

# Newspaper Activities

## May is National Photo Month

Many photojournalists have won awards for their work. Others have even changed the course of history. Over the course of the next couple of weeks, clip the photos that you think are the best examples of photojournalism in your newspaper. Mount each photo on colored paper along with an explanation of what makes the photo a work of art or an important social statement. Get permission to exhibit the photos somewhere in your school.

## Cinco de Mayo

May 5th, or Cinco de Mayo, is a national holiday in Mexico and is celebrated by many Mexican Americans. Look through all sections of your newspaper to find Mexican or Spanish words. Be sure to include the food section. Make a list of all the words and what they mean.

## Internet links

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### Who am I?

Read more in the Christian Science Monitor.  
<http://tinyurl.com/35b5zz4>

### Judge rules National Day of Prayer unconstitutional

Read more in USA Today.  
<http://tinyurl.com/y6rtyno>

### Clever crows can use 3 tools

Read National Geographic's story about crows' "human-like" intelligence.  
<http://tinyurl.com/pqw65>

### "The Art of Illumination"

Learn more about the exhibit here.  
<http://tinyurl.com/375xxju>

### Country of the Week

The BBC's "Country Profile" has more information about Iceland.  
<http://tinyurl.com/dldj5t>

### This Week in History

This website will tell you more about the act and its background:  
<http://tinyurl.com/4os1>

## Geography smarts

Test your geography knowledge. Find ten different countries mentioned in today's newspaper. Give yourself 10 points for every one of the countries you can find easily on a map or globe. What score did you get? Give the same test to friends. How did their scores compare? For extra credit, name the continent that each of the ten countries is in. How many did you get right?

## Writing Activity

### Mother's Day

Sunday, May 9th is Mother's Day. Write a paragraph about someone you think is a remarkable mother, explaining what makes her so remarkable to you. The person you choose could be your own mother, a relative, friend, or someone you've never met.

### Sarah Palin

This AP story has more.  
<http://tinyurl.com/35ruy8m>

### Chris Dodd

The Wall Street Journal covers the financial reform bill.  
<http://tinyurl.com/28c8wx2>

### Ukraine

CNN covers the parliament fight in Ukraine.  
<http://tinyurl.com/28c8wx2>

### Louisiana

NPR covers the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.  
<http://tinyurl.com/33rkqtk>

### Cartoon of the Week

Visit our website to learn more about NewsCurrents' Student Editorial Cartoon Contest.  
<http://tinyurl.com/y9w44pr>

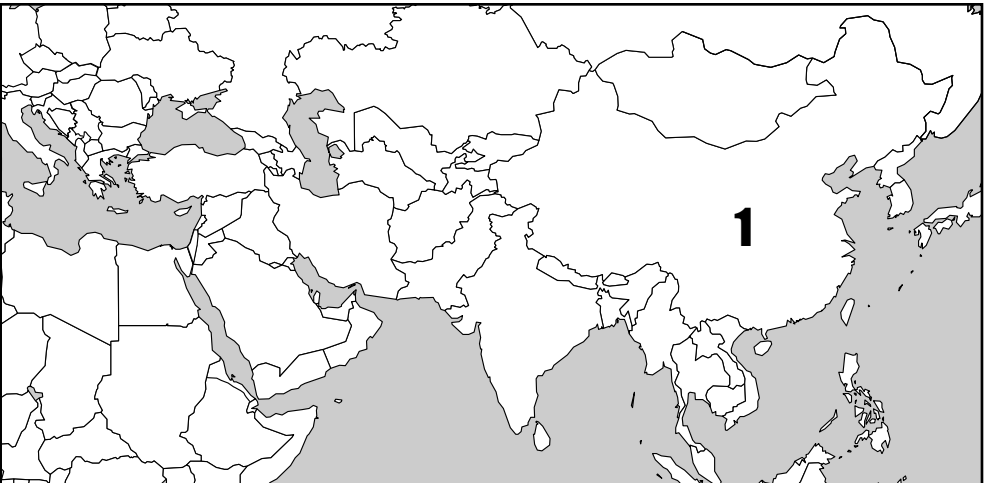
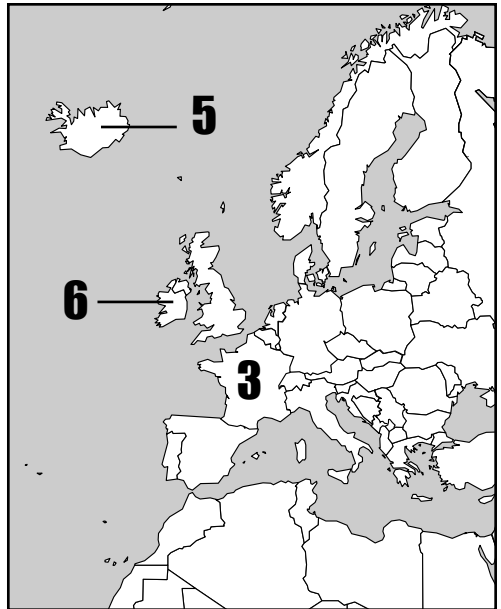
# WHERE IN THE WORLD?

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

- a. This U.S. city is home to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- b. This European country is the home of the Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript of the Gospel.
- c. In the 19th century, many workers came to the United States from this country to work, drawn by the California Gold Rush and the building of the Transatlantic Railroad.
- d. The capital of this country is the farthest north of any capital city.
- e. A judge in this U.S. state ruled that the National Day of Prayer goes against the Constitution.
- f. The country is where the Belles Heures, a 15th-century illuminated manuscript, was created.

Answers on inside back cover



# Word Search

This week's word search is aflutter with flapping wings.



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|------------------|---------------|
| STARLING         | JUNCO         |
| ROBIN            | CROW          |
| GOLDFINCH        | BLUEJAY       |
| BLUEBIRD         | CARDINAL      |
| CHICKADEE        | MOURNING DOVE |
| BALTIMORE ORIOLE | SPARROW       |
| HUMMINGBIRD      |               |

*Solution on inside back cover*

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

# Word Jumble

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*This week's word jumble contains words that have to do with our weather.*

1. TTAPCIPIIONRE \_\_\_\_\_
2. GTTEEIOOOLMRS \_\_\_\_\_
3. UICNAERRH \_\_\_\_\_
4. AZLRZBID \_\_\_\_\_
5. OTORDAN \_\_\_\_\_
6. OHGTRDU \_\_\_\_\_
7. ECROFAST \_\_\_\_\_
8. THEA VEAUW \_\_\_\_\_
9. YRLTAP DOLYCU \_\_\_\_\_
10. ETJ MRAEST \_\_\_\_\_

**Answers to Where in the World:**

a-4, New York City; b-6, Ireland; c-1, China;  
 d-5, Iceland; e-2, Wisconsin; f-3, France

**Answers to Word Jumble:**

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| 1. PRECIPITATION | 6. FORECAST      |
| 2. METEOROLOGIST | 7. DROUGHT       |
| 3. HURRICANE     | 8. HEAT WAVE     |
| 4. BLIZZARD      | 9. PARTLY CLOUDY |
| 5. TORNADO       | 10. JET STREAM   |

**Solution to Word Search:**

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