

# Answers

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## **RESEARCH** .....

### **Article: Isadora Faber**

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The future is in our children's hands. Adults often find themselves mired in rigid norms that continually perpetuate appalling conditions for their young, and youths are increasingly stepping up to take charge of their future. Isadora Faber is an example of true courage in the face of fierce defense against change, and her bid for a better tomorrow will pave the way for many other like-minded youths all over the world.

Resources:

<http://www.good.is/posts/when-youth-say-they-can-change-the-world-we-believe-them>

What is the author's key argument?

How is it similar to the Newsweek article?

Do you agree with the author? Why or why not?

How can youths be a force to change our world?

[http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/rosemary-mccarney/plan-canada\\_b\\_1761860.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/rosemary-mccarney/plan-canada_b_1761860.html)

Who are the case studies that the author mentions?

Why are they significant in today's context?

What characteristics about our modern world allows such individuals to gain prominence?

## **COMPREHENSION** .....

### **Articles: A School-Day Calm Shattered, A Pain Beyond Reason, A Pledge to Action**

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#### *A School-Day Calm Shattered*

1. Why does the author use the word 'Shattered' in the title? [2]  
The author is showing that the peace that the community used to enjoy [1] has been forcefully destroyed by an event [1].
2. Why is it significant that all the children 'had yet celebrated their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday'? [2]  
It shows that they did not deserve to die [1], and that there has been a deep loss for the victims [1].
3. Why does the author use the word 'sickeningly'? [2]  
The author is highlighting the appalling repetitive nature [1] of the horrific act that occurred [1].
4. What is the trend in the recap of similar shootings? [2]  
These shootings occurred in recent years [1], with big groups of people being killed each time [1].
5. What is the intended effect of the image of children being 'led past the bodies of their playmates'? [2]  
The author is describing the keen suffering that both the victims and the survivors have felt [1], and the irreversible pain that has been imposed on the world [1].

#### *A Pain Beyond Reason*

6. What is the author's intention in saying 'Those tiny bodies were still warm when the same old excuses began to bubble up'? [4]  
The author is showing the acute insult [1] that these individuals were making on the children who were killed in the shooting spree [1], and emphasising how inadequate/useless these excuses are [1] in the face of the bare truth of the children's deaths [1].
7. What is the effect of the rhetorical questions? [2]  
The author probes readers to consider possibilities [1] in the significance of the shootings [1].

#### *A Pledge to Action*

8. What are the 'two simple changes' that the author suggests? [2]  
The author suggests that there be background checks for gun buyers [1], and a revival of a ban on high-capacity gun clips [1].
9. What is the negative result that could be taken from this incident? [2]  
President Obama may decide not to do anything [1], and allow this painful learning to be neglected again [1].

**ESSAY** .....

**Article: Salvation in Siberia**

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Will the world end this year? Will there be anywhere that is safe? Whose words bear the real truth? Russia's end-time cults give a fascinating insight into the deep-seated faith that communities hold regarding the fate of our world, and reflect the immovable entity that is Man's belief.

Essay Question: How far does ideology play a role in today's world?

**APPLICATION QUESTION** .....

**Article: After the War**

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When refugees find new homes, their struggle begins afresh. The challenges in everyday life are neither tangible nor quantifiable, and these communities suffer from invisible but potent times of feeling low. How far does this relate to your society's history, and how much of it resonates with you?

**VOCABULARY** .....

**Article: What's in a name?**

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Give the meaning of the following words as they are used in the passage. Write your answers in one word or a short phrase.

No.	Paragraph	Word	Meaning
1	1	indication	hint/symbol/representation/suggestion
2	1	incensed	furiously/extremely angered by/seething
3	1	advocacy	active support/promotion/determined action to bring attention to
4	1	flew	transported/brought
5	1	sparked	ignited/inspired/caused/led to/resulted in
6	1	ripping	tearing/bringing down with great strength/destroying
7	1	erased	deleted/removed from
8	1	purely	completely/entirely/absolutely
9	1	saying	asserting/opining/stating
10	1	embolden	strengthen/give more motivation to

## **GRAMMAR** .....

### **Article: Water, Water Everywhere**

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#### *Prepositions*

Use the correct words to complete these sentences. (Answers in bold)

1. Anna has returned **to** her home town.
2. The dog jumped **in / into** the lake.
3. Are the boys still swimming **in** the pool?
4. Thomas fell **on / onto** the floor.
5. The plane landed **on** the runway.

Explain the key arguments in these paragraphs, paying attention to your use of prepositions.

Paragraph 1: The key appeal of the Maldives

The Maldives continue to attract people who are jaded, because this expanse of islands is known for its tranquility and peace.

Paragraph 3: Emerging concerns about tourism in the Maldives

Increasing awareness of environmental causes has led to careful balancing between profitable tourism and fair practices.

Paragraph 5: Enjoyment in the heart of the sea

Corporations have spruced up their usual practices by offering memorable experiences in venues that only the Maldives can boast of.

#### **Response 2: Condoleezza Rice**

The U.S. has unfortunately waited too long to give support to crucial stakeholders in the conflict, and the multi-cultural makeup of the country makes peace even more complex.

#### **Response 3: Rula Jebreal**

Communities' fears of extremist groups must be addressed by international bodies who can protect these people's interests and facilitate conversation.