

Summer Social Studies Skills Brush Up!

Name: _____

Skill 1: Map Mystery

Look at the map below and find the following pieces of information. (5 points)



1. What bodies of water border the United States?
2. Identify three physical features present in the United States or Canada.
3. What physical features of these countries might help trade and travel?
4. What physical features might prevent trade of travel?

Skill 2: Source Sleuth

Read the following two sources, then answer the questions. (10 points)

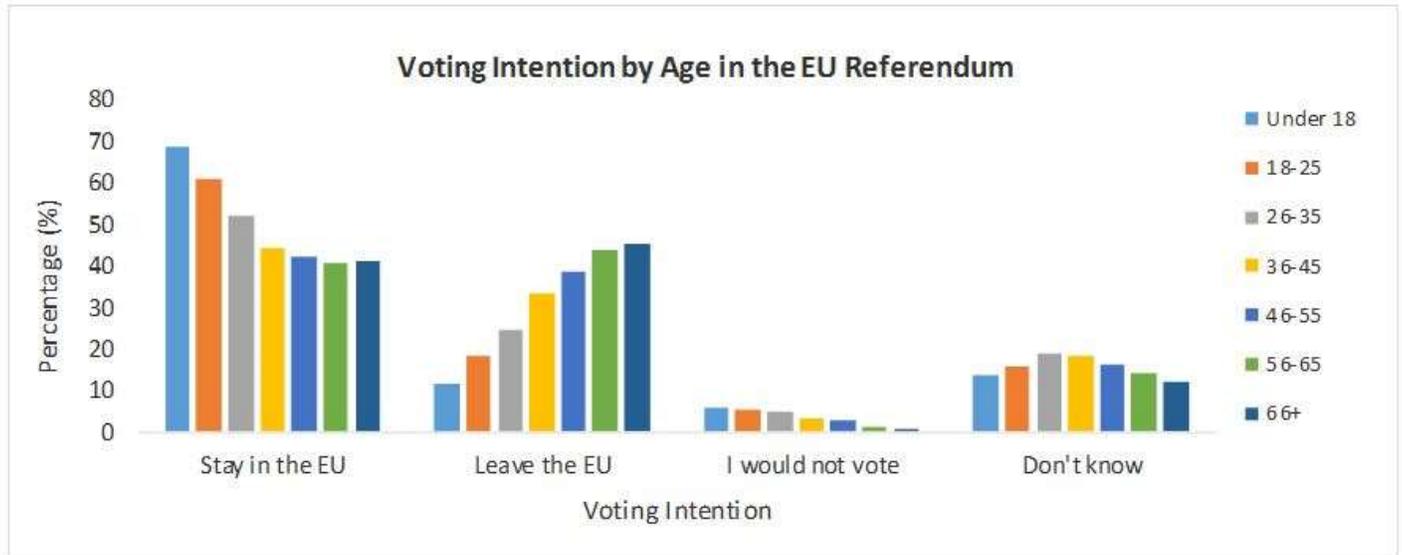
Source A	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Local Gardener Digs Up More Than Roots!</u></p> <p>On Sunday, September 3rd, Mrs. Hannah Belfry was at work in her garden. She found a vase buried under approximately six inches of potting soil near her tomatoes. The vase in question was clearly antique, clay, and had illustrations of young people bearing the gifts of harvest painted on the exterior. After cleaning the artifact gently, Mrs. Belfry brought it to local antiques dealer and historian, Robert Price. “This was no ordinary vase,” asserted Mr. Price, “The ornamentation as well as tarnish lead me to believe that this vase is of Victorian or Regency origin.”</p> <p>Mrs. Belfry was delighted by the uniqueness and value of her find.</p> <p>“I never thought I would find such a thing! I can’t wait to see how it looks with a few dried flowers or herbs in it. All this attention from the town has been quite flattering. I always thought my tomatoes would be the most famous things to come out of my garden!”</p> <p>At this time Mrs. Belfry is displaying the vase in her front window for curious citizens to examine for \$3.00 an hour, and \$10.00 to come in and touch it. Cake, Freshly grown tomatoes, and “I saw the Belfry Vase” t-shirts will be sold on site as well.</p>
Source B	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Batty Belfry Disrupts Town</u></p> <p>Look out Folks, local drama queen and mature gardener, Hannah Belfry is at it again! Not satisfied with her tomatoes’ 2nd place showing at the town fair last week, Mrs. Belfry has found a way to focus the public’s attention on herself by planting and then “discovering” a barely historical vase in her back garden. She and her accomplice, notorious pawn shop dealer Robert Price, are on a mission to dupe the town into believing this cheap piece of pottery has its roots in history and Mrs. Belfry’s dirt.</p> <p>Locals are rightfully suspect of this sudden turn of events, so soon after Belfry’s embarrassing loss at the fair. “It’s lunacy, pure and simple!” says Annie Peaks, Mrs. Belfry’s next-door neighbor, “I’ve lived here thirty years, and I haven’t so much as dug up a worm anywhere on my property.” Belfry’s monetization of her fraud has also thrown the village into chaos. Local grocery store owner Malcolm Bufford has seen the difference. “I can’t go a day without seeing someone with one of those ridiculous ‘I saw the vase’ t-shirts on! They’re all buying her tomatoes now, too. I haven’t sold a single tomato since this nonsense started.” Hannah Belfry’s absurd skeem is a threat to both the logic and the pockets of our community. This hoax must be stopped!</p>

Skills 2 Questions:

1. Do either of these articles show a bias or distinct opinion about the event they describe? Which one?
2. What are some differences between the two articles?
3. What do you think happened at this event?
4. Write a paragraph of 5-7 sentences to answer the following: Which article is more trustworthy? Why?

Skill 3: Chart Champion

Examine the following Chart and answer the questions below. (10 points)



1. What do the columns above each “voting intention” represent? Why are they different colors/shades?
2. How do most people over the age of 66 intend to vote, according to this chart?
3. List three pieces of information you can state based on this chart.
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4. Is this a good/easy to understand chart? Why or why not?
5. According to this chart, which age range is the most undecided about how they will vote?

Skill 4: Picture Prediction

View the photograph and complete the predictions. (5 points)



1. What is the photograph's setting?
2. Who is in the photograph? (doesn't have to be a specific person)
3. What objects are in the photo? (list as many as you can)
4. When do you think this photo was taken?
5. What do you think is going on in the photo?
6. Why do you think it was taken?

Skill 5: Write Away

Answer the following prompt in 3-5 total paragraphs. You may type your answers. (20 points)

-If you could live in any time or place in history (other than the time in which you currently live), which would you choose? No traveling into the future, or traveling to a place with the intention of using your knowledge of this time to get rich or famous. Pick a place you would want to spend two weeks in without changing it.

-Why would you choose that time and/or place?

-How is its government structure different from the current U.S.A.'s?

-How is its economy or society different from ours?

Write your paragraph in complete sentences, with proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Plan, outline, or draft your ideas before starting your final draft.