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Newspaper Learning Activities

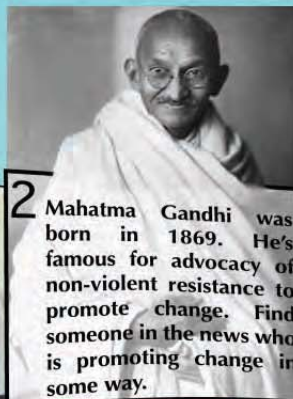


Children's Magazine Month-Find five stories in today's newspaper that you'd include in a magazine for kids.

Emotional Wellness Month-It's a time to reduce stress and be happy. Who is the happiest person in today's newspaper? Why?



1 In 1932, baseball player Babe Ruth pointed to the center field bleachers and hit a home run to that spot. Which athlete in today's news has accomplished a great feat? Describe.



2 Mahatma Gandhi was born in 1869. He's famous for advocacy of non-violent resistance to promote change. Find someone in the news who is promoting change in some way.



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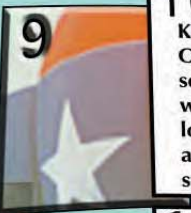
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6 Egyptian president Anwar el-Sadat was assassinated on this day in 1981. He was known, in part, for working for peace in the Middle East. Who in today's news is working for peace?



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8 It's Kids' Goal Setting Week. What action in today's news would you like to achieve? Write a plan to reach that goal.



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10 **Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest** is the second-largest in the world. Are there any local festivals in your area? Look for a news story and summarize.



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14 Travel writer Eugene Fodor was born in 1905. Imagine he time traveled to today and read your newspaper. What activities might he find to do for fun?



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15 First manned flight took place in a hot-air balloon in France in 1783. Find a spectacular invention in today's news and find out when it was created.



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17 "Mulligan Day" is a day for "do-overs." Which person in today's news needs a Mulligan because they did something wrong? Write about him or her.



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20 It's National Heroes Day in Jamaica. What national heroes are in your newspaper today? Any international heroes?



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23 The Apple company introduced its iPod in 2001. Find an example of the most up-to-date technology in today's newspaper and describe how you might use it.



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The United Nations was founded in 1945. What story in today's news is one in which the UN might be involved?



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27 It's International Magic Week. Write a news story about a magic trick you'd like to perform.



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29 Internet created; Anniversary, 1969. Survey one section of the newspaper and count the number of mentions of the Internet. What conclusion can you draw?



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