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Classroom Activities

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Swine flu spreads around the world (Page 1)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Swine flu spreads around the world'.

Answer questions 1-15.

1. What are the symptoms of influenza?

2. What type of new flu virus is thought to have started in Mexico?

3. Why were officials concerned about this type of flu virus?

4. Which area of Mexico is popular with tourists?

5. What does WHO stand for, and what does the organisation do?

6. What official name has been given to the new type of influenza?

7. Explain what a pandemic is.

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8. Explain what the WHO level warning number six means?

9. Who is the president of Mexico?

10. What happened in Mexico between 1st and 6th May?

11. What typically happens with flu epidemics in spring and autumn?

12. By what name is the H5N1 virus commonly known?

13. Explain why governments' preparations for bird flu have helped to slow the spread of swine flu.

14. What is Tamiflu?

15. When were the last two flu pandemics and from where did they start?

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Fiat plans expansion (Page 2)

Instructions: Read the article 'Fiat plans expansion'.
Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Fiat has offered to buy parts of General Motors and Chrysler.		
2. Fiat is based in Spain.		
3. Ford is an American carmaker.		
4. Chrysler is the largest car company in the world.		
5. Opel is owned by Ford.		
6. Saab is owned by Chrysler.		
7. Toyota is the tenth-biggest car company in the world.		
8. Sergio Marchionne is the boss of Fiat.		
9. Opel is based in the UK.		
10. Vauxhall is owned by General Motors.		

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New president in Panama (Page 13)**Instructions:** Read the article 'New president in Panama'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

First started to build the Canal

Martin Torrijos

37%

1999

Current President of Panama

Ricardo Martinelli

Year in which Panama Canal opened

Balbina Herrera

Presidential term in Panama

French company

Operated the Canal between 1903 and 1999

1914

Year in which the Canal was handed back to Panama

USA

Panama's president-elect

Five years

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President Obama's first 100 days (Page 9)**Instructions:** Read the article 'President Obama's first 100 days'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-10. Write the questions.

1. **Q.** _____
A. 20th January 2009.
2. **Q.** _____
A. A honeymoon period.
3. **Q.** _____
A. Franklin D Roosevelt.
4. **Q.** _____
A. The Great Depression.
5. **Q.** _____
A. Good start but more work needs to be done.
6. **Q.** _____
A. US\$787 billion stimulus.
7. **Q.** _____
A. Guantánamo Bay.
8. **Q.** _____
A. Iraq and Afghanistan.
9. **Q.** _____
A. Swine flu.
10. **Q.** _____
A. An average of 60%.



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World Press Freedom Day (Page 9)

Instructions: Read the article 'World Press Freedom Day'.
Answer questions 1-4.

1. List the different types of 'public media'.

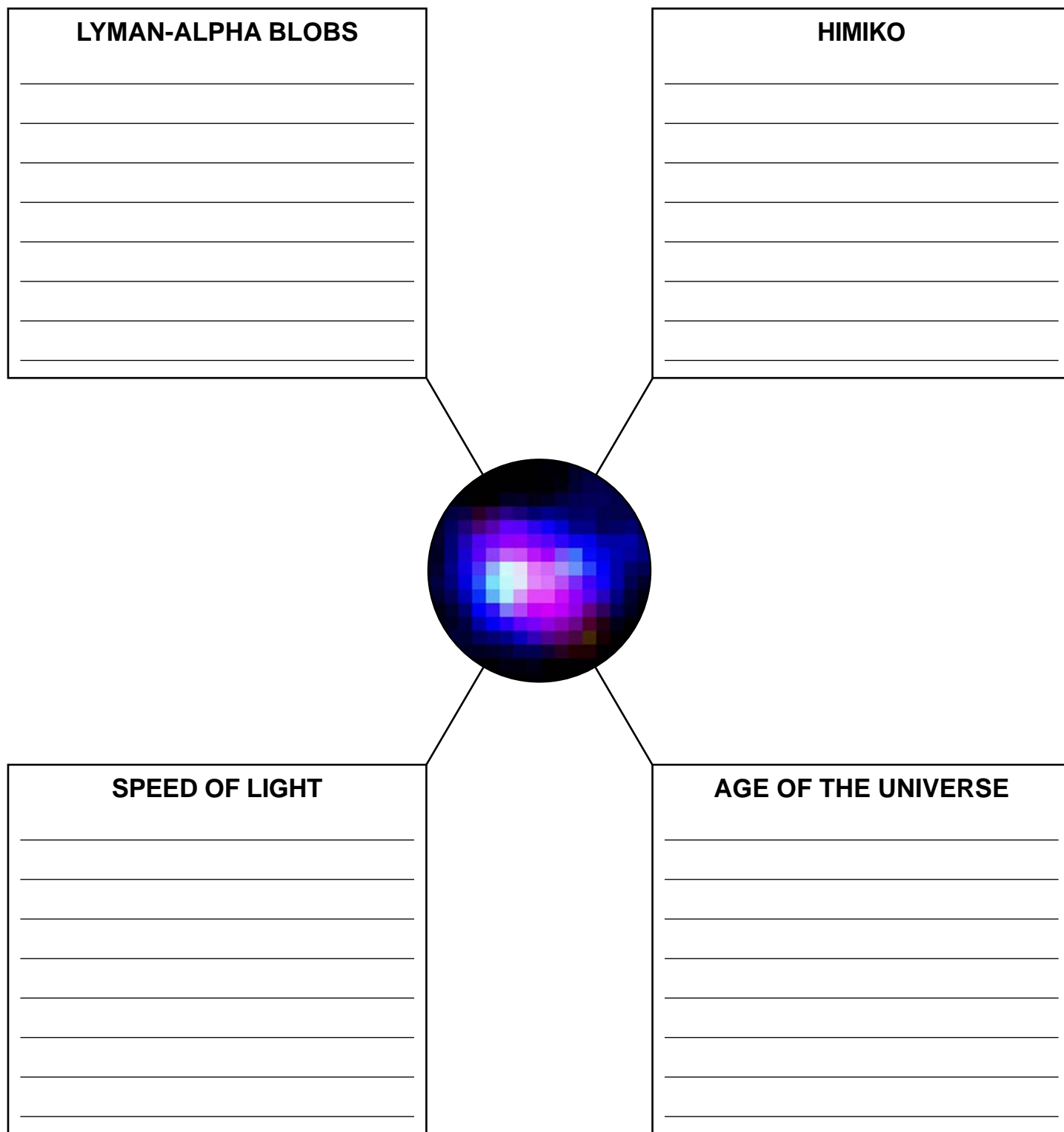
2. What is meant by 'freedom of the press'?

3. Why do many people think freedom of the press is so important?

4. Research and list five facts about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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Instructions: Read the article 'Looking back in time' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.



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World Map (Page 11)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. PLANE **M****N** **E** **P** **A** **L**

2. WRONUAY

3. AMAPIAN

4. AMBINVET

5. ALIDGNCE

6. INPEAS

7. GLAMERNY

 M**Mystery country =** **M**

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Issue 92 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 92. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

Sea lion

Carat

Maoists

Arctic Circle

The Netherlands

Ferdinand Magellan

Althing

Franklin D Roosevelt

Panama

Karst

Hu Jintao

Gallipoli

Pinniped

Felipe Calderón

Ricardo Martinelli

Queen Beatrix

Iceland

~~Iraq~~

Diamond

Prachanda

China

Barack Obama

Inuit

Christopher Columbus

~~Baghdad~~

Limestone

ANZAC

Odd one out = _____

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Issue 92 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 92 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **Of which country is Vienna the capital city?**
 - a. Switzerland
 - b. German
 - c. Austria
 - d. Hungary
 - e. Romania
2. **Who wrote *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection*?**
 - a. Charles Darwin
 - b. Milton Friedman
 - c. James Hook
 - d. Charles Babbage
 - e. Isaac Newton
3. **Of which country is Queen Beatrix the reigning monarch?**
 - a. Belgium
 - b. Sweden
 - c. Norway
 - d. Denmark
 - e. The Netherlands
4. **Which carmaker is the largest in the world?**
 - a. Ford
 - b. BMW
 - c. General Motors
 - d. Hyundai
 - e. Toyota
5. **In which city does the World Health Organization (WHO) have its headquarters?**
 - a. Manila
 - b. New York
 - c. London
 - d. Geneva
 - e. Rome
6. **Of which country is Hu Jintao the president?**
 - a. Japan
 - b. China
 - c. Mongolia
 - d. Laos
 - e. Vietnam
7. **Which type of rock is associated with karst regions?**
 - a. Granite
 - b. Basalt
 - c. Limestone
 - d. Sandstone
 - e. Flint
8. **Of which country has Ricardo Martinelli just been elected president?**
 - a. Guatemala
 - b. El Salvador
 - c. Nicaragua
 - d. Panama
 - e. Colombia
9. **Where would you find a Lyman-alpha blob?**
 - a. In space
 - b. At the bottom of the sea
 - c. Inside a nuclear power station
 - d. On the face of a diamond
 - e. At the South Pole
10. **Which country's parliament is called the Althing?**
 - a. Finland
 - b. Russia
 - c. Poland
 - d. Republic of Ireland
 - e. Iceland