Activity: AVID Weekly Reading and Vocabulary

Week: May 11 – May 15

Key Content/Modeling
- Summarizing what you’ve read.
- Determine the main idea of an article.
- Use multiple reading strategies.

You Try
- Read the provided article: Women thrive in Northeast U.S., languish across the South
- Answer questions, Reflection and Set a Goal

Show me what you know (Proof of learning)
Complete your work and e-mail pictures (or solutions) to your teachers.

Self-Assessment
Did I complete all of the tasks?
Did I try my best?

Priority Standard(s):
- Determine the main idea of grade appropriate text.
- Develop awareness of visuals.
- Use multiple reading strategies to better understand text.

What am I learning?
Summarizing what you’ve read.

Reading For Understanding

How do I know I learned?
Learning Evidence in 1-3 Descriptors
- I can concisely explain the information from the article in my own words, including the use of newly learned vocabulary.
- I completed the questions, reflection, and goal setting activities following the article.

Extra Learning Opportunities: Find another article of your own choosing online, pick a topic that interests you. Define important vocabulary terms in the reading, then create a tl;dr to summarize what you just read. Join the global conversation on gender equality.
Essential Question: How can we use a mentor text to read and write like a mathematician?

Quick Write - Take 75 Seconds to write in the provided space based on the given prompt:

How can math and numbers be used to demonstrate an argument in a text?

(Possible sentence stem - An author may use numbers in a text to show... While writing an article math can be used to...)

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Vocabulary - Define each word using a dictionary, google, or family member to help.

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Use as many of those vocabulary words as you can to make a single, coherent, authentic sentence.

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Read

Read the article three times.

**First read** - Give yourself nine minutes to try and get the gist of the article. Read through the article without interruptions from start to finish.

**Second read** - Get organized! Number the paragraphs, underline all vocabulary words. Remember when numbering paragraphs you only need to identify the first couple words of each paragraph and put a number in the margin. "Vermont is the best" – 1, "The annual Bloomberg" – 2, etc.

**Third read** - Write a summary that captures the main idea and sums up the gist of the article. Then complete the three questions, reflection, and goal setting following the article.

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Women thrive in Northeast U.S., languish across the South

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Vermont is the best state for basic gender equality and Maryland for female leadership, according to a Bloomberg analysis of pay and power nationwide. Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama were among the worst for American women.

The annual Bloomberg analysis has measured factors such as labor-force participation, education, political representation, health care and corporate leadership since 2016. Even with gains, only a handful of states scored better than 80 points on the 0 to 100 scale, the data showed. Democrat-controlled states were best for women, and Republican states were the worst.

“Looking at states that are doing well across the board, women are doing better,” said Nicole Mason, CEO of the Institute for Women’s Policy Research. “They have higher earnings, there are more women represented in the state legislature, and there are more women in positions of power.”

The latest index was released ahead of International Women’s Day on March 8.

At the recent rate of gains, however, gender parity would take many more decades. The institute released data on Thursday estimating that at current rates of improvement, women won’t gain parity in Congress until 2108. Women, who make up about half the workforce and half the population, hold about a quarter of management jobs and only about 5% of CEO jobs. The pay gap has been steady for more than a decade, with
women earning about 80 cents for every dollar a man makes.

“Glacial’ is the right word to use when we think about women’s progress in the U.S,” Mason said.

In aggregate, many factors measured in the survey are improving. Only about 14% of women lived in poverty in the U.S. in the 2020 index compared with 17% in 2016. Women held 29% of state legislature seat in 2019, up from 24% in 2015. A third of women 25 and older had at least a bachelor’s degree versus 30% in the 2016 ranking.

Vermont, the home state of Sen. Bernie Sanders who is running for the Democratic presidential nomination, is a bright spot for most of those measures.

The state ranked No. 1 for the fourth straight year in the basic equality measure comprising gender pay ratio, labor-force participation and college-degree attainment by women, as well as share of women in poverty and lacking health coverage.

More than 80% of female Vermonters — among those ages 20-64 — are working and typically earned 82 cents for every dollar earned by male counterparts. Only 3% are without health coverage, among three best states for coverage. In the U.S. overall, 8% of women lack health care, the data showed.

The states with the biggest improvement in their rankings during the last five years were New York, Pennsylvania and Washington. South Dakota slipped 11 spots in that time frame, the biggest decline.

In Massachusetts, only 2% of women still lacked health insurance, compared with 17% in Texas, the state with the
least amount of coverage for women. New Hampshire, with 8.4% of women in poverty, was the best by that measure. Missouri, Louisiana and New Mexico trailed the nation with at least one in five women in poverty.

Maryland led the U.S. for the fifth straight year for female leadership, factoring in business ownership, graduate-degree attainment by women, share of highly-compensated females, and percentage of state legislative bodies and board rooms of sizable public firms represented by women.

With poorest and least educated Americans the least able to move, the reality of where you are born can have a dramatic effect on your opportunities.

Almost 45% of women in Hawaii are business owners, compared with less than 30% in North Dakota. About a third of the total full-time workers earning six-figure compensation are female in Maryland and New York, according to a Bloomberg analysis of 2018 Census data. That contrasts with just 18% women in North and South Dakota, the lowest U.S. rate.

Women in Hawaii improved to 31% from 28% in share of those making six-figures paychecks — the biggest one-year gain.

“There’s not enough public will for us to really think through what’s causing these gaps and these disparities,” Mason said. “In a recent poll, 82% of people surveyed said that they believe in women’s equality and that a woman can be president and women should earn the same as men. There’s a real gap between what people philosophically believe in, at a high level, and what’s actually happening on the ground.”
Questions: After reading “Women thrive in Northeast US, languish across south” complete the following challenge.

Challenge – Imagine and Share

Consider the following question:

What would a nation look like if women and men were equally represented in positions of power and paid equally for doing equal work?

While you imagine what that nation would look like consider:

- Would gender equality effect your life?
- What could you gain in a nation where all people are treated equally regardless of gender?
- What could you lose in a nation where all people are treated equally regardless of gender?
- What are benefits to having women in positions of power (in: education, coaching, government, business)?
- What are benefits to having men in positions of power (in: education, coaching, government, business)?
- Are women and men treated equally in the USA?

Now it’s time to share what you’ve imagined by creating a representation of your vision.

- Format: Your pick – powerpoint, sway, collage, poster, essay, song, poem, graphs, tables, mural...
- Content: Your vision – a nation where men and women are truly equal.

Finally, complete this assignment with a single sentence:

I think gender equality is/isn’t important because

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The theme for this year’s international Women’s Day (celebrated on March 20th, 2020) was “Each for Equal”

An equal world is an enabled world. How will you help forge a gender equal world? Celebrate women’s achievement. Raise awareness against bias. Take action for equality.

Across the world people created art, murals, song and took efforts to challenge gender stereotypes by raising social awareness of the gender inequalities still prevalent throughout the country. Many of these efforts included hashtags # and the equals symbol =.

How can you join the global conversation to help raise awareness for gender equality? What will you do this week to take action for equality?

Links for more info:

https://www.internationalwomensday.com/