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Activities

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

1. Which presidents' faces are carved into Mount Rushmore?
2. Where was Mario Andretti born?
3. Which Supreme Court Justice retired last July?
4. How many cell phones do people in the USA discard every year?
5. On what date was the United States Constitution signed in 1787?
6. What did the 19th Amendment give women?
7. What is the definition of a bully?
8. From which country did Mexico gain Independence?
9. What is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States?

II. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. Questions from "Presidents look down from mountain" and "Interview about a summer vacation" (pages 1 & 7)

1. In which state is Mount Rushmore located?
2. What did the sculptor say when he saw the mountain?
3. According to Alan Cash, what kind of President was Theodore Roosevelt?

B. Questions from "Race car driver Mario Andretti lives the American Dream" and "Immigrant Success Story" (pages 1 & 7)

1. How many times was Mario Andretti named "Driver of the Year?"
2. How fast did he drive when he set a world closed-course speed record in 1993?
3. How much money did Mario's father have when they came to the United States?

C. Questions from "Our readers write about their hometowns" (page 3)

1. Which city has a geyser close to it?
2. Which city has mines?
3. In which city do people work on fishing ships, at oil refineries or in sugar fields?

D. Questions from "Lung cancer" (page 6)

1. What causes more than 8 out of 10 cases of lung cancer?
2. What was Peter Jennings's job on ABC News?
3. Other risk factors for lung cancer include being exposed to what three things?

III. Writing Suggestions

1. Interview a person you admire (See page 7, "Instant Activity: Interviews")
2. For the Oct. issue, send stories about "Day of the Dead" or "Halloween" (by Sept. 16)
3. For the Nov./Dec. issue, send stories about winter holidays (by October 18)
4. Write a book, video or DVD review.
5. For any issue: memories, your hometown, your job, special gifts, special people, etc.

Crossword Puzzle answers in alphabetical order: Across: babble, ceded, logo, philosophy, rapport, rush, widow Down: acronym, bare, consent, legitimate, shortcuts

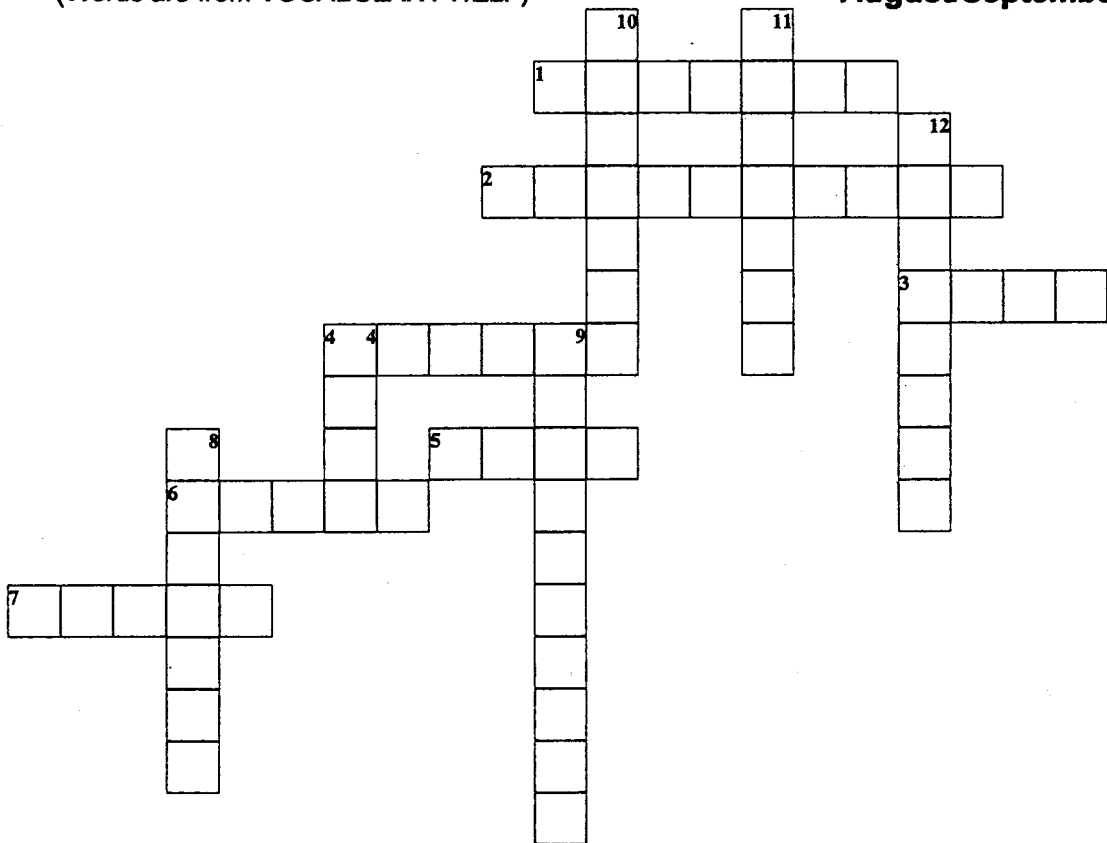
Tip to teachers: **Before** doing the crossword puzzle, create a matching exercise using the words from the puzzle and their definitions. After students do the exercise, cut up the words and definitions for a "find your partner" exercise. Then ask partners to create a new sentence with their word.

Crossword Puzzle

(Words are from VOCABULARY HELP)

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Across

1. It is important to have a friendly relationship with the people you work with. It is helpful to have a good _____ with them.
2. The United States Senate Judiciary Committee will try to find out Supreme Court nominee John Robert's way of thinking, his _____.
3. The bombs in London were set to go off during the ____ hour, the time when a lot of people were going to work.
4. Parents love to hear their new babies coo and _____. The babies talk without making any sense.
5. Can you describe the design symbol of the Target stores? What is their ____?
6. In 1945 the city of Montona, Italy became a part of Yugoslavia. It was _____ to Yugoslavia as part of a post-war political settlement.
7. When Dana Reeve's husband died, she became a _____.

Down

4. In the wintertime, the apple branches are _____. There are no leaves on them.
8. What does the _____ ICE stand for? What are the words that start with 'I' 'C' 'E'?
9. Phishing is the practice of sending e-mails that are not _____. They are a scam.
11. The United States Senate must advise and _____ on the people the President appoints for important government positions. A majority of senators must agree on each person the President nominates.
12. According to Mario Andretti, there is no easy way to achieve success. There are no _____, no faster ways to do something.