

The New York Times **upfront** COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM EXERCISES

ISSN 15251292 • Vol. 143, No. 14

ISSUE DATES

09.06.10

09.20.10

10.04.10

10.25.10

11.08.10

11.22.10

12.13.10

01.10.11

01.31.11

02.21.11

03.14.11

04.04.11

04.18.11

05.09.11



Upfront's College Prep Program uses engaging—and challenging—content from *The New York Times* to help high school students hone their nonfiction reading, writing, and test-prep skills.

This online supplement provides exercises for language arts and social studies classes to prepare students for standardized tests and the writing and analysis they'll be doing in college, and to help teachers meet state and national standards.

Additional exercises & lesson plans for every issue are available in our printed Teacher's Edition, which arrives with the magazines. (It's also available online.)

We hope that Upfront's College Prep Program helps you prepare your students for all the challenges they'll face in the years ahead.



Elliott Rebhun
ELLIOTT REBHUN, Editor

Upfront meets the following subject standards:

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

READING Interpreting Informational Texts | Reading Process Skills & Strategies

WRITING The Writing Process | Grammar & Mechanical Convention | Stylistic & Rhetorical Aspects of Writing

SOCIAL STUDIES

GOVERNMENT / COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT Power, Authority & Governance | Production, Distribution & Consumption | Science, Technology & Society

U.S. HISTORY / WORLD HISTORY Time, Continuity & Change
GLOBAL STUDIES Global Connections | Individuals, Groups & Institutions | Individual Development & Identity

CIVICS Civic Ideals & Practices

GEOGRAPHY People, Places, Culture & Environments

ADDITIONAL LESSONS
& QUIZZES:

UPFRONTMAGAZINE.COM

A SUPPLEMENT TO
THE NEW YORK TIMES UPFRONT

WRONG MAN ON THE GALLOWS?

IDENTIFYING SENTENCE ERRORS: If a sentence below contains a grammar or usage error, select the one underlined part that must be changed to make the sentence correct. If the sentence is correct, select choice E. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English.

- ❶ Although the story of the mass execution in Mankato is well-known locally, scholars say the case of Chaska—
A
 spared by Lincoln, then wrongfully executed—has long been
B C
 overlooked by the federal government and all but forgotten,
D
 nationally. No error
E

- ❷ The executions took place during the Dakota War, also
A
 known as the Sioux Uprising, which were part of the much
B
 larger Indian Wars fought across the West during the late
C
 19th century. No error
D E

- ❸ By the time of the Civil War, many of the eastern tribes had
A
 already been removed to reservations farther West, but as the
B
 country expanded west of the Mississippi, there was a series
C D
 of battles with Indians that took place there. No error
E

- ❹ Tensions between the Dakota, historically called the Sioux,
A B
 and Minnesota settlers had been mounting for years by the
C D
 time Minnesota became a state in 1858. No error
E

- ❺ **ESSAY:** Explain why the Indian Wars of the 19th century occurred and what effects they had on the nation.

QUIZ 2 ► COVER STORY

STAY TUNED . . .

SENTENCE COMPLETION: Choose the word or set of words that, when inserted in the sentence, best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

- ❶ **The extent of the damage caused by the 9.0-magnitude earthquake and _____ tsunami that hit northeastern Japan in March is still _____, but it's clear that the country is facing a massive reconstruction project.**
 - a resulting ... indivisible
 - b related ... devastating
 - c similar ... unknown
 - d extensive ... resonating
 - e ensuing ... unfolding

- ❷ **With autocratic rulers ousted in Egypt and Tunisia and protests continuing around the region, it has been _____ six months in the Middle East, and it's likely to be an eventful summer.**
 - a a provocative
 - b a desultory
 - c a tumultuous
 - d an atypical
 - e a stagnant

- ❸ **The 100,000 U.S. troops stationed in Afghanistan since last year's "surge" have made gains in _____ the country, but serious _____ remain.**
 - a stabilizing ... challenges
 - b developing ... repercussions
 - c ruling ... changes
 - d reconstructing ... determinations
 - e underpinning ... questions

- ❹ **By early spring, the U.S. economy was showing signs of _____, with 200,000 new jobs that took the unemployment rate down to 8.8 percent.**
 - a floundering
 - b peaking
 - c dominating
 - d rebounding
 - e regaining

- ❺ **ESSAY:** What story in the news during the past year had the greatest impact on your life, and why?

THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

PASSAGE-BASED READING: Reread the second section of this article under the subhead “Huge Obstacle to Job Creation.” Then answer the following questions.

❶ This passage implies that

- a people in rural areas of the U.S. do not care about having fast Internet connections.
- b the U.S. government undervalues the needs of people in rural areas.
- c rural areas have almost caught up to the rest of the nation in high-speed Internet connectivity.
- d other countries will have a competitive advantage over the U.S. if more isn't done to improve Internet speeds here.
- e people in other countries use the Internet more extensively than in the U.S.

❷ The phrase “digital natives” in paragraph 4 reflects the idea that young people today

- a are less savvy than other Internet users.
- b certainly won't succeed without Internet connectivity.
- c have grown up with the Internet.
- d live mostly in areas with lots of Internet hot spots.
- e spend too much time on the Internet.

❸ You can infer from paragraphs 6 and 7 that

- a satellite service is inferior to wired high-speed Internet.
- b people in rural areas haven't noticed the lack of high-speed Internet.
- c the digital divide is mostly philosophical.
- d high-speed Internet cannot be made affordable.
- e satellite service providers are trying to keep wired Internet providers out of rural areas.

❹ Darrell West of the Brookings Institution uses the literary device of _____ to illustrate his point.

- a metaphor
- b simile
- c allusion
- d irony
- e personification

❺ **ESSAY:** Does the high-tech industry have a responsibility to help bridge the digital divide, both in the U.S. and globally? Why or why not? Support your ideas in a persuasive essay.

1936: THE 'NAZI OLYMPICS'

PASSAGE-BASED READING: Reread the second section of this article under the subhead “Hitler's Rise.” Then answer the following questions.

❶ You can infer from this passage that

- a much of the world condoned Hitler's anti-Semitic policies.
- b many countries were well aware of the horrific treatment of Jews in Germany.
- c participating in the Games was more prestigious to athletes at that time than it is today.
- d Hitler believed he could use the Olympics to convince other countries to persecute Jews.
- e visitors to the Berlin Olympics could easily have witnessed anti-Semitic acts had they looked hard enough.

❷ This passage is an example of _____ writing.

- a expository
- b persuasive
- c critical
- d creative
- e narrative

❸ A leader who is “charismatic” (paragraph 2) is _____.

- a temperamental
- b young and engaging
- c gregarious and often fickle
- d emphatic
- e charming and appealing

❹ The main purpose of the passage is to

- a convince the reader that Hitler was evil.
- b compare and contrast Nazi Germany and the rest of Europe.
- c provide background and context for understanding the 1936 Olympics.
- d criticize the nations that attended the 1936 Olympics.
- e give a first-person account of an important historical event.

❺ **ESSAY:** Do you think that countries that participated in the Berlin Games were condoning Hitler's policies? Why or why not? Support your ideas.

ANSWER KEY

QUIZ 1 ► PAGE 2

- ❶ (d) forgotten, (omit comma)
- ❷ (b) were (should read “was”)
- ❸ (b) West (should not be capitalized)
- ❹ (e) No error

QUIZ 2 ► PAGE 2

- ❶ (e) ensuing ... unfolding
- ❷ (c) a tumultuous
- ❸ (a) stabilizing ... challenges
- ❹ (d) rebounding

QUIZ 3 ► PAGE 3

- ❶ (d) other countries will have a competitive advantage over the U.S. if more isn't done to improve Internet speeds here.
- ❷ (c) have grown up with the Internet.
- ❸ (a) satellite service is inferior to wired high-speed Internet.
- ❹ (b) simile

QUIZ 4 ► PAGE 3

- ❶ (b) many countries were well aware of the horrific treatment of Jews in Germany.
- ❷ (a) expository
- ❸ (e) charming and appealing
- ❹ (c) provide background and context for understanding the 1936 Olympics.