

Name Answer Key

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Primary Source Analysis Worksheet - Newspaper Article #1

Make observations.



1. What is the title of the article?

Goal: Renew the Blackstone

2. Who wrote the article?

Don Sockol

3. Who was the intended audience?

Readers of the Providence Journal/Adults in and around R.I.

4. When was this article published?

August 6, 1972

5. Where was it published?

The Providence Sunday Journal, Massachusetts Edition,
Providence, R.I.

6. What words did you not know in the article? Write their definitions.

Campaign - an organized plan of action to achieve a goal

Debris - the remains of something broken or destroyed

Pollution - the process of making air, water, or land unsuitable or harmful to use

Receptacle - an object or space used to contain something

Refuse - the worthless or useless part of something

Sewage - refuse liquid or waste matter usually carried off by sewers

Reflect upon the document.



7. What is the main idea of the article?

Volunteers are needed on Zap Day to clean up the the polluted Blackstone River and its banks.

8. Use text evidence (quotes or words from the document) to support the main idea.

- "A campaign to clean the banks of the Blackstone River of litter and debris is being launched today by the Providence Journal-Bulletin."
- "Volunteers will be needed to supply the muscle and the technical skills to do the job."
- "Heavy equipment and operators will be needed to lift and carry junk."
- "Thousands of citizens will be asked to converge on the 18 miles of the Blackstone River in Rhode Island - from Woonsocket to Providence - to start the job of restoring the river."

9. Why do you think this article was written?

This article was written to inform Rhode Islanders about the cleanup effort planned for Zap Day. It also aims to persuade concerned community members of Rhode Island to participate in removing debris and waste from the river and surrounding areas.

Ask questions.

10. What questions do you still have about this article?



- What type of heavy equipment is needed to remove the debris from the Blackstone River?
- Why are some Rhode Islanders polluting their own river and littering on their own land?