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| **Activity 1**  The writing activity is to create an advertisement and convince kids to come to your candy shop.  Remember to give reasons why your shop is the best.  You can place your advertisement in this activity box, or create it on paper and snap a picture to email to your teacher. |

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| **Activity 2**  The Pigeon Hero of World War I  1. Read the first section. What serious problems did the American soldiers face in the forest?  2. How did they try to solve their problem?  3. Read “Incredible Powers.” How did people use pigeons to send messages long ago?  4. What does the author compare when she says “Like the tiny chip in an iPhone, a pigeon’s brain is packed with power”? What does this comparison tell you about pigeons?  5. Read “Under Attack.” What problems did the American soldiers face when the German soldiers surrounded them in the forest?  6. Why do you think it was so important for Charles Whittlesey to get a message to the American leaders? |

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| **Activity 3**  “Should You Invite Everyone to Your Birthday Party?”  Read the debate “Should You Invite Everyone to Your Birthday Party?” in the May/  June 2020 issue. Follow the steps below to write an opinion essay.  Step 1: Choose Your Side  An opinion essay is all about expressing a view and backing it up with supporting evidence  or details. So the first step is to decide what you think: “Should you invite everyone to your  birthday party?” Check (✔) the box next to the point of view you will support.  ❑ Yes! ❑ No!  Step 2: Write an Introduction  The introduction is where you tell your reader what your essay is going to be about. In an  opinion essay, it’s where you grab the reader’s attention and state your opinion. Start with  a catchy sentence or question about the topic. (Example for a “Yes” opinion: Looking for a  great opportunity to make new friends?) Then state your opinion on whether you should ask  everyone to come to your party.  Step 3: Find Your Supporting Evidence  Copy the reasons you listed for the side you’re taking. Include any extra details you find in the article to support your reasons.  Reason 1:  Reason 2:  Reason 3:    Step 4: Write a Conclusion  The last paragraph of your essay is your conclusion. Write one or two sentences that restate your main idea.  Your conclusion: |