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Banksy: Renowned Graffiti Artist



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INFERENCES & EXPLICIT DETAILS

7th & 8th grade

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Common Core State Standards uses Lexile level bands as one measure of text complexity. Text complexity ranges ensure that students are college and career ready by the end of 12th grade. Lexile measures help educators scaffold and differentiate instruction, as well as monitor reading growth.

Grade Band	Lexile® Bands Aligned to Common Core Expectations
K-1	N/A
2-3	420L-820L
4-5	740L-1010L
6-8	925L-1185L

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Cite Evidence to Make Inferences

Readers **analyze**, or think deeply about, the text. They look at what the text says **explicitly** and **cite**, or quote, the evidence. Readers also use what the text states and their background knowledge to make **inferences** and draw conclusions.

TYPE OF TEXT	POSSIBLE INFERENCES
biography/autobiography	person's actions, events, and the theme
informational text	causes of events, effects of events, and problems and solutions
persuasive text	what the author wants me to think, feel, or believe

To make inferences, ask your self:

- What information is missing from the text?
- How does my background knowledge and personal experiences help me answer this question?

Read the text below, and then fill out the chart.

Artist Christine Sun Kim became the first Asian American Deaf woman to sign the national anthem at one of the world's most-watched TV events. She was invited by the National Association for the Deaf (NAD) and the National Football League.

Although Kim's invitation was initially exciting to many, some people in the Deaf community were disappointed that Kim only got a few seconds of airtime. The camera pulled away from her mid-song during both songs she signed. Kim was also frustrated by this, and she wrote about it in an op-ed for The New York Times. Kim uses art as a vessel to express the frustration she deals with as living with deafness in a world created for hearing people. She's created a series of charcoal diagrams called "Deaf Rage," and her current work, "Off the Charts" is on display at MIT.



QUOTE FROM TEXT

WHAT I KNOW

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"Christine Sun Kim became the first Asian American Deaf woman to sign the national anthem at one of the world's most-watched TV events"

The Superbowl is one of the worlds most watched TV events

Christine Sun Kim signed during the Superbowl

Her current work, "Off the Charts" is on display at MIT

MIT is a prestigious school

Christine Sun Kim is a successful artist.

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- a. All figure skaters suffer from
 - b. Figure skating is an emotion
 - c. Young figure skaters feel the
 - d. There is very little positive pr

5. Read the statement below, and then
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Eating Disorders in Figure Skating



Gracie Gold at the U.S. Championships

1. Figure skating made headlines at the 2018 Winter Olympics. However, two of 2014's top competitors were missing from the 2018 games.
2. U.S. skater Gracie Gold, who was 18 years old at the 2014 Sochi Olympics, won a team bronze medal at the event. She seemed destined for bigger, better things. Also, 15-year-old Russian skater Yulia Lipnitskaya wowed the crowd as she nabbed the gold medal.
3. However, both have quit the sport permanently, blaming eating disorders.
4. Eating disorders like anorexia and bulimia are very serious illnesses. People with anorexia feel terrified of gaining weight, even if they are already very thin. Someone who suffers from anorexia will severely limit the amount of food they eat to try to lose weight. People with bulimia go through periods of eating extremely large amounts of food, called bingeing. They later make up for their excessive eating with intense, excessive exercise or throwing up, called purging.
5. Eating disorders can be particularly dangerous for an elite athlete like a figure skater. Inadequate nutrition combined with intense training can make an athlete more likely to sustain an injury.
6. Ice skating is an endeavor that blends sport with art. It requires competitors to combine technical excellence and creativity. Therefore, a gold medal-winning routine is not simply a combination of flawless jumps and spins. It also must involve music, dance, costume, and, in some skaters' heads, their appearances. That's to say, many skaters believe that they are being judged not only on the perfection of their triple axel, but their figures as well. This can wreak havoc on an athlete's mental health.
7. Gold announced that she would not compete in the PyeongChang games as she continued her treatment for depression, anxiety, and an eating disorder. Until recently, eating disorders were part of the dark side of skating that many were hesitant to acknowledge. Her announcement was a large step in the right direction. With the right treatment from doctors and other experts, people with eating disorders can experience a full recovery. However, because of the stigma and the difficulty talking about mental illnesses, many do not get the help they require.

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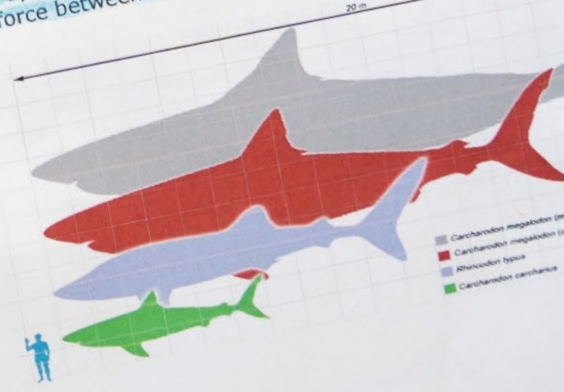
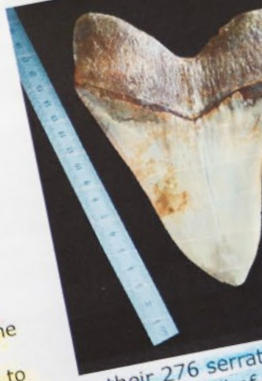
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 6. Such a large shark certainly had an appetite to match. The megalodon was an apex predator. It fed on other large marine mammals, such as whales and dolphins. According to Discovery, it may have even eaten other sharks. Researchers believe the megalodon would kill its prey by first attacking the flipper and tail of mammals to stop them from escaping. Then, they would use their 276 serrated go in for the kill. Not only did megalodons have a mouth full of bite force was one to be reckoned with. While humans have a t around 1,317 newtons, researchers have estimated that the m a bite force between 108,514 and 182,201 newtons.

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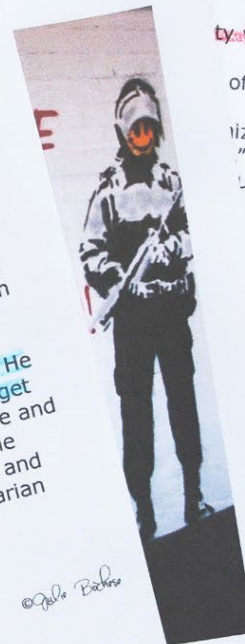
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notable graffiti artist, Inkie. His freehand graffiti was noticed in 1993. When he was 18, police nearly caught him vandalizing a public space. As his crew fled from the scene, Banksy was stuck hiding under a garbage truck. He saw stenciled letters on the truck, which gave him the idea to begin using stencils to make the graffiti process faster.

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2. Scientists have attempted to pinpoint exactly when the megalodon went extinct. They have found it difficult because there is an incomplete fossil record. In 2014, a research

group at the University of Zurich studied megalodon fossils employing a technique called optimal linear estimation to determine their age. Their findings, published in the journal PLOS ONE, assert that the majority of fossils date back to the middle Miocene epoch to the Pliocene epoch (15.9 million to 2.6 million years ago). All signs of the creature’s existence ended 2.6 million years ago in the current fossil record. For reference, the earliest *Homo sapiens* ancestors emerged only 2.5 million years, during the Pleistocene epoch, according to the University of California Museum of Paleontology.

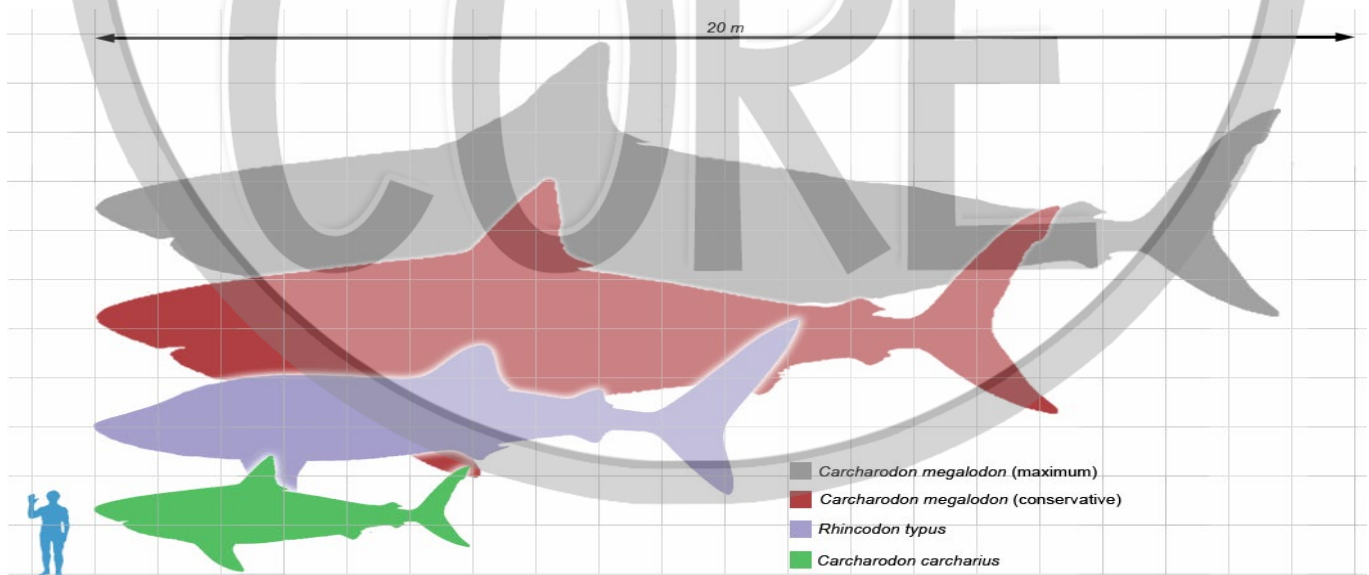
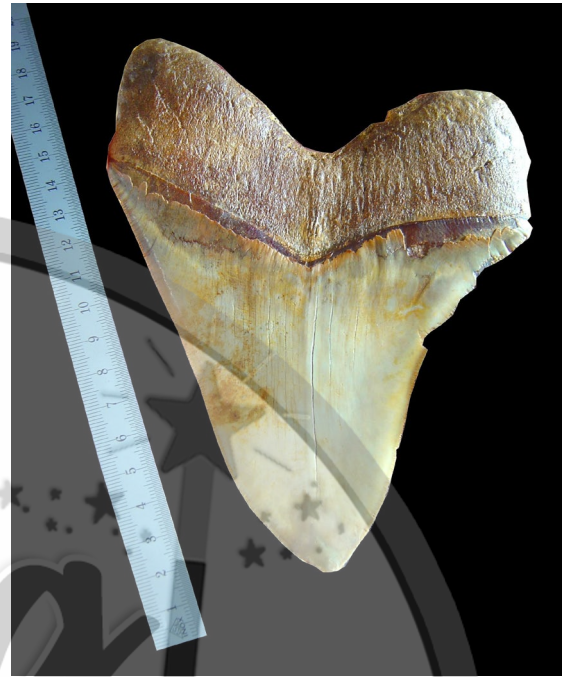
3. There is hope for megalodon enthusiasts, however. A very small percentage of Zurich’s study data -- 6 out of 10,000 simulations -- showed a 1% chance that the animal could still be alive. That chance seems relatively unlikely, and the researchers reported in their study that they rejected “popular claims of present-day survival of *C. megalodon*.” The fact that the most recent evidence of megalodon’s existence is 2.6 million years old has caused scientists to agree that megalodons are long gone.

4. The megalodon was undoubtedly a gigantic creature, but it may not have been as big as some claim. Scientists disagree about their size--some, such as the Natural History Museum (NHM) in London, say based on the size of their teeth, megalodons could have reached up to 60 feet long. Others think that about 80 feet long is more likely, according to Encyclopedia Britannica. To compare, today’s great white sharks reach up to 20 feet long while the whale shark reaches 32 feet.

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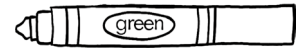
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4. Which of these statements is **not** supported by the passage?



- a. The large sharks should be alive today based on existing data.
- b. Sharks became extinct due to changes in their environment.
- c. Megalodons existed before humans did.
- d. A megalodon's bite force is substantially greater than a human's.

5. Read the statement below, and then answer the question that follows it.

Megalodons were powerful predators.

Explain how you can tell that the above statement is true. Write a paragraph responding to this question. Use at least **two** details from the passage to support your response.



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