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| Analyze the ethical issues surrounding the 1929 Stock Market collapse and the beginning of the recession in October 2008. | Using the language of the discipline, how has the use of computers changed business communications and functions since 1970? |
| From the perspectives of small-business owners and consumers, how has the expansion of Wal-Mart and other big-box retailers changed the retail landscape? | Analyze the current recession including mathematical terms and data, sociological implications, and changes in business practices and policies. |
| From a cancer survivor’s perspective, what are the ethical considerations of using stem-cell research to advance the fight against cancer? | As a mathematician, describe the rules for finding the solution using the Pythagorean Theorem. |
| How has U.S. immigration law changed over the past 200 years? | From the perspective of a political scientist, analyze the details of the distribution of power in the U.S. Federal Government. |
|  Analyze patterns of political power preceding major world conflicts of the 20th Century.  | Analyze major trends in the fashion industry since 1900. |
| Develop a detailed analysis of the changes in the dynamics of family structures since 1950. | Develop a detailed analysis of the impact of severe drought. Consider implications for natural resources, agriculture, movement, wildlife, people, and politics. |
| What generalizations can you make about the impact of pollution in the 20th Century? Support your generalizations with evidence. | Use appropriate vocabulary to discuss the events leading to the Civil War from the perspectives of Northerners, Southern plantation owners, slaves, and residents of the Western territories. |
| Develop a time line incorporating both the events of our novel and the major battles of World War II. | Describe the life cycle of a butterfly from the point of view of the butterfly and at least one other animal. |
| Identify possible solutions to the United States’ dependency on foreign oil from the perspectives of oil companies and consumers. | Can global warming be slowed or reversed, or is it already too late? What efforts have already been implemented to slow global warming? |
| Power can be used or abused. Analyze this concept from the viewpoints of a consumer, business owner, and a politician. | Identify major changes in the behavior of the novels’ characters. Relate this to the overall trends developing during this period in history. |
| Describe the rules of the water cycle and the impact of weather on the setting and plot of our reading selection. | Do we all have biases? How do biases affect our relationships with others? How have biases affected the characters in our novel? |
| Define the meaning of thestatement “change isinevitable” by studyingchanges in the environment,government, and the portrayal ofa character in a story. | Is solar power a viable option? Discuss implications for science, government, business, and families. |