Questions for discussion

Animal Testing

1. Discuss the issues raised in the BtN *Animal Testing* story as a class. What were the main points or questions raised in the discussion?
2. Why are cosmetics tested before they are sold?
3. Why was testing products on animals introduced?
4. List some of the animals that were used to test the safety of cosmetics?
5. In which decades did the public start questioning the testing of products on animals?
6. What alternatives to animal testing are available?
7. Describe the labels that companies put on cosmetics to show that they haven't been tested on animals.
8. What animal testing laws does the government want to change?
9. How did this story make you feel?
10. Write a message about the story and post it in the comments section on the BtN *Animal Testing* story page.

Check out the Animal Testing resource on the Teachers page

Storm Erosion

1. Where in Australia was affected by storms and floods recently?
2. Which two factors made the recent storm so destructive?
3. What is erosion?
4. What did the erosion experiment in the BtN story explain?
5. What sort of landforms does erosion help shape?
6. During unusually violent weather, erosion happens much _____.
7. What causes tides?
8. A king tide occurs when...
9. How do plants help reduce the erosion of coastlines?
10. Why are many scientists worried about the number of buildings located along the beach?

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Dory in Danger

1. Briefly summarise the BtN *Dory in Danger* story.
2. Explain what the students in the BtN story are learning about.
3. What happened to the population of clownfish in the ocean when the film Finding Nemo was released?
4. About how many clownfish are taken from their homes every year?
5. What type of fish is Dory?

6. Why are researchers concerned about with the release of the *Finding Dory* film?
7. Complete the following sentence: Clownfish and blue tang fish find it hard to reproduce outside of the sea, so that means they are...
8. What percentage of tropical fish in pet shops is taken from the sea?
9. What do you think should be done to help protect clownfish and blue tang fish?
10. What was surprising about this story?

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HMAS Sydney 3D
1. Explain what happened to the HMAS Sydney.
2. During which war was the HMAS Sydney attacked?
3. What was the name of the German raider that attacked the HMAS Sydney?
4. It was the worst naval disaster in Australian History. True or false?
5. When and where was the HMAS Sydney found?
6. How far below the sea are the ships?
7. Why are researchers photographing and filming the shipwrecks?
8. In your own words, describe the 3D recreation.
9. What are the challenges of creating the 3D images?
10. Explain what Magnus is and what it can do.

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Rookie Reporter Boot Camp
1. Why did Maya apply to be BtN's rookie reporter for the 2016 election?
2. List some of the skills you need to be a political reporter.
3. Summarise what Maya did during the rookie reporter boot camp.
4. Complete this sentence. It's really important to keep your own _____ out of the story.
5. Why is it important to do a lot of research before you do an interview?
6. List some of the types of research you can do before interviewing a politician.
7. What ABC presenters did Maya meet on the boot camp?
8. What are some issues that are important to you in this year's federal election?
9. What questions do you think Maya should ask politicians? Do the BtN Election Survey and submit your questions.
10. What did you learn from watching this story?

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