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News IQ

You've learned a lot about major news in the U.S. and around the world this school year by reading *Scholastic News*. Use what you've learned to answer the questions below about big news events in 2008 and 2009.

- Which of the following U.S. swimmers won a record-setting total of eight gold medals at the 2008 Summer Olympics?
 - Natalie Coughlin
 - Michael Phelps
 - Jason Lezak
 - Rebecca Soni
- Whom did Republican candidate John McCain choose as his running mate in the 2008 presidential election?
 - Cynthia McKinney
 - Joe Biden
 - Sarah Palin
 - Bob Barr
- In October 2008, which of the following vehicles turned 100 years old?
 - Ford Model A
 - Ford Model T
 - Volvo PV4
 - Jaguar XK
- What did scientists discover on Mars in August 2008?
 - frozen water
 - pieces of a broken spacecraft
 - a large canyon
 - salt deposits
- Last year, a group of scientists found large populations of which animal species living in the North Pacific Ocean? Scientists once feared that these animals would be extinct by now.
 - sea lions
 - leatherback turtles
 - great white sharks
 - humpback whales
- On which date in 2008 did Americans elect Barack Obama President?
 - October 3
 - October 15
 - November 4
 - November 28
- In February 2009, Americans honored the 200th birthday of which past U.S. President?
 - George Washington
 - John Adams
 - Andrew Jackson
 - Abraham Lincoln
- March 1, 2009, marked the 100th anniversary of Matthew Henson and Robert Peary's expedition to ___.
 - the North Pole
 - Antarctica
 - Alaska
 - Greenland
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration sent a telescope into space in March 2009. The telescope will spend three-and-a-half years orbiting the sun and looking for planets similar to Earth. What is the name of that telescope?
 - Spitzer
 - Hubble
 - Discovery
 - Kepler
- What action did First Lady Michelle Obama take this year to promote healthy eating?
 - She created a garden at the White House.
 - She spoke at elementary schools about the importance of eating vegetables.
 - She donated money to open a local farmers' market.
 - none of the above