

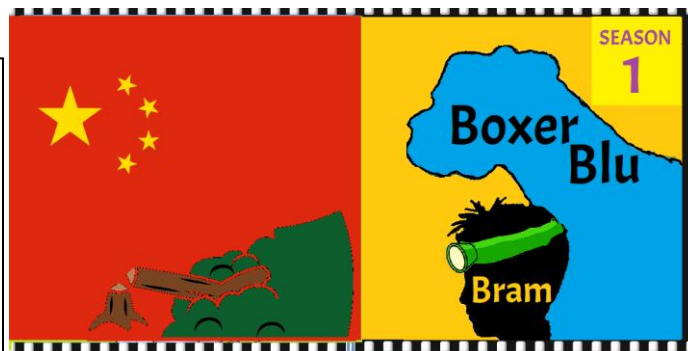
Little News Ears

Lesson Plan Suggestions

BoxerBlu & Bram – News for 4 Year-Olds

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Keywords: China, Siberia, deforestation
burgers, Syria, NBA, Africa



Item #1 – ‘Automakers, Rejecting Trump Pollution Rule, Strike a Deal With California’

Authors: Coral Davenport and Hiroku Tabuchi

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/25/climate/automakers-rejecting-trump-pollution-rule-strike-a-deal-with-california.html>

Activity – STEAM – Science - Climate Change and the Environment – How Polluted is the Air Right Now?

1. After this podcast, ask the students to name some of the different countries and places they learned about (China, Siberia, Africa, Syria)
2. Ask the students to name where they are currently.
3. Use [WAQI](#) to compare and contrast the air pollution in these places.

Item #2 – Title: ‘The NBA is Pushing Into Africa. Can It Compete with Soccer?’

Author: Sarah Maslin Nir

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/23/sports/basketball/nba-africa-league-senegal.html>

Activities – Games – Tabletop Basketball [DIY Tabletop Basketball Game](#)

Item #3 – ‘As the Chinese Cut Down Siberia’s Forests, Tensions With Russians Rise’

Author: Andrew E. Kramer

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/25/world/europe/russia-china-siberia-logging.html>

Activity – STEAM – Science – Climate Change and the Environment – Where is Deforestation Happening?

1. Discuss with the students where they think deforestation is happening around the world.
2. Use [The Global Forest Watch Map](#) to see where it is currently happening.

Item #4 – Title: ‘An In-N-Out Burger From Heaven and How It Fell Back to Earth’

Author: David Yaffe-Bellany

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/25/business/in-n-out-burger-queens.html>

Activity – Structured Play – Make Dough from Scratch and Make Burgers

[Create play dough with your students](#) and then make burgers.

Item #5 - Title: 'An American Aimed to See Every Country in the World. Then He Hit Syria.'

Author: Vivian Yee

Source: NY Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/26/world/middleeast/syria-american-prisoner-goodwin.html>

Activity – Social Studies – Geography – How Many Countries in the World Are There?

1. Directions for the students: using a [coloring map](#), color as many countries as you can.
2. Directions: Count as many as you can.
3. Ask the students to name countries they have heard of.
4. Think of ways to show the students that there are 193 countries, such as showing them 193 pennies.