

"Obama to seek reversal" pg. A10

#1

1. President Obama is seeking a reversal of a federal Circuit Court of Appeals decision. What was that court's decision?

President Obama had exceeded his authority when he created programs that allowed some immigrants in the country illegally to stay and obtain work

2. Who is the President asking to grant the reversal?

The United States Supreme Court

3. The programs referred to in your response to question #1 are described in the last two columns of the article. NAME and DESCRIBE these programs as well as state the acronym used for each.

Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA)-- a program to help foreign-born parents of U.S. citizens or permanent residents

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)-- a program that protects people in the country illegally who came here as children

4. What three immigrant groups are currently being deported from the U.S.? Which immigrants are not being deported?

- foreigners with criminal records
- those with multiple immigrant violations
- recent border crossers

those who have applied for work permits

5. Who is Josh Earnest?

The White House spokesman

6. How do the Republican candidates for president stand on this issue of immigration? How do the Democrats stand?

The republicans plan to undo Obama's programs if they win the White House, whereas the democrats plan to expand the programs

7. Look carefully at the last paragraph. According to the text, why are Republicans afraid to take a tough stand in the issue of immigration?

The want to make sure as to not upset the Latino voters since they are an expanding part of our voting population and they will need their support to win future elections

★ 8. What word in the last paragraph means *tough*?

hardline

9. This article is about the constitutional checks and balances we learned in the last unit. What government branch is doing the "checking" and what branch is being "checked"? What actual check is being applied? (HINT: it was an answer on your test, therefore it would be on your study guide:)

The judicial branch is checking the executive branch and they are checking to see if the President's actions are unconstitutional

"State Republicans say no to Syrian refugees"

Front pg.

#2

1. Why do state republicans not want Syrian refugees to settle Wisconsin?

They believe the Syrian refugees pose a threat to our state's security

2. Using context clues AND knowledge from previous articles, explain this phrase from paragraph #1---"a national chorus of mostly GOP leaders"

Republicans from all over the country are saying the same thing

3. According to the information provided in the second paragraph, what legally can AND can't state governors do to refugees who wish to relocate in their state? Look to the **second paragraph in the second column on pg. A7** and give the name of the federal law that has supremacy over the state governors.

the governor can establish policies to make state living more difficult

the governor can not legally prohibit refugees from settling in their state

the Refugee Act of 1980

★4. Using context clues, define the word *influx*. (end of front pg. portion of the article)

the arrival of very large number

5. What are the THREE points to President Obama's current policy pledge for Syrian refugees? (3rd paragraph pg. A7)

- will accept 10,000 refugees from Syria
- this policy will last 12 months
- the refugees can go and settle anywhere in the US

6. Identify the following people from the article:

Robin Vos - the Speaker of the WI Assembly

Ron Johnson - US Senator from WI

Russ Feingold - Former US Senator from WI; Ron Johnson's challenger in 2016

"House votes to curb Syrian refugees" FRONT pg.

#3

1. What specific group(s) of refugees are the subject of the bill passed yesterday by the US House of Representatives?

Syrian and Iraqi refugees

2. Why are these refugees specifically targeted? (Use the 3rd paragraph on front pg.)

They are from countries where the Islamic State has been very active

3. The bill is intended to "*erect high hurdles*" for those refugees? What does that mean?

creating more difficult requirements to meet

4. Using the information in the 3rd paragraph again, what are these "high hurdles" as mentioned in the question above?

New FBI background checks and individual sign-offs by three high-ranking government officials before being allowed to enter the US

5. The president is NOT in favor of these tougher measures. His administration believes the "hurdles" they have in place are tough enough. Using the 3rd paragraph from the end (pg. A11) what are the current "hurdles" for accepting such refugees AND how long does the process take?

- **overseas interviews**
- **fingerprint and biometric investigations**
- **repeated rounds of questioning**
- **an 18-24 month process**

6. According to the information provided in that same paragraph, who make up most of the refugees seeking asylum?

women and children

7. Look at the list of the Wisconsin members vote on the from page of the paper. Write down the names of the Wisconsin Representatives, their party (R or D) and how they voted (yes or no).

YES

Paul Ryan (R)

Ron Kind (D)

Jim Sensenbrenner (R)

Glenn Grothman (R)

Sean Duffy (R)

Reid Ribble (R)

NO

Mark Pocan (D)

Gwen Moore (D)

8. Who are the following people mentioned in the article?

Paul Ryan - US Speaker of the House of Representatives

Harry Reid - US Senate Minority Leader

Jeh Johnson - Homeland Security Secretary

Denis McDonough - White House Chief of Staff

"New Licenses 'most secure' in the US"

pg. A5

#4

★ Using context clues, define the word *revamp* in the 3rd paragraph.
new and improved

2. What are the 5 new security features in the Wisconsin driver's licenses that the state started issuing in October.

- made of polycarbonate material
- laser-engraved black and white photo
- raised text for signature and expiration dates
- two-color printing
- DOT logo that can only be seen under UV light

3. When renewing your licenses, driver's can get the standard WI license or they can get a REAL ID. What benefits come from getting a REAL ID? How can you tell the difference between the two licenses?

used to access federal buildings and eventually will be the only ID used to get on planes

has a star in the upper right-hand corner of the license

4. Using your response to question #3, indicate what type of license is shown as a sample with the article.

REAL ID

5. What do you have to do to get a REAL ID?

Show a valid passport, birth certificate, naturalization paper or proof of legal citizenship

6. After reading the article, explain what is meant by the article's title.

The new WI driver's licenses will be the hardest state ID to falsify or tamper with in the nation

"Leaders focus on clean energy"

Front pg.

#5

1. What city is hosting the U.N. climate summit?

Paris, France

2. The opening of the climate summit was met with police clashes between climate change protesters because demonstrations such as that are currently not allowed in the city, why?

Marches in the city are banned because Paris is under a state of emergency since the 11/13 terrorist attacks were carried out

3. An important two-fold energy initiative is being introduced at the climate summit. Describe this initiative...included the names of the two parts of the plan, who is involved and what each part plans to do. (first column on A8)

public portion - led by governments and called Mission Innovation plan to double their spending on low or no carbon energy in the next 5 years

private portion - called Breakthrough Energy, business leaders plan to invest money in research of low or no carbon energy resources

★. Who was the "*intellectual architect*" behind the initiative and how much personal money has this person committed to the initiative? What does it mean to be an "*intellectual architect*"?
(bottom of first column on A8)

Bill Gates has pledged \$1 billion of his own money to the project because he was the "mastermind" or creator of the project

5. What is the key goal behind the initiative described in question #3? (front pg.)

the goal is to bring down the cost of cleaner energy

6. Who is Ernest Moniz? (second column A8)

the US Secretary of Energy

7. According to Moniz, wind and solar energy storage is a key area for research and development (R&D). Why?

Research and development on storage mechanisms for wind and solar energy is needed because the weather can be so intermittent

8. Who is Elon Musk and what is his connection to a project called Gigafactory? What is Gigafactory?

Elon Musk is a billionaire car tycoon who created Gigafactory, which has produced large batteries for home power storage to make wind and solar energy more viable (practical or possible)

"Organizers jazzed by support for 6-year-old transgender girl" Front pg.

#6

1. What area community is the focus of the controversy discussed in the article? What municipal form of government does this community have? What is its population AND location?

Mount Horeb, a village form of government with 7,000 people located 25 miles SW of Madison

2. Using context clues, define the word *inclusive* (top 2nd column front pg.)

including everyone---not leaving anyone out

3. What book is at the heart of controversy? Who is the author of the book and what is the book about?

"I am Jazz"-- a book by Jessica Herthel (and Jazz Jennings) about the life of a transgender girl

4. What was the purpose behind having an elementary school in the community read the book mentioned in ques. #3?

A 6 year old from Mt. Horeb recently transitioned and the school thought reading the book might help her classmates better understand what happened

5. Why was the book reading cancelled? Name the group behind the cancellation (3rd column A6)

A conservative group from Florida called the Liberty Counsel threatened legal action

6. What specific government has jurisdiction over materials that are read in community schools? (4th column A6)

the Mount Horeb School Board

7. Explain what is meant by the phrase..."confer with legal counsel with respect to threatened litigation" (4th column A6)

the board needed to consult a lawyer because of a potential lawsuit (legal action) involving the book controversy