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Activities

I. Find the answers:

1. When did the new American Indian museum open?
2. Name the four hurricanes that hit parts of the United States in August and September.
3. When is National Hispanic Heritage month celebrated?
4. What did the Latino students set up in their classroom as part of their "Day of the Dead" celebration last year?
5. What are the electoral votes of each state based on?
6. Where did Andrea Uram celebrate Mexico's Independence day?
7. When is the 2004 World Series scheduled to start?
8. Where was Nicolasa Cervantes' first job?

II. Scan for information:* Directions: Scan the newspaper to find the answers to the questions below. You can underline the answers or write them on a separate page.

A. Questions from "American Indian museum opens in Washington DC"

1. Where is the newest museum of the Smithsonian complex located?
2. Richard West is a peace chief of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and also a.....
3. What kind of exterior does the museum have?

B. Questions from "Scientists name hurricanes"

1. Why do the scientists give names to the hurricanes?
2. Where did the practice of naming hurricanes start?
3. What are the major languages of the countries which are near the Atlantic Ocean?

C. Questions from "The Trail of Tears"

1. Who sent the Native Americans to Oklahoma?
2. What happened when the five nations resisted the government's orders to move west?
4. What did the five nations do in Oklahoma?

D. Questions from "All about pumpkins"

1. To grow a giant pumpkin, what do you have to start with?
2. Where do people think that the tradition of Halloween started?
3. Why couldn't Stingy Jack get into hell?

(*Note to teachers: You can use the questions above for a jigsaw reading activity. Put students in a "home group", then assign them a group of questions to answer in an "expert group." They return to their home group and tell their classmates about the answers to their questions. Follow up with a true/false quiz to the whole group.)

III. Writing Suggestions

1. For the November-December issue, send us reviews of books, videos or DVDs that you liked and would recommend to others. (Deadline November 5.)
2. Also for November/December, write about your favorite holiday. (Deadline November 5.)
3. For any issue, try writing a short autobiography (no more than 300 words) or tell us about your job, your hometown, your first days in the U.S., the impact that learning English has had on your life, etc.

Crossword Puzzle answers in alphabetical order: **Across:** lantern, neglect, pit, stakes, supposed, threat, wagons **Down:** farmed, mean, poor, settlers, Tears

Crossword Puzzle

(Words are from VOCABULARY HELP)

Easy English Times

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Across

1. Will you make a _____ out of a pumpkin for Halloween this year? Will you put a light inside of a pumpkin?

2. The sad history of the American Indians includes many years of extermination, relocation, disease and _____.

3. There is a lot of interest in the presidential election. The _____ are very high.

4. The Indians went to Oklahoma by foot, on horseback, or in _____, four-wheeled vehicles pulled by horses or oxen.

5. Jack-o'-lanterns are _____ to scare away Stingy Jack. They are expected to scare him away.

6. Senator Kerry understand the _____ of global warming. He understands the danger.

7. There is a performance ____ in the new Indian museum. It looks like a large open hole in the ground.

Down

8. The "Five Civilized Tribes" lived in towns and _____ the land. They raised crops and animals.

9. The legend says that Stingy Jack was too _____ to get into heaven. He was not kind. He was cruel.

7. The Native American peoples were forced to move to _____ land farther west. The land was inferior, not good quality.

5. European _____ came to the southeast U.S. in the 1600s. They came to stay in this area.

10. It was a sad time when the Cherokees were forced to move to Oklahoma. Their journey was called the "Trail of _____."

