

Answers

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RESEARCH

Article: We Are the World

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The U.S. Presidential elections represent a period of global significance. Various countries' reactions to Obama's repeat win are telling of their political and economic stances, and the deliberate phrasing of congratulatory – and non-congratulatory – responses to the 2012 US Presidential elections will represent how nations envision their relationship with the global superpower developing.

1. What is Russia's response to the U.S. presidential elections?
 - Russia gave a cautious/careful acknowledgement to Obama's win
2. What is Britain's response to the U.S. presidential elections?
 - Britain gave a warm welcome to Obama's win
3. Why is this contrast significant?
 - The difference in response shows that the two countries share different types of relationships with the U.S.
4. What is interesting about the range of countries that have responded to the results of the elections?
 - They are from all types of country contexts, and range from different social, economic, and political standings

COMPREHENSION.....

Article: The Fortunate One

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1. From paragraph 1, how have the Republicans tried to explain their defeat? Explain in your own words. [4]

Lifted

Hurricane Sandy...stopped Mitt Romney’s momentum in its tracks, gave Obama an exquisitely timed commander-in-chief moment, and blacked out media coverage of his opponent for several crucial days.

Paraphrased

The disaster that a hurricane wrecked [1] forced Romney’s ongoing support to stall [1], and offered Obama a well-timed opportunity to shine as a good leader [1] even as he blocked media access for Romney [1].

2. How did Romney help Obama’s continued leadership? [4]

Answer

...in a race framed around fears of increasing economic inequality [1]...(Romney was) an opponent who evoked the Monopoly millionaire. He said he was “not concerned about the very poor” [1] ,... got tangled up in sexual politics, [1] (and) offended Hispanics with his hardline stance on immigration [1].

Remarks

Excess Denied applies.

3. From paragraph 5, how was Obama able to garner unexpected support? [4]

Answer

Obama got an endorsement from...the country’s most iconic centrist [1]...Hurricane Sandy sparked a politically valuable bromance between the president and...the Republican governor of New Jersey [1]. The storm also led to an endorsement from New York mayor [1]...(earning Obama important and timely support from diverse political factions [1])

Remarks

Excess Denied applies.

VOCABULARY.....

Article: Election Rehab

Pages 52 and 53

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	witness	see/experience
2	2	madness	insanity/illogic
3	3	sick	ill/bored/inundated with
4	4	spending	giving/dedicating/allocating
5	5	believed	was certain/bought into/subscribed to/had faith in
6	6	ambivalent	undecided/torn between
7	7	ruined	spoiled/destroyed
8	8	spectrum	range/variety/collection
9	9	visiting	seeing/going to
10	10	final	last/concluding/eventual

1. witness: Pay attention, you are about the witness the magic show of the greatest proportions ever.
2. madness: Spare me your madness, go and rant about spaceships to somebody else.
3. sick: Zhaoting is sick of sitting on the couch waiting for her friend to finish her work.
4. spending: Jeannette is lazing on the bed while spending some time listening to music.
5. believed: Joel believed that all true fans should queue up to enter the concert early.
6. ambivalent: Jeremy is ambivalent about the visitors in his home.
7. ruined: Joey felt guilty because she though she had ruined her friends' experience.
8. spectrum: Politics hold such a spectrum of worldviews that it can be confusing.
9. visiting: It is almost fun to be visiting with old friends.
10. final: This is a final warning to you and your fashion disaster of an outfit – go change it now!

GRAMMAR.....

Article: Americana Redux

Pages 54 and 55

Adjectives

Identify the incorrect sentences.

1. The weather is freezing, you should wear your thin singlet. (**Incorrect**)
2. The group of friends enjoy spending free time hanging out together. (**Correct**)
3. The hot chocolate is comforting on cold nights. (**Correct**)
4. Neglect your work so you can have a fun afternoon. (**Incorrect**)
5. Eating healthy food boosts your immune system. (**Correct**)

Explain the main idea of these paragraphs using the relevant adjectives.

Paragraph 1: old

Ralph Lauren’s vision is one that uses **old** fashion to inspire new trends.

Paragraph 2: authentic

The wave of fashion referencing old trends highlights the importance of **authentic** elements from history.

Paragraph 3: supportive

Big fashion houses are learning from everyday people that communities are **supportive** of old fashion trends.