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Learning Activities

ANSWER KEY

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

1. Where was the memorial event for Nelson Mandela held? AT A SOCCER STADIUM NEAR JOHANNESBURG (p. 1)
2. What country is the new Pope from? ARGENTINA (p. 1)
3. In the temporary agreement with Iran, the plan is to put Iran's suspicious nuclear program ON HOLD (p. 1)
4. Gay marriage is now allowed in 18 states. (p. 1)
5. Gun control advocates hope to see federal gun laws made STRICTER. (p. 1)
6. How many citizenship questions do people over 65 with 20 years of residency have to study? 20 (p. 2)
7. Martin Luther King Jr. brought HOPE and HEALING to America. (p. 2)
8. According to the Asian Lunar calendar, 2014 is the year of the HORSE. (p. 3)
9. The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) is now being IMPLEMENTED. (p. 4)
10. How high was the fence at Friendship Park in 1971? WAIST-HIGH. (p. 5, see caption)
11. How many miles does the border between the United States and Mexico extend? 2,000 (p. 5)
12. Jackie Robinson was the first African American to play in PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL in the U.S. (p. 7)
13. A report found that 85% of skateboarders are under the age of 18. (p. 7)
14. Which two states will be hosting the 2014 Super Bowl? (p. 7) NEW YORK and NEW JERSEY.

II. Vocabulary quiz: Match the definitions to the phrases on the left.

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| <u>c</u> 1. What is the best job you have had so far . | a. succeeding, improving oneself |
| <u>a</u> 2. The secret of getting ahead is getting started. | b. in a different place |
| <u>b</u> 3. You will probably end up somewhere else . | c. up to now, until now |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Worldwide tribute paid to Nelson Mandela" (pages 1 and 3)

1. Mandela was the first BLACK PRESIDENT of South Africa. He served from 1994 to 1999.
2. In 1948 Afrikaner nationalists won a whites-only election and started a policy of APARTHEID.
3. In 1985 the government offered to release Mandela if he would RENOUNCE VIOLENCE.

B. From "Top stories of 2013" (pages 1 and 4)

1. The new Pope took the name of POPE FRANCIS in recognition of ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.
2. How many runners were participating in the Boston Marathon last year? 23,000.
3. According to news reports, Americans PAY MORE for health care than other industrialized countries.

C. From "A visit to the U.S. and Mexico border near San Diego" (page 5)

1. In some places the border is only marked by a sign or a light BARBED WIRE barrier.
2. At the Tijuana border, drug cartels and violence COEXIST with families desperate for a reunion.
3. At Friendship Park there is electronic SURVEILLANCE. In addition there are PICNIC tables, restrooms and a wonderful VIEW of the ocean.

Crossword puzzle answers: Across: 3. suspect 5. death 6. success 10. issues 11. temper 12. tight
13. praise 14. longed

Down: 1. dusty 2. refuse 4. strengths 7. smart 8. lately 9. fit 14. lack 15. denied