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## November/December, 2004 Activities

### I. Find the answers:

1. What did President Bush win?
2. Where is Shantaben Shah from?
3. What is the title of the show about the ancient Maya?
4. How long was the plane trip from China for Roy Pan?
5. What kind of fair do the people in Querendaro have in August?
6. According to the Mayan legend, what represents the cycle of life?
7. Who received the Nobel Peace Prize this year?
8. Who was elected to the California State Assembly from Garden Grove?
9. Where was the original version of the movie, "Shall we dance?" made?
10. When is World AIDS day?

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

#### A. Questions from "President Bush won second term" (pages 1 & 8)

1. By how many votes did President Bush win according to the popular vote?
2. On the TV and newspaper maps, what color were the states where Bush got a majority? What color were the states where Kerry won?
3. Where did Senator Kerry win a majority?

#### B. Questions from "Ancient Maya art is fascinating" (pages 1 & 4)

1. During which years was the ancient Maya civilization very strong?
2. What did the Maya kings sit on?
3. Who was the greatest ruler of Palenque?

#### C. Questions from "Alaska, The Inuit" (page 5)

1. What are the Inuit people sometimes called?
2. Where did the Inuit and other native peoples come from?
3. When did the Inuit way of life begin to change?

#### D. Questions from "Republicans extend control of Congress" (page 8)

1. How many seats are there in the United States Senate?
2. How many seats are there in the House of Representatives?
3. How long are the terms of members of the House of Representatives?  
How long are the terms of Senators?

(\*Note to teachers: You can use these questions 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 the answers to their questions.)

### III. Writing suggestions:

1. For the January issue, send us your plans for the New Year. (Deadline Dec. 16)
2. For any issue, try writing a short autobiography (no more than 300 words) or tell about your job, your hometown, a favorite gift, or a book or video that you enjoyed.

**Answers to crossword puzzle in alphabetical order:** Across: hunted, melted, precincts, research, stiff, waterproof Down: abandoned, courts, earth, sleds, suburbs, thrones, tools

# Crossword Puzzle

(Words are from VOCABULARY HELP)

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## Across

1. To survive, the Inuit lived and \_\_\_\_\_ in groups. They chased and captured or killed wild animals such as whales, seals and caribou.

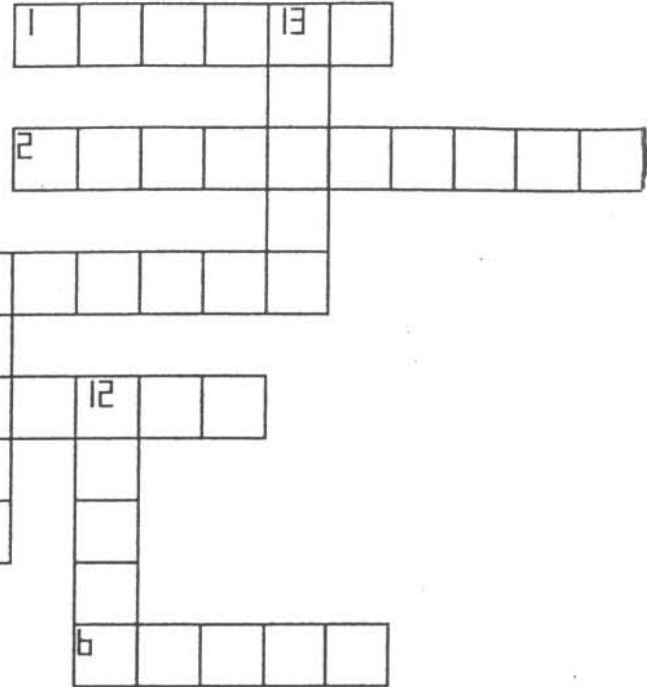
2. They built small \_\_\_\_\_ skin boats called kayaks. The boats were made so water could not pass through them.

3. People are hopeful that stem-cell \_\_\_\_\_ will find cures for many diseases. Study is necessary to do this.

4. According to the Maya legend, the people who were created out of mud \_\_\_\_\_ when it rained.

5. There are a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ in big cities. These are districts where people vote.

6. The wooden people were too \_\_\_\_\_. They couldn't bend over to worship the lords of the underworld.



## Down

7. My friends want to buy a house in the \_\_\_\_\_. They want to live in an area outside the city.

8. The Maya exhibition shows art works from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ancient Maya. The art came from the places where kings and queens lived and met with others.

9. We don't know why the Maya people \_\_\_\_\_ most of their great cities. We don't know why they left.

10. The kings and queens sat on elaborately carved \_\_\_\_\_. Their special chairs were beautifully decorated.

11. Teams of dogs pulled the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Inuits across the snow. They pulled vehicles that slide on runners over the snow.

12. The Inuits made \_\_\_\_\_ and weapons out of the teeth, bones and antlers of animals. They used them for making and repairing things.

13. During the long, cold winters the Inuit people live in houses built of snow or \_\_\_\_\_ and stone. They use soil with the stone.