

## Newspaper Activities

### Questions for Lincoln

February 12th is Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Imagine you have the chance to interview President Lincoln for a newspaper article. Make a list of five questions you would most like to ask him.

### The next Ronald Reagan?

Ronald Reagan was born on February 6th, 1911. Many of the Republican presidential candidates aspire to be like him. Read newspaper stories about the current Republican candidates. Then do some research on President Reagan and his policies. Which of the current Republican candidates most embodies the principles of President Reagan? Write a brief essay defending your choice

## Internet links

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### Mark Zuckerberg

CNET looks at what the Facebook IPO might reveal.

<http://tinyurl.com/86rzj3r>

### Egypt

The CBC covers this story.

<http://tinyurl.com/7hflk6u>

### "Red Tails"

Watch some Tuskegee Airmen recalling their war experiences.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4C7IEZihHoE>

### Leonardo da Vinci

Read more about his life at Biography.com

<http://www.biography.com/people/leonardo-da-vinci-40396>

### Bialys & Bagels

Great story here...with video!

<http://tinyurl.com/85brxaf>

### Country of the Week

Read BBC News's country profile of Egypt.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-13313370>

## February is Black History Month

Celebrate Black History Month by creating an album of important African Americans in the news. Clip photos and articles from your newspaper and paste them in your album. Be sure to label each photo with the name of the person or persons in the picture and why they are in the news.

## Writing Activity

### Connecting the photos

Cut out five interesting photographs from a newspaper or magazine. Then write a short fiction story around these images that connects all five photos together.

### This Week in History

Check out interactive family trees for the royal family.

<http://www.britroyals.com/windsor.htm>

### Shaun White

Watch Shaun White's perfect superpipe run on ESPN. (Short ad first.)

<http://espn.go.com/video/clip?id=7518186>

### Raul Castro

BBC News has more.

<http://tinyurl.com/76mujow>

### Syria

Al Jazeera has a video report on this story.

<http://tinyurl.com/776ye72>

### Cartoon of the Week

Learn more at our website.

<http://newscurrents.com/intro/edcartoons/carcon2.html>

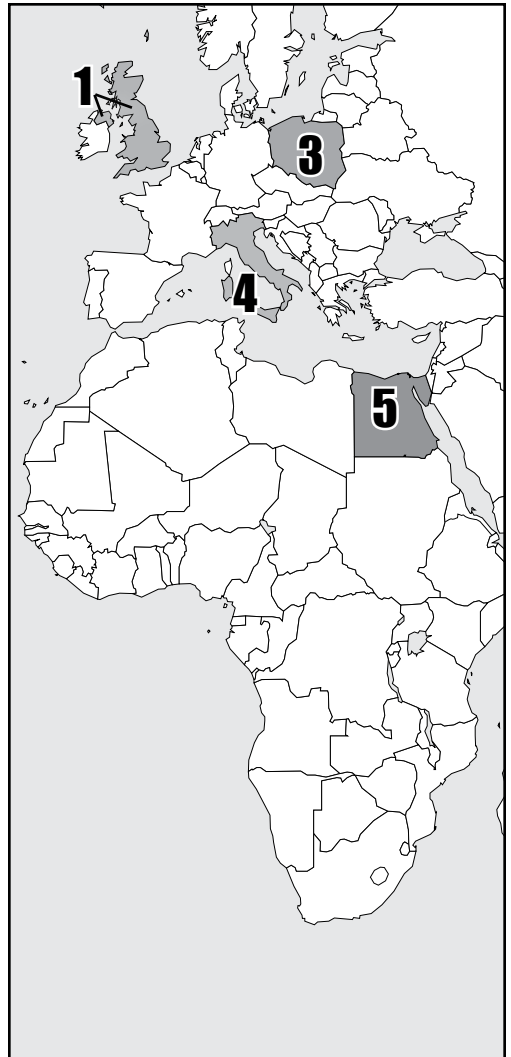
# WHERE IN THE WORLD?

*reproducible activity*

**Write the names and numbers of the locations on the map next to their descriptions below.**

- a. This country is marking the one-year anniversary of a revolution that removed its long-time leader.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Leonardo da Vinci was a native of this country. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Sixty years ago this week, Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne of this country. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Bagels were invented more than 400 years ago in this country.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- e. The first African American Air Force squadron got its training in this state. \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Two Pakistani men have taken over the oldest Jewish bakery in this city. \_\_\_\_\_

*Answers on inside back cover*



# Word Search

Every culture in the world has some version of bread that has sustained it. This week's word search contains breads from around the world.

NAAN  
BAGEL  
BIALY  
FOCACCIA

SOURDOUGH  
PUMPERNICKEL  
BAGUETTE  
PITA

BOLILLO  
SODA BREAD  
CHALLAH  
MONKEY BREAD

Y E T K U T A C O M D E N C B U O D  
E O P R I B R H F O C A C C I A N I  
I N L P V A A A A N U W I P F N G T  
O I N U E G E I T K K A O I A P O O  
B N L M E E D N H E U D T T E B P U  
A G I P O L U T V Y W G P A R A T T  
S M E E O S O D A B R E A D E G I U  
R E G R E R C I U R I I E L H U T A  
A O E N Q G M N H E T R N J L E H K  
B O L I L L O B A A P A A M B T U E  
U A E C O O R N P D A N A R B T C Y  
I U G K A A A P R S R E N H A E K O  
I L H E L S O U R D O U G H K I I R  
A T W L O H S E A K Y P A N S N H E  
I C H A L L A H M O L B I A L Y S A  
P E N U A B O R A B H N E S H R Y G

*Solution on inside back cover*

# Word Jumble *reproducible activity*

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This week's jumble takes you on a trip back in time and across the globe, to ancient Egypt.

1. MSMUMIE \_\_\_\_\_

2. HPOAHAR \_\_\_\_\_

3. RYMPDAI \_\_\_\_\_

4. HIPXNS \_\_\_\_\_

5. ILNE \_\_\_\_\_

6. ANYYTSD \_\_\_\_\_

7. OBMT \_\_\_\_\_

8. ILZNIOVICTIA \_\_\_\_\_

9. YPUPSRA \_\_\_\_\_

10. IFEFAELRT \_\_\_\_\_

## Answers to Where in the World:

a-5, Egypt; b-4, Italy; c-1, United Kingdom;  
d-3, Poland; e-6, Alabama; f-2, New York City

## Answers to Word Jumble:

1. MUMMIES
2. PHARAOH
3. PYRAMID
4. SPHINX
5. NILE
6. DYNASTY
7. TOMB
8. CIVILIZATION
9. PAPYRUS
10. AFTERLIFE

## Solution to Word Search:

Y E T K U T A C O M D E N C B U O D  
 E O P R I B R H F O C A C C I A N I  
 I N L P V A A A A N U W I P F N G T  
 O I N U E G E I T K K A O I A P O O  
 B N L M E E D N H E U D T T E B P U  
 A G I P O L U T V Y W G P A R A T T  
 S M E E O S O D A B R E A D E G I U  
 R E G R E R C I U R I I E L H U T A  
 A O E N Q G M N H E T R N J L E H K  
 B O L I L L O B A A P A A M B T U E  
 U A E C O O R N P D A N A R B T C Y  
 I U G K A A A P R S R E W H A E K O  
 I L H E L S O U R D O U G H K I I R  
 A T W L O H S E A K Y P A N S N H E  
 I C H A L L A H M O L B I A L Y S A  
 P E N U A B O R A B H N E S H R Y G

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