

# Answer Key

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## COMPREHENSION QUIZZES

### “Is It Ever OK To Cancel Someone?”

Pages 2–5

1. b
2. c
3. b
4. a
5. The awareness that cancel culture raises about a social issue might outweigh the negative repercussions for the celebrity.
6. Students at Ila’s school are using cancel culture to attack each other for simple things like the bands they follow or food that they like.
7. Zaid says cancel culture can empower individuals to stand up for social injustice and have the support of allies to back them up.

### “What We Want You To Know About ADHD”

Pages 6–11

1. a
2. b
3. d
4. b
5. The brain cells of a person with ADHD don’t communicate the way they’re supposed to, so messages that help the brain

complete tasks get interrupted.

6. LeAndra’s teachers are more flexible and let her walk around when she can’t sit still. She also sees a therapist who helps her find healthy outlets for her restlessness.

7. Max has dysgraphia, which affects his handwriting and eye-hand coordination, so he never excelled at sports and video games with controllers.

### “Dear Diary. . .”

Pages 12–15

1. b
2. b
3. c
4. b
5. To keep a gratitude journal you have to set aside 5 minutes to write down 3 things you’re grateful for each day, from something super-important to something a bit more silly; it can help you gain perspective when you’re having a bad day.
6. Francesca writes in her journal when she’s waiting for friends, and sometimes they’ll listen to music and journal together, or read through old entries and laugh.
7. When she was 15, Francesca thought she was terrible at a lot of things and just ok at a few things. She wanted to be a writer, but had a hard

time motivating herself to write outside of school

### “The Best Jobs For Future You”

Pages 16–21

1. b
2. b
3. c
4. b
5. You can take a free online programming class on Youtube and then practice your skills by playing online capture-the-flag games.
6. Lauren and her husband washed everything on a big cement slab behind her parents house.
7. Scott started a company that does pizza tours all over NYC and is now considered a pizza expert.

### “Fighting for Clean Water”

Pages 22–23

1. a
2. b
3. c
4. c
5. The position involves visiting First Nation communities and speaking publicly on their behalf.
6. Possible answers: Autumn has spoken at the Assembly of First Nations meeting, at the United Nations, and at the World Economic Forum in Davos,

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Switzerland.

7. Autumn visited the Serpent River First Nation when she was 8 years old, and saw the warning about unsafe water posted in the bathroom.

## CLOSE-READING QUESTIONS

### “Is It Ever OK To Cancel Someone?”

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#### What does it mean to “cancel” someone?

When someone is canceled, they are called out publicly for an offensive act and then ignored by their peers on social media.

#### Ila says canceling can prevent people from learning from their mistakes. Explain her reasoning.

Ila says when someone is canceled, they become socially isolated and communication is shut down, making it difficult for them to apologize and understand why what they did was wrong.

#### According to Zaid, how can cancel culture positively affect people’s behavior?

Zaid says canceling motivates people to think before they post and to be more responsible online.

### “What We Want You To Know About ADHD”

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#### What are some of the activities that require executive functioning? List at least three.

Possible answers: keeping track of your stuff, making plans with friends, getting to school on time, organizing your homework

#### Why did Max have a hard time making friends when he was younger?

People thought Max was intentionally trying to be annoying and they would get upset when he blurted things out.

#### What is ADHD, what does it stand for, and how does it impact those who have it?

ADHD stands for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, a medical condition that affects the brain’s ability to control impulses and pay attention.

### “Dear Diary. . .”

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#### According to studies, what are some of the health benefits of journaling?

People who keep a journal sleep better, feel better, and may even get sick less often.

#### How does Francesca use

#### journaling to help with her relationships?

When Francesca has drama with her friend group or is fighting with her dad, she writes about the situation from the other person’s point of view, which helps her gain empathy for that person.

#### How often does Francesca recommend you write in your journal as you’re getting started?

Francesca says to try a 15-minute entry once a week, then work up to three times a week.

### “The Best Jobs For Future You”

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#### What does a Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) farmer do?

A CSA farmer grows, harvests, and delivers fresh fruits and vegetables to members of their community.

#### Why do companies hire “white hat” hackers?

Companies hire “white hat” hackers to test their computer systems’ safety.

#### How can you prepare for a career as an interactive art director?

You can seek opportunities with

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your school yearbook, website, or newspaper, and follow designers you admire on social media for ideas and inspiration.

### **Why is rope access technician an important job of the future?**

The demand for wind energy could quadruple by 2050.

### **“Fighting for Clean Water”**

Pages 22-23

### **What was wrong with the water in the Serpent River First Nation community, and what needed to be done before community members could use it?**

The water was contaminated, so they needed to boil it for at least a minute before they could drink it or use it to brush their teeth.

### **What did Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau promise to do about the water advisories by 2021?**

Prime Minister Trudeau has promised to end all advisories in First Nation communities by 2021.

### **What did Autumn tell the U.N. members about her future when she spoke to them in 2018?**

Autumn told the U.N. that one day she would be an ancestor, and she wants her great-

grandchildren to know she fought hard so they could have clean water.

## **CRITICAL-THINKING QUESTIONS**

### **“Is It Ever OK To Cancel Someone?”**

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**Ila says that canceling is similar to bullying. Do you agree? Why or why not? Explain your answer.**

Possible answer: No, it raises awareness around an issue; yes, it can make someone feel isolated by their peers.

**Is cancel culture present in your school community? If so, give an example. If not, why do you think that is?**

Answers will vary.

**Teens have started using cancel culture in ways that don't have anything to do with bringing about social change. Why do you think that is? Give specific examples.**

Possible answer: Social media makes it really easy to launch a social attack on a person without having to take personal responsibility for starting it, which may be appealing to some teens.

### **“What We Want You To Know**

### **About ADHD”**

Pages 6–11

**Some people think that ADHD is caused by eating too much sugar or playing too many video games. Why do you think that is, and why is it incorrect?**

Possible answer: They might think that these things can affect a person's ability to focus, but ADHD is a genetic condition that someone is born with.

**What do you think people who don't have ADHD should know about people who do? Use three facts from the article to back up your point.**

Answers will vary.

**Gusto performs better in school when he can learn in a hands-on way. Which type of learning environment do you do best in, and why do you think that is?**

Answers will vary.

### **“Dear Diary...”**

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**Pick one of the prompts suggested in the article and write a brief response.**

Answers will vary.

**Out of all of the advantages of journaling mentioned in the article, which one do you think would be the most beneficial to you?**

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Possible answer: Journaling would help me to take a break from my phone, which might help me waste less time on social media.

**Do you write in a journal? If the answer is yes, what was it that prompted you to start? If not, why do you think that is?**

Possible answers: Yes, I originally started writing in a journal to help me through a stressful time; No, I've never felt like I have enough time to journal.

**“The Best Jobs for Future You”**

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**Which of the featured careers appeals to you the most? Explain why.**

Answers will vary.

**What are the three timeless skills you'll need more than ever in 2030, and why do you think they'll remain important skills to have?**

Possible answer: You will need people skills, leadership, and creativity. They'll remain important because they are skills that robots and computers won't be able to replicate or replace.

**The demand for locally grown produce continues to rise. List two possible reasons for the increase.**

Possible answer: People want

locally grown food because it's healthier for them, and it's better for the environment since it doesn't have to travel as far.

**“Fighting For Clean Water”**

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**Access to clean water is something many people take for granted. How do you think your life would be affected if you had a water advisory in your community?**

Possible answer: It would take me much longer to get ready for school in the morning if I had to boil the water before I brushed my teeth.

**Why should governments have to provide access to clean water? Explain your answer.**

Possible answer: Contaminated water can promote the spread of diseases in a country and lead to an epidemic.

**Autumn was inspired to help the Serpent River First Nation when she was 8 years old. Describe a time when you were inspired to make a change because of something you learned about at a young age.**

Answers will vary.

**“The Global Water Crisis”**

Page 24

**What is considered a water-**

**stressed area, and how many people will live in one by the year 2025?**

Possible answer: It's an area where the demand for clean water exceeds the available supply. More than half of the world's population will be in a water-stressed area by the year 2025.

**How do some women in rural areas in India get clean water for their villages? How does that compare with your access to clean water?**

They have to walk 3-12 miles each day to bring water back, while we are able to access water by turning on a tap.

**What happened to the water supply in Flint, Michigan, and what else have you heard about the crisis there?**

Answers will vary.

**How many people in sub-Saharan Africa get their water from untreated lakes, streams, and ponds? Why might this be a problem?**

About 70 million; untreated water could carry bacteria that can cause diarrhea and diseases like typhoid, cholera, and hepatitis A.

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1. spewing
2. bigotry
3. repercussions
4. amends

### **“What We Want You To Know About ADHD”**

Pages 6–11

1. socioeconomic
2. dysgraphia
3. executive functioning
4. neurological
5. impulsivity

### **“Dear Diary...”**

Pages 12–15

1. empathetic
2. mementos
3. whimsical
4. radioactive

### **“The Best Jobs For Future You”**

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1. fonts
2. turbines
3. entrepreneurs

### **“Fighting For Clean Water”**

Pages 22–23

1. indigenous
2. infuriated