Week of 9/22/14

1. General
	1. Complimentary webinar focusing on literacy across curriculums – only 1 hour -- <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/461966665?_sm_au_=iVVqQ26sWffs1s65>
	2. Some good classroom apps, specifically Remind & Socrative -- <http://www.npr.org/blogs/ed/2014/09/16/347377022/a-is-for-apps-teachers-share-top-digital-tools-of-the-trade>
	3. Tiering / scaffolding to differentiate instruction & assignments -- (some examples then a template) <http://faculty.scf.edu/sharric/lesson5/lesson5diff/tieredtemplate.pdf> and nice PPT explaining the reasoning, the process, and samples (attachment)
2. Science
	1. Concerns about monarch butterfly population dropping -- <https://newsela.com/articles/butterfly-gmos/id/5109/>
	2. Dinosaurs that swam? – pretty cool -- <https://newsela.com/articles/swimming-dinosaur/id/5201/>
3. Social Studies
	1. Really interesting piece about China’s reaction to proposed changes in the SAT that would include American historical documents – could really spark some great discussion, maybe a good topic for a class debate -- <https://newsela.com/articles/sat-chinesestudents/id/5094/>
	2. Article about Malala – Pakistani girl shot in 2012 for beliefs about education rights -- <https://newsela.com/articles/malala-shooting/id/5208/>
	3. Controversy over candidates’ residency – could spur some good discussion of why this even matters -- <https://newsela.com/articles/senators-hometowns/id/5190/>
	4. Scottish independence from Great Britain? – great article about the historic vote to remain part of GB – might make for great discussion of pros / cons of independence -- <https://newsela.com/articles/scotland-votes/id/5290/>
4. ELA
	1. Next week is banned books week – here are some interesting sites / activities to explore this issue –(downloadable or to be used on smart board – booklet looking at some graphic novels that have been banned with discussion of claims against them) <http://cbldf.org/librarian-tools/cbldf-banned-books-week-handbook/?utm_source=Inbox+Issue+-+2014-09-16&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Inbox> or fighting censorship <http://archives.library.illinois.edu/ncte/about/february.php?utm_source=Inbox+Issue+-+2014-09-16&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Inbox>
5. Encore
	1. Health / PE – fun article about early baseball – maybe it would be fun to play using these old rules & the old language -- <https://newsela.com/articles/vintage-baseball/id/5215/>
	2. Art – great article about cleaning a portrait of Washington – technique, symbolism, all kinds of interesting details -- <https://newsela.com/articles/georgewashington-painting/id/5179/>
6. Just for fun…



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