

4th Grade Narrative Unit

Warm Ups/Bellringers

CKLA/Amplify
All Editions


Topic: Condoleezza Rice

Includes an informational text written in five paragraphs - one for each day of the week. Includes a variety of activities that target comprehension and other skills in creative way! Also includes print and cursive handwriting practice that aligns with CKLA handwriting.




Name: _____

Complete the KWL chart with at least two entries per column.

Condoleezza Rice		
Know	Wonder	Learned
		

Name: _____

Are Denver and Birmingham close together or far apart?



How do you think Condoleezza felt about being that far from home?

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Handwriting Practice:



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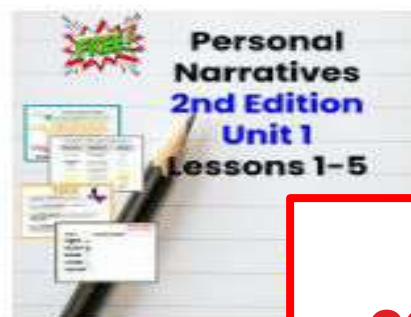
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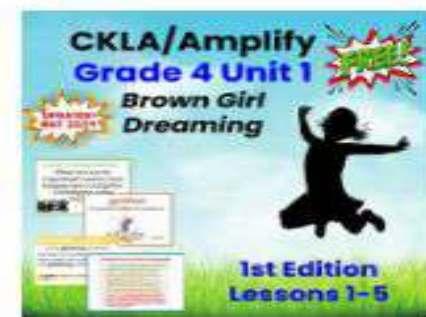
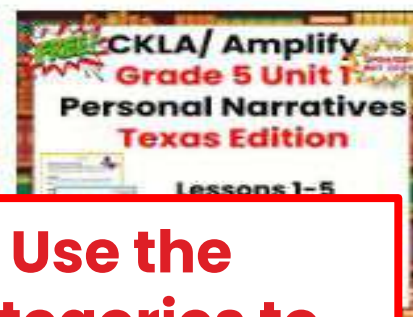
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Coming Summer 2024...


- All units updated for cohesion/errors
- Vocab/Morph/Spelling Word Walls cards with graphics/color coded
- More scaffolding and skill specific lessons (ie Summarizing, Annotating)
- Sounds Cards and more Spelling Support
- More handwriting (manuscript and cursive)
- Bundles (finally!)
- Year Long Timeline and Year Long Word Walls
- Lots more resources for background knowledge, grammar, and writing
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An Alternative to boring and irrelevant warm ups!


Embark on an exciting journey through American history with this exclusive set of five engaging paragraphs that unfold a thrilling story about a young girl growing up in Birmingham during the Civil Rights Movement who later became a national political leader! Tailored specifically for 4th graders, each lesson is packed with activities designed to reinforce historical concepts and vocabulary while reviewing essential skills. These are great for daily warm ups!


 **Daily Story Unveiling:** Delight your students as they eagerly await the daily story installment, unveiling key moments from the story.

 **Immersive Activities:** Watch as your students bring stories to life through engaging activities such as drawing scenes and characters. Foster creativity and critical thinking simultaneously!

 **Text Evidence Exploration:** Sharpen students' analytical skills by identifying text evidence that supports the storyline, enhancing their comprehension abilities.

 **Predictions Galore:** Encourage strategic thinking as students make predictions about the unfolding events, deepening their understanding of historical cause and effect.

 **Grammar Mastery:** Seamlessly integrate language arts skills with exercises in correct grammar usage, ensuring a holistic learning experience.

 **Comprehensive Assessments:** Evaluate your students' understanding through a mix of short answer and multiple-choice questions, allowing for easy assessment of their grasp on historical concepts and language arts skills.

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A Journey to the Top

Condoleezza Rice sat at her piano, her fingers dancing across the keys as she played a beautiful melody. It was 1965, and at just ten years old, she already dreamed of performing at the White House. Little did she know that one day she would indeed walk the halls of that grand building, not as a musician, but as one of the most powerful women in the world.

What instrument did Condoleezza Rice play?

- A) Violin
- B) Piano
- C) Guitar
- D) Drum



Write down an example of figurative language from this paragraph.

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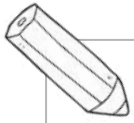
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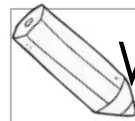


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What do you know about the city of Birmingham from other things you have read or seen? _____

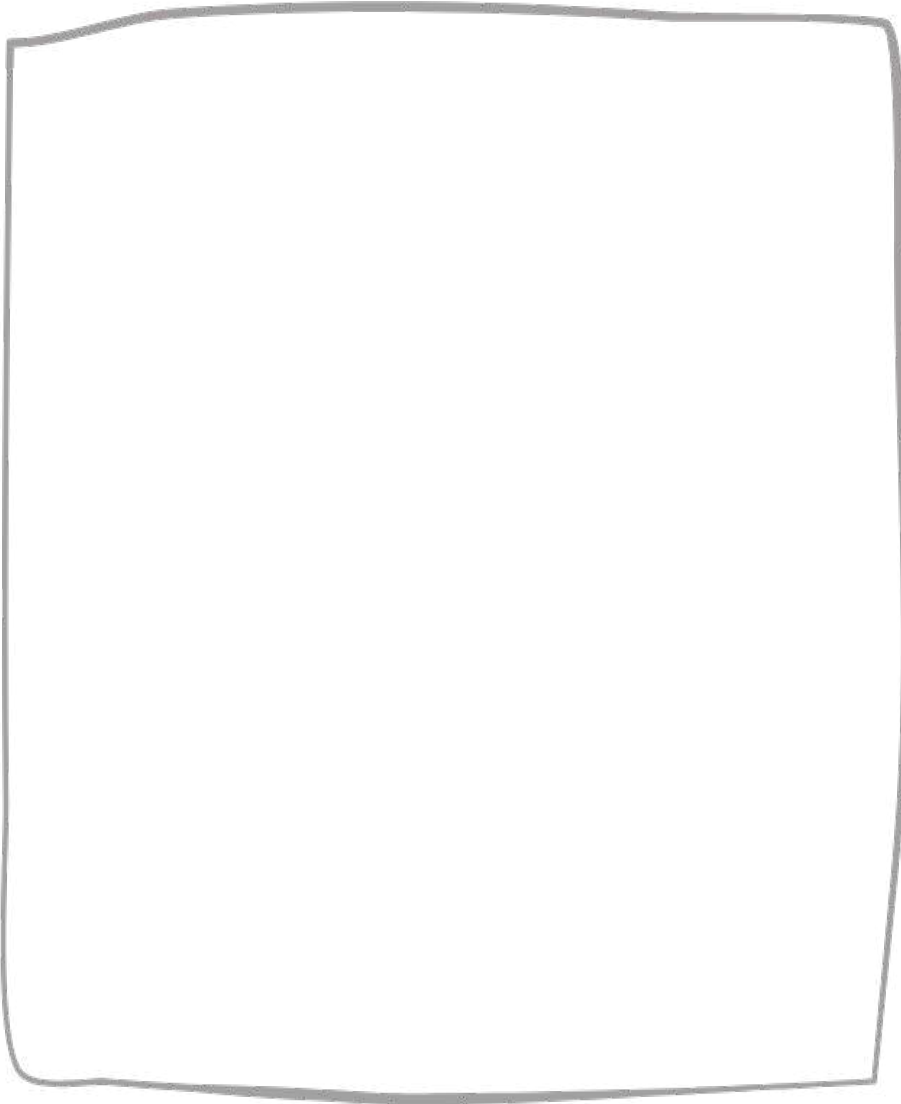


Why was it challenging for her to grow up in Birmingham during the Civil Rights Movement? _____

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Draw a musical instrument you would like to learn to play someday.



What was Condoleezza's other passion besides her studies?

- A. Writing
- B. Cooking
- C. Music
- D. Dancing

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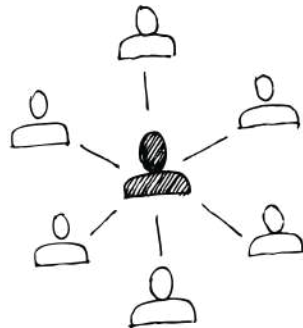
As she entered college at the University of Denver, Condoleezza discovered a new passion: international relations. She was fascinated by the complex world of global politics and decided to pursue it as her career. Her professors were amazed by her quick mind and determination. They encouraged her to aim high, and she did just that, earning her Ph.D. by the time she was 26 years old.



Why was Condoleezza interested in international relations? _____



Based on your knowledge of word parts, what topics do you think international relations might include?



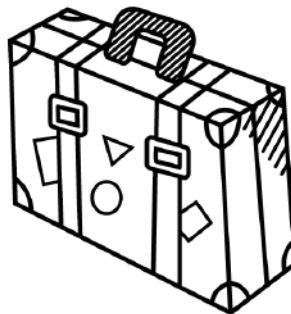
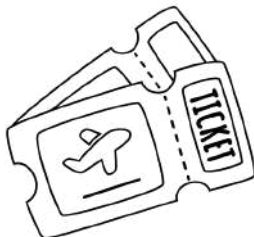
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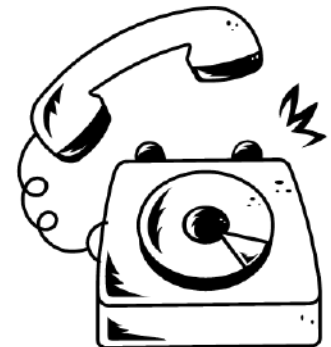
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What made Condoleezza's appointment as National Security Advisor unique?

- A) She was the youngest person to hold the position
- B) She was the first African American woman to hold the position
- C) She was the first woman to hold the position
- D) She was the first professor to hold the position

What year did Condoleezza receive a life-changing phone call?

- A) 1999
- B) 2000
- C) 2001
- D) 2002



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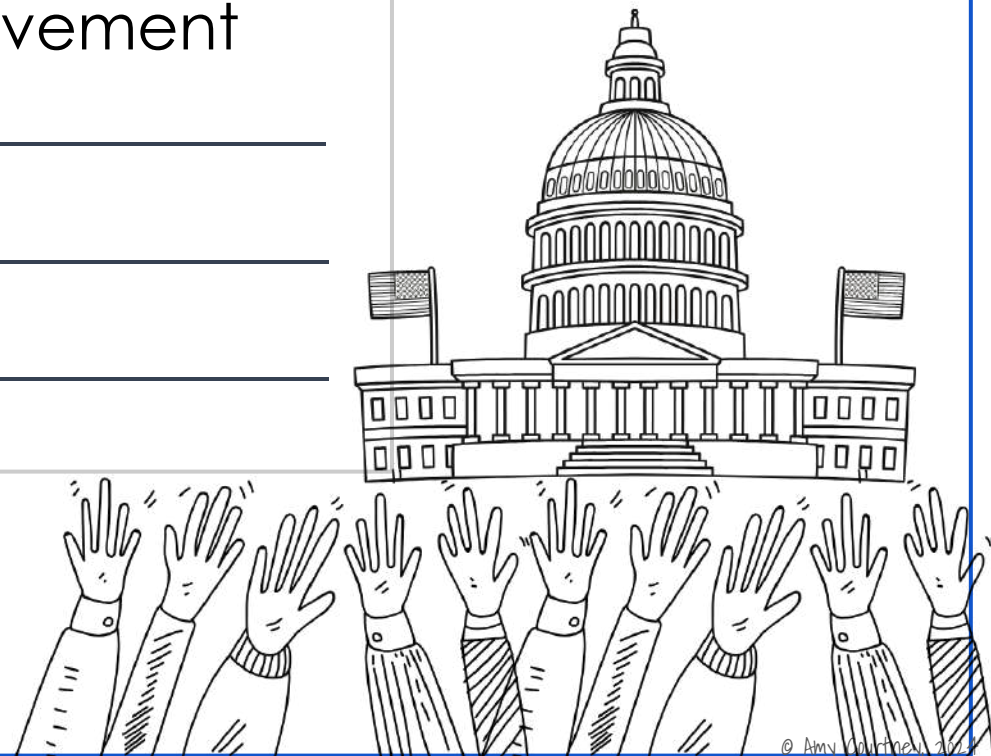


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5 Four years later, Condoleezza achieved another historic milestone when she became the first African American woman to serve as Secretary of State. As she stood in the Oval Office, taking the oath of office, she couldn't help but think of that little girl in Birmingham who once dreamed of playing piano at the White House. She had come so far, and her journey proved that with determination and hard work, any dream is possible.

Why is Condoleezza Rice's achievement considered historic? _____






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What lesson can we learn from Condoleezza Rice's journey? _____

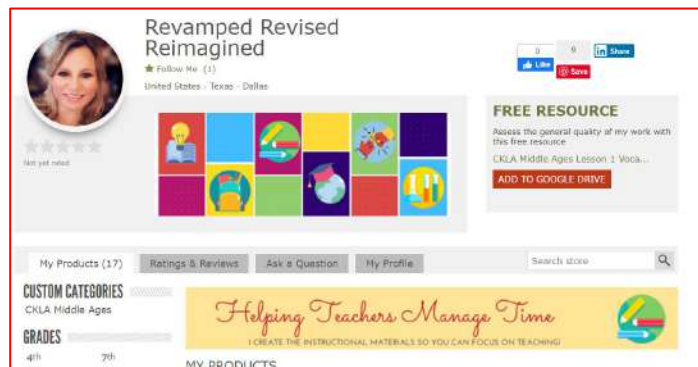
Draw three important events in Condeeza's life in time order. Make sure you label them!

		
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