Creating Captions

"Looking at a picture without a caption is like watching TV with the sound turned off."

-Robert J.

Courtemanche

Images are important features in nonfiction because they give more information about the text. However, images without captions can be problematic because viewers may interrupt the image with very different messages. In this lesson students will learn what makes a great caption by using the 5 W's and H of journalism writing. Captions provide more information without restating the obvious.

- 1. Start by reviewing the 5 W's and H with students. If helpful, make an anchor chart showing these elements and meaning. Who, What, When, Where, Why, How.
- 2. Provide students with four images and four captions. In pairs or small groups have students examine the images and determine which captions belong to each image.
- 3. Once they have matched the captions and images, have students identify as many of the 5 W's and H as they can from the captions.
- 4. Project an image without a caption that includes people. Choose an image that evokes many questions. Students examine the image for details. Students then write questions they need answered about the image. In small groups have students compose a caption for the image.
- 5. Provide students with images from the Gray/Campbell Field trip. Students need to write a short article about the field trip. They must use at least 2 images with captions that will give more information about the text in the article.









Three-year-old Madison gets to know Placer County Sheriff's K-9 Scout when he visited Creative Kids Preschool & childcare Center.

Jorge Soler got the Braves off to a strong start in the third inning by slamming out a 442 foot (135 meter)home run. With two runners already on base, that put Atlanta ahead 3-0.

Kane Tanaka has held Guinness World Record for being the oldest living person since 2019 (Credit: Guinness World Records.com) It was a strong comeback after Kunieda lost in the semi-finals of last year's Australian Open. But it's probably not surprising, for someone who has won several Paralympic Gold Medals and Grand Slam singles victories. Above Kunieda at the 2017 US Open.

