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MEET MOXIE

This friendly robot is on our list of the Best Inventions of 2020.

DIGITAL TOOLBOX

GOOGLE CLASSROOM
You can now share the brand-new TIME for Kids digital issues (and individual articles) directly from our website, with Google Classroom! Once you’re logged in to your teacher account at timeforkids.com, you’ll find this feature for each edition of the magazine in the Digital Library.

GOOGLE FORMS
Our weekly magazine and cover quizzes are now available via Google Forms, as well as in their print versions. We’ve included a distractor analysis for students with each quiz.

A PODCAST SERIES
We’ve launched a weekly Pinna Original podcast, TIME for Kids Explains. Go to ti.me/2EDR5m6 to listen to a clip from this week’s episode. Plus, sign up and receive one free year of Pinna!
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LESSON MATERIALS
• “You Be the Judge” worksheet (see p. 4 of this guide)
• Cover Quiz (see p. 6 of this guide)

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BEST INVENTIONS
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STANDARDS
SOCIAL STUDIES (NCSS)
Engineering Design
CCSS: RI.1, RI.8, W.1, SL.1

BEFORE READING
Tell students that each year, the Consumer Technology Association holds an event called the Consumer Electronics Show (CES), showcasing new technology. Show them a timeline (ti.me/3adrpdz) that highlights CES milestones and some important innovations of the past 50 years. Have partners discuss problems that have arisen this year, as well as new technology that might be on display at CES 2021, which takes place from January 11 to 14. Explain that this week’s TIME for Kids cover story is guest-edited by a kid inventor who has chosen the best inventions of 2020.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
• According to Gitanjali, why is innovation so important right now?
• How does CrazyCap work? Why do you think it has two settings?
• Which of the featured inventions would be helpful to students?
• Which device could reduce the spread of viruses like COVID-19?
• What problem were the inventors of the Adaptive Gaming Kit trying to solve? How did they solve it?
• Gitanjali writes about making a meaningful impact. Which invention do you think will have the most meaningful impact?

CLOSING ACTIVITY
Tell the class that each year, Innovation Awards are given out at CES. (You might show them some of the past honorees at ces.tech/Innovation-Awards/Honorees.aspx.) Ask students to imagine they’re in charge of giving an Innovation Award to one of the inventions featured in this issue. Give them the worksheet “You Be the Judge,” on page 4 of this guide. The categories and rubric have been adapted from the CES Innovation Awards Program rules. Have students rate their favorite invention using the sheet. Or have groups work together to rate all 11 inventions and come up with their favorite. Bring the class together to vote on which of this year’s inventions is the most innovative. Have volunteers explain their choice.
BRAIN BREAK!

Here at TIME for Kids, we recognize the importance of developing students’ social and emotional learning (SEL) skills, especially during difficult times like these. We’re working with MyLife for Schools to provide educators with weekly SEL content.

Kids’ Meditation: These days, we spend more time at home, often trying to work, play, and learn together under the same roof. It can be hard to find some peace and quiet in all that activity and noise. In this week’s video, MyLife’s Bulldog will show students how to boost their superpower of calm by taking deep, relaxed breaths. The video can be found at ti.me/3aSBcE8. To learn more about our MyLife for Schools product, go to my.life/mylife-for-schools.

STANDARDS
SOCIAL STUDIES (NCSS)
Culture

CCSS: RI.1, RI.3, W.1, SL.1

ARTICLE

KID-APPROVED
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TFK Kid Reporters review four of the most noteworthy books of 2020.

BEFORE READING

Ask students to think back on the books they read in 2020. Invite volunteers to talk about their favorite. Then explain that this article features four of the noteworthy books of 2020, reviewed by TFK Kid Reporters.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

• Reread each review. What makes each of the books featured noteworthy?
• Why does Kid Reporter Miguel Madero find When Stars Are Scattered inspirational?
• How is Mikaila Ulmer helping the next generation of entrepreneurs grow?
• Which of these books interests you the most? Why?

CLOSING ACTIVITY

Explain that Kid Reporters are given pointers on how to write their reviews. Show the worksheet on page 5 of this guide, “Good Reads?” Read through the prompts. Point out that not all reviews are positive, but that they should express honest opinions. Have students write a review of a book they read most recently. Then share the class reviews.

ANSWER KEY

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<th>Cover Story Quiz</th>
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You Be the Judge

Read “Best Inventions of 2020” (January 8, 2021). Then choose the invention you believe is the most innovative, and judge it using the criteria below.

Each year, the Consumer Technology Association (CTA) holds the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) for new technologies. At the CES showcase event, outstanding examples of design and engineering are honored with CES Innovation Awards. Pretend you are a judge at this year’s event. Choose an invention featured in this week’s magazine and score it using the rubric below.

Product name: .................................................................

Product category: Choose up to three.

- Accessibility
- Gaming
- Health and Wellness
- Home Appliances
- Mobile Devices and Accessories
- Robotics
- Software and Mobile Apps
- Sustainability and Eco Design
- Vehicle Intelligence and Transportation
- Wearable Technologies

Judging criteria:

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<th>Engineering</th>
<th>The materials used to make this product are sensible and well-thought-out. The product clearly meets its intended use. The product will soon be able to be replicated in a cost-effective way.</th>
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<td>Design</td>
<td>This product’s design is both functional and visually appealing. The design is unique or interesting to users while being practical for a large base of people.</td>
<td>/10</td>
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<td>Innovation</td>
<td>This product is groundbreaking or a novel improvement on an existing idea. The technology will be life-changing or will change the way users view an existing problem.</td>
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Total score: /30  Average score (total ÷ 3):

Explain why this invention should win a 2021 Innovation Award.

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Good Reads?

Read the book reviews by TFK Kid Reporters in “Kid-Approved” (January 8, 2021). Then choose a book you’ve read recently and use the space below to write a review of it.

Title: __________________________________________

Author:_________________________________________

Genre: ___________________ Number of pages: _______

Rating by: _______________________________________

Review of the book. Include the following:

- Why did you rate the book as you did?
- Are the characters relatable?
- Who would enjoy this book?

Summary of the book. Include the following:

- Who are the main characters?
- What is the main problem?
- What is the basic story line?
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<td>It’s a friendly robot.</td>
<td>It can detect bullying.</td>
<td>It encourages reading and drawing.</td>
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<td>2. Which invention allows you to talk to your computer without typing or speaking?</td>
<td>A. ABii</td>
<td>B. AlterEgo</td>
<td>C. Moxie</td>
<td>D. Robofriend</td>
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<td>3. Which is a feature of Gardyn?</td>
<td>It needs to be stored outside.</td>
<td>It uses real seedpods.</td>
<td>It needs to be placed by a window for natural sunlight.</td>
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<td>4. The Adaptive Gaming Kit is considered more inclusive because</td>
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<td>5. How long does it take for CrazyCap to purify water?</td>
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<td>6. What do all of these inventors most likely have in common?</td>
<td>They are creative.</td>
<td>They are complacent.</td>
<td>They are unintelligent.</td>
<td>They are discouraged.</td>
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<td>7. What most likely prompted these individuals to invent these items?</td>
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Use this week’s issue, *Meet Moxie*, to answer the questions below. For each question, circle the letter next to the best answer.

## PAGE 2: TIME PERSON OF THE YEAR

1. Who won TIME’s Person of the Year?
   - A. LeBron James
   - B. frontline health workers
   - C. Joe Biden and Kamala Harris
   - D. all of the above

2. What makes 2020’s Person of the Year historic?
   - A. It’s the first time a vice president has been named as well as a president.
   - B. It’s the first time a kid created the cover art.
   - C. It was the first time other categories were honored.
   - D. It’s the last time this honor will be given.

## PAGE 3: FROM OUR READERS

3. What do the heroes that kids wrote about have in common?
   - A. They are all family members.
   - B. They are all frontline healthcare workers.
   - C. They all take care of others.
   - D. They donate money to support COVID-19 relief.

## PAGES 4–7: BEST INVENTIONS OF 2020

4. Which of the following statements is not true about Moxie?
   - A. It’s for kids ages 5 to 10.
   - B. It’s a friendly robot.
   - C. It can detect bullying.
   - D. It encourages reading and drawing.

5. Which is a feature of Gardyn?
   - A. It needs to be stored outside.
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   - C. It needs to be placed by a window for natural sunlight.
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6. The Adaptive Gaming Kit is more inclusive because
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7. How long does it take for CrazyCap to purify water?
   - A. one second
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8. What do all of these inventors *most likely* have in common?
   - A. They are creative.
   - B. They are complacent.
   - C. They are unintelligent.
   - D. They are discouraged.

9. Which book featured is a graphic novel?
   - A. *When Stars Are Scattered*
   - B. *Bee Fearless*
   - C. *Condor Comeback*
   - D. *Mañanaland*

10. What is a condor?
    - A. the type of honey Mikaila Ulmer uses to make her lemonade
    - B. a refugee camp in Kenya
    - C. the vehicle used to get to Mañanaland
    - D. a North American bird