

UNIT 2 Facing Challenges Nonfiction Connection

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TRAPPED NEW ORLEANS PETS STILL BEING RESCUED

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SPEAK YOUR MIND

I'm a "dog guy" with two cats, Negro and Stripey! I love my bad boys very much.

Are you a pet owner? How important are they for you?

What would you do about your pet if you had to flee your home?

How would you feel if you had to leave your pet behind?

Take a minute to answer in the notebook.



HURRICANE KATRINA

On August 26, 2005, both Louisiana and Mississippi began preparations for evacuations along the coast. **Category 5 Hurricane Katrina** was on her way. Most people evacuated from the coast. Many people who didn't were unable to or had limited access to transportation. It's estimated that around 1.2 million people evacuated the New Orleans area but that about 100,000 people remained in the city. The region was destroyed. Homes were submerged in water; the streets turned into rivers; and residents were told to evacuate the area as soon as possible.





Not everyone could just pick up and go, however, especially families without cars or without friends or relatives in undamaged areas. Amid the chaos, one group of victims was especially at risk. As the USA Today news article you're about to read describes, thousands of dogs, cats, and other pets were left behind by owners fleeing the flooded city.



LITERARY CONCEPTS

Thesis

Is a main idea that is supported in a work of nonfiction. The best essays and articles support their main ideas effectively. Writers may use facts, statistics, examples, or other details to support their theses. As you read "Trapped New Orleans Pets Still Being Rescued," be aware of the writers' message.



LITERARY CONCEPTS

News Article

A news article discusses current or recent news of either general interest (i.e. daily newspapers) or of a specific topic (i.e. political or trade news magazines, club newsletters, or technology news websites). A news article can include accounts of eyewitnesses to the happening event.

READING SKILL

Identify the Author's Purpose

As you read "Trapped New Orleans Pets Still Being Rescued," try to discern the purpose of the news article. An author's purpose is his or her aim or goal. Being able to understand the intended purpose is an important reading skill. An author may write to inform, to express ideas or tell a story, to describe something, or to persuade. The purpose often corresponds to a specific mode, or type, of writing.



ASSESSMENT

After reading pgs. 176 -181, in your book, complete these activities:

1. REFER TO TEXT &
2. REASON WITH TEXT
3. & ANALYZE LITERATURE
 - **Thesis** - An essay is a short nonfiction work that presents a single main idea, or thesis, about a particular topic. Summarize the main ideas of this essay and determine the thesis. Then write a short critique of the essay, in which you evaluate how effectively the authors have supported their thesis.



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