Lesson plans for the week of March 30-April 3 (Week 2 of Online learning – Spring 2020)

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**Monday, March 30th**

Read the following article: <https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/bullying-in-early-adolescence>

Like last week, you do not have to answer the questions attached to the article. Simply read it and compose a one paragraph response. What did you learn from this article? Will it change the way you behave in any way? Why or why not?

The article will also be downloaded as a PDF in this same section of my webpage.

\*Also this week, I want you to find a text to read. It can be a magazine, online book, graphic novel, or any other extended text that YOU want to read. I want it to be something you will enjoy reading. Try to spend at least 20 minutes a day reading the text you choose. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, I will have a question for you to answer about your text. You can answer these questions on the same piece of paper. If you finish your text early, find a new one! The goal is to ENJOY the text that you choose, so if you don’t like it, find another!

**Tuesday, March 31st**

Here is a link to this week’s ACT workshop: <https://www.crackact.com/act/reading/test296.html>

The answers are at the end, but try to answer the questions yourself before peeking! I will also attach the workshop to the end of this lesson plan.

**Wednesday, April 1st**

Please watch this video about how to properly set up an MLA document. This guy is a little boring, but he is thorough and makes the process easy to understand. He even shows you exactly which icons to choose to properly set up a word document for an MLA composition. I want you to watch this video and know that there are many sources like this on Youtube and other sites online to help you know how to do things like this. I’m and English teacher, but I still need reminders about certain things from time to time, and I always go online. Google is your friend!

If you want to set up your own document while watching him, that would be awesome, but it is NOT required.

**Thursday, April 2nd**

Today, I just want you to spend some time reading the extended text that I mentioned in Monday’s plan. After reading for about twenty minutes (or as long as you want), answer the following question: What about this text is intriguing to you so far? Is it the author’s style, the characters, the vocabulary, the plot, or something else completely? Why do you think you are enjoying this text? (If you are not enjoying it, maybe give it a little bit more of a chance, but then move on and find something that you actually look forward to reading!)

**Friday, April 3rd**

Let’s keep today simple! It is Friday, after all. Go to Kelly Gallagher’s website at <http://www.kellygallagher.org/article-of-the-week/> .

Choose any one of his articles to read. Answer the discussion questions at the end of the article. You DO NOT have to compose a one page response as long as you just answer the discussion questions.

Have a great weekend! I miss you guys.

Mrs. Milton

ACT Workshop: Week 2 of online learning (Comp)

**DIRECTIONS:** Each passage is followed by several questions. After reading a passage, choose the best answer to each question and fill in the corresponding oval on your answer document. You may refer to the passages as often as necessary.

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SOCIAL SCIENCE: This passage is adapted from the article "Reviving the Lost Art of Naming the World" by Carol Kaesuk Yoon (©2009 by The New York Times Company).

Despite the field of taxonomy's now blatant  
modernity, with practitioners using DNA sequences,  
sophisticated evolutionary theory and supercomputers  
to order and name all of life, jobs for taxonomists con-  
*5*tinue to be in steady decline. The natural history collec-  
tions crucial to the work are tossed.  
  
Outside taxonomy, no one is much up in arms  
about this, but perhaps we should be, because the order-  
ing and naming of life is no esoteric science. The past  
*10*few decades have seen a stream of studies that show  
that sorting and naming the natural world is a universal,  
deep-seated and fundamental human activity, one we  
cannot afford to lose because it is essential to under-  
standing the living world, and our place in it.  
  
*15*Anthropologists were the first to recognize that  
taxonomy might be more than the science officially  
founded by Carl Lim1aeus, the Swedish botanist, in the  
1700s. Studying how nonscientists order and name life,  
creating what are called folk taxonomies, anthropolo-  
*20*gists began to realize that when people across the globe  
were creating ordered groups and giving names to what  
lived around them, they followed highly stereotyped  
patterns, appearing unconsciously to follow a set of  
unwritten rules. Not that conformity to rules was at first  
*25*obvious to anthropologists who were instead under-  
standably dazzled by the variety in folk taxonomies.  
The Ilongots, for example, a people of the Philippines,  
name gorgeous wild orchids after human body parts.  
There bloom the thighs, there fingernails, yonder  
*30*elbows and thumbs. The Rofaifo people of New Guinea  
classify the cassowary, a giant bird complete. with req-  
uisite feathers and qeak, as a mammal In fact, there  
seemed, at first glance, to be little room even for agree-  
ment among people, let alone a set of universally fol-  
*35*lowed rules. More recently, however, deep underlying  
similarities have begun to become apparent.  
  
Cecil Brown, an anthropologist who has studied  
folk taxonomies in 188 languages, has found that  
people recognize the same basic categories repeatedly,  
*40*including fish, birds, snakes, mammals, "wugs" (mean-  
ing worms and insects), trees, vines, herbs and bushes.  
  
Dr. Brown's finding would be considerably less  
interesting if these categories were clear-cut depictions  
of reality that must inevitably be recognized. But tree  
*45*and bush are hardly that, since there is no way to define  
a tree versus a bush. The two categories grade insensi-  
bly into one another. Wugs, likewise, are neither an  
evolutionarily nor ecologically nor otherwise cohesive  
group. Still, people repeatedly recognize and name  
*50*these oddities.  
  
Likewise, people consistently use two-word epi-  
thets to designate specific organisms within a larger  
group of organisms; despite there being an infinitude of  
potentially more logical methods.It is so familiar that it  
*55*is bard to notice. In English, among the oaks, we distin-  
guish the pin oak, among bears, grizzly bears. When  
Mayan Indians, familiar with the wild piglike creature  
known as peccaries; encountered Spaniards' pigs, they  
dubbed them? "village peccaries." We use two-part  
*60*names for ourselves as well: Sally Smith or Li Wen.  
Even scientists are bound by this practice, insisting on  
Latin binomials for species.  
  
There appears to be such a profound unconscious  
agreement that people will even concur on which exact  
*65*words make the best names for particular organisms.  
Brent Berlin, an ethnobiologist at the University of  
Georgia, discovered this 'When he read. 50 pairs of  
names, each consisting of one bird and one fish name,  
to a group of 100 undergraduates, and asked them to  
*70*identify which was which. The names had been ran-  
domly, chosen from the language of Peru's Huambisa  
people, to which the students had had no previous  
exposure. With such a large sample size--there were  
5,000 choices being made--the students should have  
*75*scored 50 percent or very close to it if they were blindly  
guessing. Instead, they identified the bird and fish  
names correctly 58 percent of the time, significantly  
more often than expected for random guessing. Some-  
how they were often able to intuit the names birdiness  
*80*or fishiness.  
  
Some researchers hypothesize that there might be  
a specific part of the brain that is devoted to the doing  
of taxonomy. Without the power to order and name life,  
a person simply does not know how to live in the  
*85*world, how to understand it. How to tell the carrot from  
the cat-which to grate and which to pet? To order and  
name life is to have a sense of the world around, and, as  
a result, what one's place is in it.

**1.** The primary function of the statement in lines 35-36 is to:

A. signal a shift in the direction of the discussion.  
B. summarize the main idea of the third paragraph (lines 15-36).  
C. define a new anthropological term.  
D. anticipate and refute a counterargument.

**2.** Which of the following hypotheses does the passage introduce but not elaborate on

F. A particular part of the brain might be devoted to the ordering and naming of life.  
G. Taxonomy might be more than the science founded by Linnaeus.  
H. Basic ways of categorizing organisms might be similar across cultures.  
J. Prior to Linnaeus's taxonomy, animals might have been categorized based on how they moved

**3.** The main idea of the second paragraph (lines 7-14) is that:

A. surveys have shown that the number of taxonomy experts has declined in the past few decades.  
B. natural history collections should be preserved and made accessible.  
C. taxonomy is no esoteric science because it is so widely studied.  
D. we should be concerned about the state of taxon-omy because it is vital to all of us.

**4.** The passage refers to the Ilongots and the Rofaifo people primarily to:

F. provide examples of some variances that anthro-pologists observed in taxonomies.  
G. illustrate that categories such as bird and mammal are common in taxonomies.  
H. support the claim that anthropologists were the first to recognize the importance of taxonomy.  
J. expose the underlying similarities among the tax-onomies of different cultures.

**5.** As it is used in the passage, the term wugs most nearly refers to:

A. an oddity recognized in only a few cultures' taxonomies.  
B. species that are usually named with more than two-word labels.  
C. a noncohesive group consisting of worms and insects.  
D. miscellaneous species that Linnaeus couldn't fit in another category.

**6.** According to the・ passage; using two-word labels to name organisms is a practice that:

F. was introduced by Linnaeus.  
G. has been abandoned by taxonomists.  
H. is common across cultures.  
J. was initiated by anthropologists.

**7.** The passage draws which of the following conclusions based on Berlin's experiment?

A. Random guessing yields a correct answer at least 58 percent of the time.  
B. Languages share recognizable and somewhat simi-lar characteristics in names of organisms.  
C. Bird and fish names can't be identified more than 50 percent of the time in most languages.  
D. Most of the words in the language of Peru 's Huambisa people are similar to English words.

**8.** The first paragraph indicates that the number of taxon-omy jobs has decreased despite:

F. recent discoveries of numerous unnamed species.  
G. technological advances in the field of taxonomy.  
H. the need to correct longstanding errors in Linnaeus's work.  
J. anthropologists' interest in collaborating with taxonomist

**9.** It can most reasonably be inferred from the passage that the author regards natural history collections as being:

A. not worth the expense of maintaining.  
B. outdated and therefore ready to be tossed.  
C. essential for the work of taxonomists.  
D. crucial to Berlin's ethnobiology research.

**10.** The passage most strongly suggests that one of the rea-sons Berlin chose the language of Peru's Huambisa people for use in his experiment was that:

F. the language doesn't use a binomial system to name organisms.  
G. his test subjects wouldn't have been exposed to the language.  
H. the language has roughly the same number of words for birds as it does for fish.  
J. his test subjects would be able to learn the language quickly.

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| 2 | F | Not attempted | Wrong | [**Explanation**](https://www.crackact.com/act/reading/question-1012-answer-and-explanation.html) |
| 3 | D | Not attempted | Wrong | [**Explanation**](https://www.crackact.com/act/reading/question-1013-answer-and-explanation.html) |
| 4 | F | Not attempted | Wrong | [**Explanation**](https://www.crackact.com/act/reading/question-1014-answer-and-explanation.html) |
| 5 | C | Not attempted | Wrong | [**Explanation**](https://www.crackact.com/act/reading/question-1015-answer-and-explanation.html) |
| 6 | H | Not attempted | Wrong | [**Explanation**](https://www.crackact.com/act/reading/question-1016-answer-and-explanation.html) |
| 7 | B | Not attempted | Wrong | [**Explanation**](https://www.crackact.com/act/reading/question-1017-answer-and-explanation.html) |
| 8 | G | Not attempted | Wrong | [**Explanation**](https://www.crackact.com/act/reading/question-1018-answer-and-explanation.html) |
| 9 | C | Not attempted | Wrong | [**Explanation**](https://www.crackact.com/act/reading/question-1019-answer-and-explanation.html) |
| 10 | G |  |  |  |