articles
- ✓ Comprehension Questions
- ✓ 12 Graphic Organizers
- ✓ Teacher Instructions
- ✓ MP3 Audio Files
- ✓ 3 Post-Reading Activities
- ✓ Assessment Options
- ✓ Answer Keys
- ✓ Print & Digital Formats

ARTICLE TOPICS



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| 1. Regifting | 6. The Mystery of the Loch Ness Monster |
| 2. Benefits of Reading | 7. School Uniforms |
| 3. Benefits of Exercise | 8. Electric Cars |
| 4. Dangers of Caffeine and Energy Drinks | 9. Self-Driving Cars |
| 5. The Mystery of the Bermuda Triangle | 10. The D.B. Cooper Mystery |
| | 11. Japan's Cat Islands |

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LESSON PLAN



Benefits of Exercise

Lesson Overview:

Students will work on their non-fiction reading skills while reading this article.

Materials Needed:

Photocopy a class set of the following, or use the provided Google Slides version for 1:1 technology schools:

- K-W-L Chart
- Non-fiction article: regular or modified version (audio file also included)
- Comprehension questions: regular or modified version
- Thinking questions (select 1)
- Grammar questions (also available as a self-marking Google Forms Quiz)

Video

- Video #1 [Benefits of Exercise](#)

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- Video #2 [Benefits of Reading: Why You Should Read Every Day](#)

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LESSON PLAN



The D. B. Cooper Mystery

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- Thinking questions (select 1)
- Grammar questions (also available as a self-marking Google Forms Quiz)

Videos:

- Video #1 Short Video: (2 minutes) [After 45 Years, FBI Gives Up on D.B. Cooper Jet Hijacking Mystery](#)
- Video #2 Long Video: (5 minutes) [The Mystery Of Skyjacker D.B. Cooper](#)

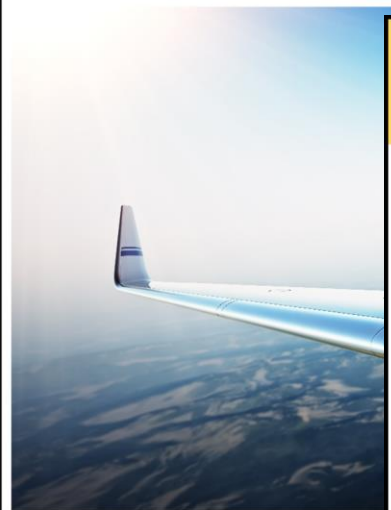
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LESSON PLANS

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D.B. COOPER



Unsolved Mystery
The only unsolved case of skyjacking in American history. On November 24, 1971, a man purchased a one-way ticket from Portland, Oregon to Seattle, Washington, under the name Dan Cooper. At this event, a miscommunication occurred and media broadcasted his name as D.B. Cooper.

Boarding the Plane
On November 24, 1971, a man named Dan Cooper requested a one-way ticket from Portland, Oregon to Seattle, Washington, at the Northwest Orient Airlines ticket counter. He purchased his ticket for cash, leaving no paper trail.

BENEFITS OF READING

Did you know that reading has plenty of amazing benefits? Whether you're old or young, reading is good for everyone. Here are some of the benefits of reading:

Brain

Our brain requires mental stimulation in order to remain healthy. People who read consistently are less at risk for developing onset dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Reading is a simple and effective way to exercise your brain.



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SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School uniforms are worn worldwide by children and teens daily. Some students prefer to wear a uniform, but others have strong feelings against these items of clothing.



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What is a school uniform?

A school uniform is a standard, approved set of clothing that every student at a given school must wear.

Uniform Support

There are many in favour of school uniforms. School uniforms help build a sense of community, reduce income level differences and are cost-effective.

What are school uniforms?

Uniforms can contain several components, including sweaters, blazers, vests, pants, skirts, and ties. One example of a uniform would be khaki pants, a button-up shirt, tie and a navy blazer with a school crest. Students often have to wear a certain colour and style of shoe. There are often differences between uniforms based on gender (such as pants or skirts).

What do people think?

There are differing opinions from students, parents and educators on whether school uniforms are good or bad for students and schools.

Uniforms can also build a sense of community in schools by making students feel as if they are all part of one team. It can also help with safety because adults in the building can immediately identify people who do not belong to the school community.

Uniforms could also help reduce visible income-level differences between students. When some students are wearing expensive, trendy and brand-new clothing, it can make those who cannot afford those items stand out.

11 ARTICLES

ARTICLE QUESTIONS

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Name: _____

Instructions: Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of lined paper.

Comprehension Questions:

- List five examples of...
- What are the three h... exercise?
- Describe how the thr... contribute to overall h...
- Explain what happens...
- How does exercise aft...
- H...
- E...
- K...
- W...

THINKING QUESTION

Assessment	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Above Expectations
	✓-	✓	✓+

Why do you think energy drink cans are designed using bold and dark colours as well as interesting sounding names? Explain.

POST-READING ACTIVITIES

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SAMPLE ANSWERS

1. What is the topic of the article?
Caffeine and energy drinks.

2. Where is caffeine most commonly found?
Caffeine is often found in coffee, tea, and other commonly consumed items.

3. What is caffeine?
Caffeine is a drug.

4. Explain what happens when you drink too much caffeine?
Trying to quit coffee, getting headaches and other symptoms, and experiencing trouble sleeping.

5. What are the main ingredients in energy drinks?
The main ingredients of energy drinks include caffeine, taurine, and various vitamins and sugars sold in convenience stores.

6. List some examples of energy drinks.
Some examples of energy drinks include Red Bull, Monster, and Rockstar.

7. Explain some of the health risks of energy drinks. (3 marks)

- With this mix of sugars and caffeine, drinking too much can lead to a high amount of energy but also a crash.
- Drinking these drinks can lead to dehydration.
- Using energy drinks regularly can lead to increased heart rate and blood pressure.
- Ingredients in these drinks can be harmful to the liver and kidneys.
- It is important to be aware of the amount of caffeine consumed to avoid an arrest after consumption.

ANSWERS

Name: _____

Instructions: Answer the following questions on this paper.

1. What does artificial intelligence mean?
- An evil robot
 - A brain made from plastic
 - Technology that has the ability to think and learn on its own**
 - All of the above

2. Why should more testing be done on self-driving cars?
- To ensure the models are very comfortable for people to use
 - Accidents are still occurring as the technology is not yet perfect.**
 - To ensure the models are very safe for people to use
 - To ensure the models are very reliable for people to use

ANSWER KEYS

3. Which sentence is most likely to be true about the topic?
- It is important to be aware of the amount of caffeine consumed to avoid an arrest after consumption.
 - To provide credit to the source of the information
 - To provide credibility to the information
 - All of the above**
4. Which sentence has the correct spelling and punctuation?
- there have been examples where driverless cars have failed, even after being tested
 - There have been examples where Driver-less cars have failed, even after being tested.
 - There have been examples where driverless cars have failed! even after being tested.
 - There have been examples where driverless cars have failed, even after being tested.**

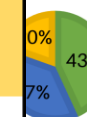
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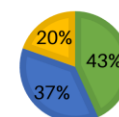
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Source: <https://www.publicschoolreview.com/blog/uniforms-the-pros-and-cons>

Some people also feel that uniforms help students stay on task because they are not worried about what clothing others are wearing.

The cost of uniforms is lower than the cost of buying daily school outfits.

Uniforms can make getting ready faster in the morning. Students do not have to think about their clothes. The choice has already been made.

Arguments Against School Uniforms
Students usually do not like school uniforms. One of the main reasons is uniforms take away students' originality.

They are not able to express themselves through their clothes and shoes.

Uniforms may be considered **unattractive**. School uniforms are not concerned with fashion trends. Students may feel uncomfortable in the required clothing.

In addition, uniforms may make students wear **gender-biased** clothing they are not comfortable with. For example, some schools require girls to wear skirts instead of pants.

School uniforms do not last forever. Eventually they start to show wear and need to be replaced. Students who cannot afford to buy new uniforms could stand out.

- Word Bank
- Emblem - symbol
 - Blazer - sport jacket
 - Expensive - pricey
 - Unattractive - ugly
 - Gender-biased - specific to a gender

Arguments Against School Uniforms

However, students have generally opposed uniforms, with one of the main arguments being that it takes away students' individuality and ability to express themselves through their clothes and shoes.

Uniforms can also highlight unflattering fashion choices. School uniforms are not concerned with fashion or comfort trends (e.g. Uggs, boots and sweatpants). Students may feel uncomfortable in the required clothing and this may cause students to feel embarrassed or have difficulty focusing in class.

In addition, uniforms have the potential to force students to wear gender-biased clothing they are not comfortable with. For example, some schools require girls to wear skirts instead of pants.

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REGULAR & MODIFIED ARTICLES

TEACHER FEEDBACK

“This bundle included many different themes that were all engaging and relevant to my students. I really like that there were modified texts included with each article that supported the different reading levels of my students. Sometimes I used the ‘Thinking Questions’ as discussion prompts, other times as journal responses. Really enjoyed using this resource.” – Val C.



“I’ve purchased three separate Article of the Week Bundles and there is a reason why. They are AMAZING! The students also enjoy them and like learning new random things! I also have the Article of the Week Differentiated Bundle. Amazing resources that can be used year after year!! Thank you!” – Tayler S.

LESSON FORMATS



PDF

✓ Individual & Whole Unit



DIGITAL

✓ Google Slides

RESOURCE CAN BE USED IN-PERSON OR ONLINE