



Lesson Plan Summary

Magic Tree House #30: Hurricane Heroes in Texas

A *Magic Tree House* **TIMES** Newspaper template for group writing projects

EACH STUDENT WILL:	COMMON CORE STANDARDS ADDRESSED:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read the story of Hurricane Heroes in Texas• Discuss the story and illustrations to share ideas for newspaper articles• Examine text features of various newspapers and use the text features of a newspaper to organize various writing pieces• Take on different roles of people working at a newspaper• Role play questioning techniques for informative writing pieces using the 5 W's• Include vocabulary for crossword puzzle in your discussions• Work collaboratively in pairs or small groups	<p>(The standard for one grade level is explained. The codes for applicable grade levels are listed.)</p> <p>READING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS (RI.2.3, RI.3.3, RI.4.3, RI.5.3) Describe the relationship between a series of historical events using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect. (RI.3.3)• INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS: (RI.2.7, RI.3.7, RI.4.7, RI.5.7) Use information gained from Illustrations and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur. (RI.3.7) <p>WRITING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TEXT TYPES AND PURPOSES (W.2.2, W.3.2, W.4.2, W.5.2) Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly (W.1.2)• RESEARCH TO BUILD AND PRESENT KNOWLEDGE (W.2.7, W.3.7, W.4.7, W.5.7) Conduct a short research project that builds knowledge about a topic. (W.3.7)

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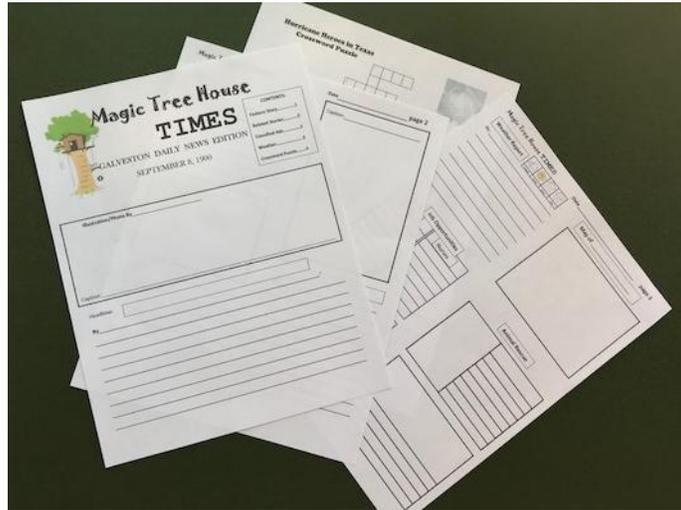
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Extra! Extra! Read All About It!



"Deadly Storms are terrible, but they always end. Then you start over. And you look at the world a little differently." ...Mother Mary Joseph, one of the many heroes from the 1900 Galveston Hurricane

- Your students can use the **Magic Tree House TIMES** newspaper template to share the story of the local heroes of Galveston and other related stories from this historical event on September 8, 1900. The students can write informational, narrative, and persuasive pieces. You can assign pairs or small groups to work together to create their own newspapers.

MATERIALS:

- Newspaper template in the appendix
- Copy(s) of Hurricane Heroes in Texas
- Fact Tracker Texas to use as a secondary resource

Optional Resources for introduction to newspaper writing:

- The Furry News *How to Make a Newspaper* by Loreen Leedy
- Copies of various local newspapers

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PROCEDURE:

1. Inform the students that they will publish a newspaper highlighting the devastating event from the 1900 Great Galveston Hurricane. It will be the GALVESTON, TEXAS EDITION from the point of view of the reporters and photographers who were witness to the natural disaster and the aftermath.
2. The students can share the assignments of editor, illustrator, photographer, meteorologist, and journalists working in small groups, or in pairs. Teach the Newspaper Vocabulary /Definitions from the crossword puzzle. Also, the book *The Furry News How To Make A Newspaper* by Loreen Leedy is an excellent resource and anticipatory reading for teaching about the newspaper.
3. Every chapter in *Hurricane Heroes in Texas* has detailed illustrations which lend to rich discussions, enough to fill an entire newspaper. In addition to discussing the main event, open up the discussion to the effect the disaster had on the lifestyles of the people. What job opportunities might people have during the rebuilding of Galveston? Let them further plan in their small groups to create their own newspaper!
4. The Newspaper Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle is a fun follow up activity. Explain to the students that many newspapers include crossword puzzles for their readers.

Appendix

- The *Magic Tree House Times* newspaper template
- *Newspaper Vocabulary* crossword puzzle
- Answer Key for crossword puzzle
- Suggestions for Newspaper Articles



Magic Tree House TIMES

GALVESTON DAILY NEWS EDITION

SEPTEMBER, 1900

CONTENTS:

Feature Story.....1

Related Stories.....2

Classified Ads.....3

Weather.....3

Illustration/Photo By _____

Caption: _____

Headline:

By _____

Headline:

By: _____

Caption: _____

Headline:

By: _____

Caption: _____

Headline:

By: _____

Weather Report



By: _____

Map of _____

Job Opportunities

Doctors	Nurses

Animal Rescue

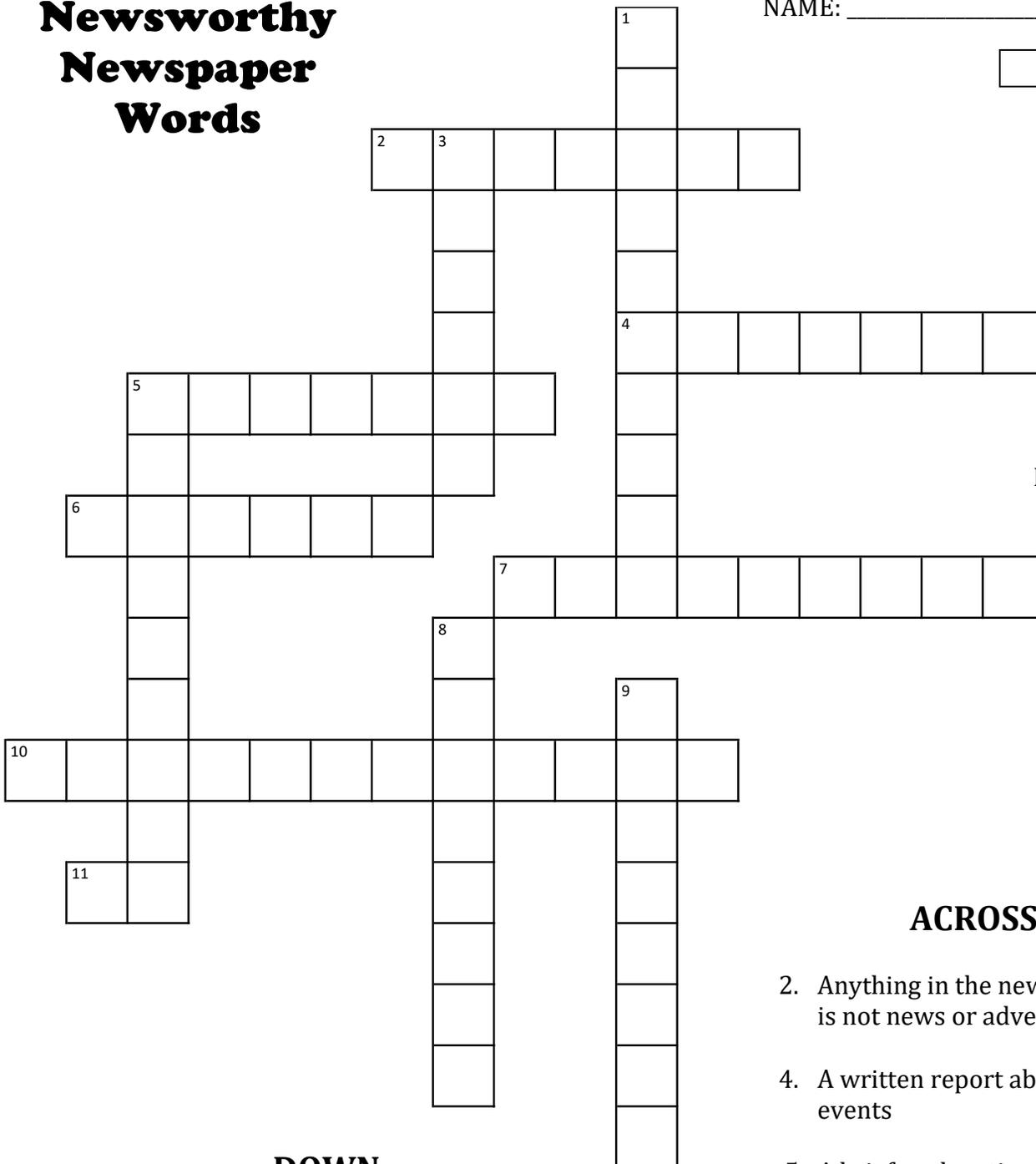
Demolition	Builders

Newsworthy Newspaper Words

NAME: _____

Word Box

- Ad
- Article
- Caption
- Column
- Crossword
- Deadline
- Editor
- Feature
- Headline
- Interview
- Journalist
- Photographer



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3. A person who directs the reporters and decides which stories will be in the newspaper
5. A type of puzzle usually included in many newspapers
8. Large type above an article that tells the story in a few words
9. The time when a newspaper must be finished

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2. Anything in the newspaper that is not news or advertising
4. A written report about true events
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SUGGESTIONS FOR NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Use the journalist's 5 W's (who, what, where, when, and why)

to write articles for the newspaper.

- Storm In the Gulf
- Day of Heroes and Courage
- Hurricane Wreckage
- "Texans are at their best when things look worst"...Rose
- Disaster at the Pier
- Family and Pets saved by Mystery Tourists
- Meet the Heroes of the Day
- Path of the Hurricane
- Where is Galveston, Texas?
- Galveston is Underwater
- The Lone Star State Seeks Help
- Help Needed to Clean Up and Rebuild
- Emergency Centers Being Set Up for Stray Animals
- Ursuline Academy Caring for Storm Refugees
- Mother Mary Joseph - A Shining Light!