

Easy English Times

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Learning Activities

ANSWER KEY

I. A quick look at the contents--find the answers.

1. President Trump nominated Brett Kavanaugh to fill the seat of Supreme Court JUSTICE ANTHONY KENNEDY. (p.1)
2. This is called the "mid-term" election since it is BETWEEN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. (p. 1)
3. Retired counselor Gerard Perez is still willing to pass on his WISDOM to students in his free time. (p. 2)
4. What is called the Mendocino Complex fire became the LARGEST fire in California history. (p. 2)
5. It is recommended that people have supplies to last for 72 HOURS after a major disaster. (p. 4)
6. The man who wrote 'God Bless America' was an IMMIGRANT. His name was IRVING BERLIN. (p. 4)
7. In addition to Alaska, there were Russian SETTLEMENTS in Canada, California and Hawaii. (p. 4)
8. The Bittersweet Harvest exhibit educated people about the BRACERO GUEST WORKER program. (p. 5)
9. CALIFORNIA is one of the states with the highest farmworker population. (p. 5) [other possible answers: TEXAS, WASHINGTON, FLORIDA, OREGON, NORTH CAROLINA]
10. About 85% of fruits and vegetables are HAND-PICKED by FARMWORKERS. (p. 5)
11. Cricket is a BAT-AND-BALL game played between two TEAMS of eleven players. (p. 7)
12. Donna Lawson went to New York City to sing in a concert at CARNEGIE HALL. (p.)

II. Vocabulary quiz: Match the definitions to the two, three & four-word phrases on the left.

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| __c_ 1. All members of the House are up for election... | a. original or creative |
| __d_ 2. ...at wages that were looked down on ... | b. have a great deal of respect for |
| __b_ 3. Students look up to him ... | c. being considered for |
| __a_ 4. The film format is very out of the box . | d. regarded with a feeling of superiority |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "President Trump nominates Brett Kavanaugh to be on the Supreme Court" (pages 1 & 4)

1. The next step is for the U.S. Senate to hold HEARINGS and then vote to CONFIRM or DENY the nomination.
2. The present court is divided between LIBERALS and CONSERVATIVES.

B. From "Election day is in November" (pages 1 & 4)

1. One third of U.S. Senators are also UP FOR election. They serve for SIX year terms.
2. *When We All Vote* is a new, NONPARTISAN, not-for-profit organization. Name one co-chair: Any of the following: MICHELLE OBAMA, TOM HANKS, LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA, JANELLE MONAE, CHRIS PAUL, FAITH HILL, or TIM MCGRAW.

C. From "What was the Bracero Program?" and "Who are farmworkers?" (page 5)

1. The Bracero Program started in 1942 and ended in 1964.
2. Of the farmworkers in the United States, 80% were born in MEXICO.

D. From "Advice for students" (page 6)

1. Time MANAGEMENT is one of the most important steps to being a successful student.
2. Lastly, Perez tells students to HAVE FUN!. Connect with other STUDENTS.

Crossword puzzle answers

Across: 2. fur 6. struggle 7. eager 10. memorable 12. trash 13. evil 15. grateful

Down: 1. guys 3. ripen 4. subjects 5. deadline 8. faithful 9. plot 11. delight 14. deny