Week of 3/31/14

1. General
   1. If you still haven’t checked out SAS, here’s a good overview -- <http://www.sas.com/govedu/edu/curriculum/newsletters/cp.html?appid=38332&EMAIL=kelley.miller%40stokes.k12.nc.us> (let me know if this doesn’t work, please)
2. Science
   1. Great article on News ELA about tsunami threat off West Coast <http://newsela.com/articles/norcal-quake/id/3130/>
   2. Lingering effects from Exxon-Valdez spill 25 years later <http://newsela.com/articles/exxonvaldez-anniversary/id/3190/>
3. ELA
   1. Anybody dealing with Shakespeare? Check out this article <http://www.readworks.org/passages/whos-boy-boy-actors-and-other-strange-things-shakespearean-stage>
   2. Helping students create a workable thesis http://www.middleweb.com/14136/brainstorm-essay-thesis/
4. Encore (Some of these links are to sites where you need an account, but these are free & only take a minute to set up; if you want me just to download the article & send it to you, just let me know.)
   1. Health / PE –
      1. Why dark chocolate is good for us – YUM – <http://newsela.com/articles/chocolate-health/id/3147/>
      2. Lower milk consumption – <http://newsela.com/articles/milk-trends/id/3168/>
   2. Life Skills – importance of sewing / clothes making in Bangladesh – http://newsela.com/articles/bangladesh-women/id/3080/
   3. Technology
      1. article about a building in Staten Island that causes a whistling sound in windy weather & trying to discover why this happens – <http://www.readworks.org/passages/mystery-whistling-building>
      2. an article about the building of the Empire State Building <http://www.readworks.org/passages/when-empire-state-building-was-new>
   4. computers / technology – article about smart phones being able to create indoor 3-D maps <http://newsela.com/articles/3d-indoormap/id/3157/>
5. Just for fun… 