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WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Story Topic(s):

Directions: Many news stories describe problems and solutions. In the space below, explain a problem that came up in one of the news stories. If the story included one or more solution, write that down, too. If not, suggest a solution of your own.

PROBLEM



SOLUTION



TEACHER'S GUIDE: WHAT'S THE PROBLEM

Common Core Standards:

- i. Describe the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.
- ii. Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.

Teaching Suggestions:

- i. Scaffolding:
 1. Before listening to the podcast, introduce the concept of Problem/Solution. Ask students to brainstorm examples of problems and solutions.
 2. Allow students to work in pairs to identify problems and solutions from the news cast.
 3. If students are struggling, point them to a specific news story with a clear problem and solution.
 4. Allow students to re-read the transcript or listen to the podcast again as needed.
- ii. Enrichment:
 1. Ask students to evaluate the solutions. Do they think the solutions will be effective? What would they do differently?