

Making Connections: *Slingshot to Understanding*

Texts for the Online Activity

Main Text

Pollution is Personal
by Rose

Smog is a type of pollution that must be stopped. It can form either from smoke mixing with fog or from sunlight reacting with fumes from cars and factories. I live in a big city with lots of cars and it has smog. I sometimes feel like a person walking around with dirty glasses on that I can't get clean. The smog makes me sad because the sky looks brown or gray. It also makes my health condition worse. Smog can be prevented just like other pollution. What can you do to prevent pollution?

Text 1

Flyer



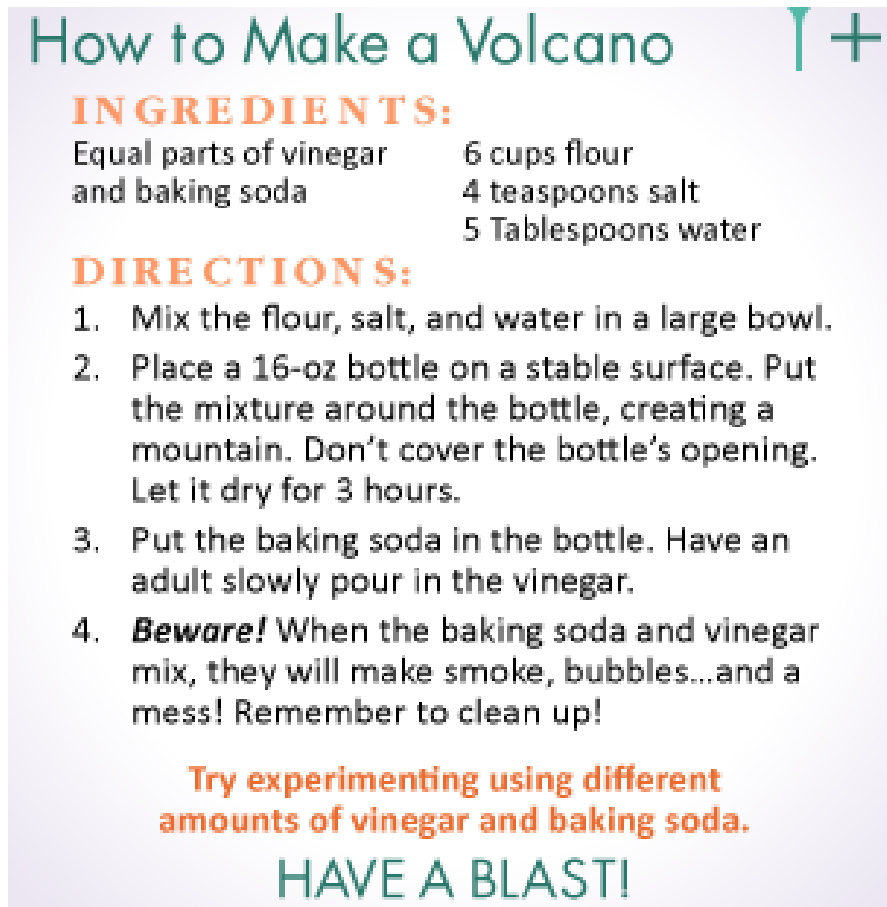
Connections

- Biking to school means I wouldn't ride in a car or on the bus to school. Now I know something I can do to prevent pollution! (strong connection)

- Both of these texts are about something that happened in a city. Rose's article was in the city and the bike ride is in the city too. (weak connection)
 - They are meeting at a street called Daisy. This reminds me of the author's name because they are both flowers. (distracting connection)
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Text 2

Directions



How to Make a Volcano | +

INGREDIENTS:

Equal parts of vinegar and baking soda	6 cups flour
	4 teaspoons salt
	5 Tablespoons water

DIRECTIONS:

1. Mix the flour, salt, and water in a large bowl.
2. Place a 16-oz bottle on a stable surface. Put the mixture around the bottle, creating a mountain. Don't cover the bottle's opening. Let it dry for 3 hours.
3. Put the baking soda in the bottle. Have an adult slowly pour in the vinegar.
4. **Beware!** When the baking soda and vinegar mix, they will make smoke, bubbles...and a mess! Remember to clean up!

Try experimenting using different amounts of vinegar and baking soda.

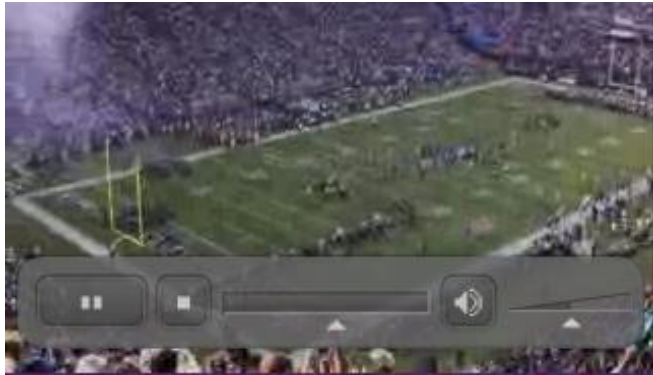
HAVE A BLAST!

Connections

- The baking soda and vinegar mix to create a reaction, just like smoke and fog mix to make smog. (strong connection)
 - Smog sometimes has smoke in it, and volcanoes make smoke. (weak connection)
 - Cleaning glasses is like cleaning up after the volcano. (distracting connection)
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Text 3

Video

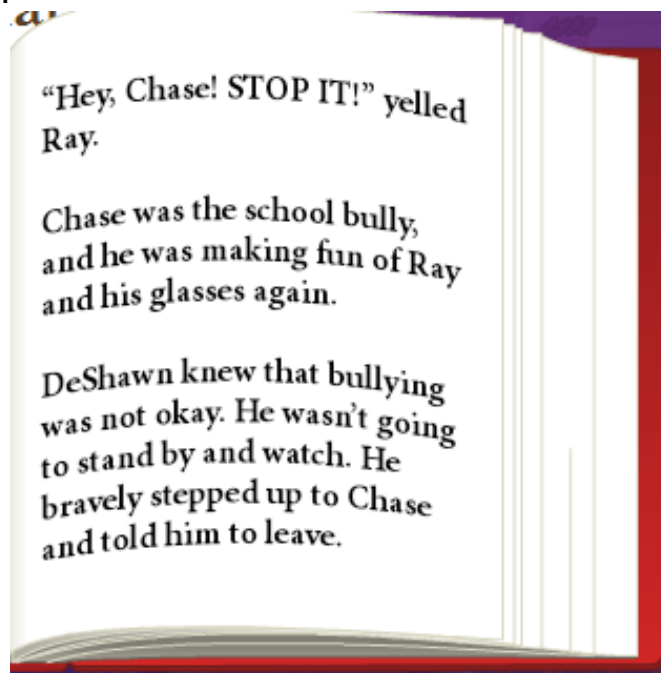


Connections

- Small things come together to form larger things. The roar of a crowd is formed from a lot of voices and smog is formed from a lot of cars. (strong connection)
 - The stadium is in a big city, just like the city where Rose lives. Smog happens in cities. (weak connection)
 - Playing sports can be healthy, and Rose's essay talks about her health. (distracting connection)
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Text 4

Fiction



Connections

- Both texts show how kids can do something to help solve a larger problem. (strong connection)
 - These texts are both about something bad. Pollution and bullying are both not okay. (weak connection)
 - Both of these texts talk about glasses. That is the connection. (distracting connection)
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Text 5

Blog



Students write their own connection for this text.