Week of 5/5/14

1. General
   1. Great document outlining some tips for using primary sources -- <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/educationoutreach/PrimarySourceLessons1.pdf>
   2. Interesting article about research into pay schedules (including other states, though) -- <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2014/05/04/4885188/experts-best-teacher-pay-plans.html#.U2kfB4FdWSo>
   3. Virginia’s “Standard of Learning” (SOL – too bad) –site has some nice links to interactive review, quizzes, etc. by topic so that you may find specific things to help in your class -- <http://www.virginiasol.com/test_grade8.htm>
   4. Another good site with links to some helpful quizzes, reviews, etc. (by topic) (heads’ up, the TAKS links look nice) -- <https://www.internet4classrooms.com/assessment_assistance/assessment_practice_test_preparation_interactive_8th_eighth_grade.htm>
2. Science
   1. Article about whaling – could make for an interesting debate topic -- <https://newsela.com/articles/last-whalers/id/3553/>
   2. Article about declining horseshoe crab population (also some interesting details about food chain & the impact of a drop in any species’ population) -- <https://newsela.com/articles/horseshoe-crabs/id/3670/>
3. Social Studies
   1. Article about Sherpas leaving Mt. Everest – another possible debate topic, could also look at this as part of a discussion on minimum wage / compensation issues / economic impact (from multiple perspectives, too) -- <https://newsela.com/articles/sherpa-everest/id/3612/>
   2. Afghan children working for extremely low pay, dreaming of the chance to go to school -- <https://newsela.com/articles/afghan-childlaborers/id/3585/>
4. ELA
   1. Interesting lesson to help with Shakespeare’s language & sonnets -- <http://www.freakydudebooks.com/pdf/tg_ode.pdf>