



KidNuz Noodlers

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1. Make a Pitch!



News from Wednesday, October 7th and October 13th

California now requires high schoolers to take an ethnic studies course to learn about the diverse communities that comprise California.

Meanwhile, at the Earl Monroe New Renaissance Basketball School in New York, students learn skills for the many careers related to the NBA, including coaching, uniform design, and broadcast journalism.

What courses would you want to see your school include that it does not now offer to make your education useful and interesting? Write a summary of the course and why you think your school should offer it. Alternatively, make a poster or brochure explaining the course and how it would benefit a student's life.

2. Design it!



News from Thursday, October 14th

A Bosnian man built a house that can spin around so that he and his wife have a 360-degree view!

If you've ever looked inside the walls or in the basement of a house, you know that most houses have a lot of pipes and wires that connect the house to electrical, water, and sewage systems outside of the house.

How do you think the designer was able to connect the house's pipes and wires to those systems and allow the house to spin around without breaking the connections? Draw out a blueprint of your idea and explain.

3. Pros and Cons



News from Friday, October 8th.

The second Monday in October is officially called “Columbus Day,” honoring the Italian explorer Christopher Columbus.

However, many communities now refer to the day as “Indigenous People’s Day” because of the unkind way Columbus treated the Native American Indians (also known as the “indigenous people”) who were already living in North America when he arrived.

Should the US government change the name and focus of this holiday?

- A. What are at least two reasons the government should NOT change the holiday?
- B. What are at least two reasons the government SHOULD change the holiday?

4. Research!

News from Tuesday, October 12th



The US Mint will soon release new designs for the quarter, featuring influential women. The artists responsible for the new quarters sculpted stories into the women’s expressions, clothing, and surrounding objects. The five women are:

- Maya Angelou, writer and civil rights activist
- Anna May Wong, Hollywood movie star
- Sally Ride, astronaut
- Nina Otero-Warren, voting-rights activist
- Wilma Mankiller, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation

Research one of these women and explain—in writing or in a presentation—what that woman did that was so influential and worthy of honoring in coins. How did what that woman did change the course of history? Looking at the design, what did the artist want us to know or feel about the famous woman depicted on the coin?

5. If You Ran Things

News from Wednesday, October 13th



Jon Gruden, the former head coach of the Raiders, an NFL football team, was forced to step down from his position when it was reported that he had sent work emails that included racist and generally unkind comments about a lot of different people.

Choose a type of job and write the rules about what should happen professionally when someone in that job makes inappropriate comments. Some issues to consider and then make clear in your rules:

- To what sorts of positions (jobs) do your rules apply?
- What makes a comment inappropriate?
- What are the consequences for making inappropriate comments? Should some comments be treated differently?
- Does it matter how long ago someone said something inappropriate? Does it depend on the type of comment?
- Is there something that someone who made an inappropriate comment can do that would change which consequences apply? (For example, are there instances in which making an apology changes the consequence?)
- Who gets to decide on when and how to apply these rules?