

Kennedy Middle School Reading Article

Carbon Monoxide Poster Contest (860L)

Instructions: COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS AND MARGIN NOTES using the CLOSE reading strategies practiced in class. This requires reading of the article three times.

Step 1: Skim the article using these symbols as you read:

(+) agree, (-) disagree, (*) important, (!) surprising, (?) wondering

Step 2: Number the paragraphs. **Read** the article **carefully** and **make notes in the margin**.

Notes should include:

- Comments that show that you **understand** the article. (A summary or statement of the main idea of important sections may serve this purpose.)
- Questions you have that show what you are **wondering** about as you read.
- Notes that differentiate between **fact** and **opinion**.
- Observations about how the **writer's strategies** (organization, word choice, perspective, support) and choices affect the article.

Step 3: A final quick read noting anything you may have missed during the first two reads.

Your **margin notes** are part of your score for this assessment. Answer the questions carefully in **complete sentences** unless otherwise instructed.

Student _____ Class Period _____

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Carbon Monoxide Poster Contest

THE INVISIBLE KILLER!

Alert! Middle school students wanted!
Create a cool poster. Warn people about dangers of poisonous carbon monoxide (CO).
Stop the invisible killer! Save lives! Win prize money!

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is sponsoring a nationwide carbon monoxide safety poster contest to help warn people about the dangers of CO.

Create a poster about the dangers of carbon monoxide. Possible topics include:

- 1. Facts about CO: You cannot see it or smell it. It is an invisible killer;
- 2. What steps you can take to protect against CO poisoning;
- 3. How to recognize CO exposure and symptoms;
- 4. How to install and test CO alarms and why they are important.

Prizes!

- 1. Three 5th grade winners: \$500 each
- 2. Three 7th grade winners: \$500 each
- 3. Three 8th grade winners: \$500 each
- 4. One public vote winner: \$500
- 5. One grand prize winner: An extra \$1,000 (chosen from the finalists)

Posters will be posted on CPSC's website and social media sites! Vote for your favorite!

Who Can Enter?

The contest is open to U.S. residents in grades 5th, 7th, or 8th. Posters must be created by the middle school student on his/her own, without help from family, friends or others. Children of CPSC employees are not eligible to enter.

Important: To enter your poster into the contest, we need your parent or guardian to fill out an application form and submit the Contest Submitter and Parental Consent Form along with your poster. You can find the form at www.cpsc.gov/COcontest.

Note for Middle School Teachers: The poster contest is a fun and educational science or art project for your students. If teachers wish to submit posters from students, teachers must have parents sign the Contest Submitter and Parental Consent Form for their child and submit these forms with the poster.

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2. If your parent or guardian says "yes," have your parent or guardian fill out the *Contest Submission and Parental Consent Form*. **THIS IS IMPORTANT!** You can find this form at www.cpsc.gov/COcontest.
3. Scan your (1) poster and your (2) *Contest Submission and Parental Consent Form* as jpg or pdfs. Jpgs are preferred. Each file must be no larger than 1MB, if possible.

4. Submit your poster and *Contest Submission and Parental Consent Form* to the contest online at: www.cpsc.gov/COcontest. Only one entry per person, please.

Poster Guidelines: Artwork must be created solely by the student and must be original work by the child entering the contest. Artwork cannot have been submitted for a previous CPSC poster contest or previously published. Submitted artwork may not contain any elements that violate a third party's copyright or trademark rights. To maintain privacy, entrants should not put their name or any personal information on the poster. If there is identifying information on the poster, CPSC will remove the information before posting. Do not use CPSC's logo or seal on the poster.

Deadline for Entries: Participants may submit entries to CPSC between July 14, 2014 and February 27, 2015. Only one poster per child may be submitted, and all entries must be received no later than February 27, 2015.

Judging Criteria and Prizes: Posters will be evaluated on:

1. CO safety message clarity;
2. Visual appeal;
3. Design originality

For each grade level, three finalists will be selected. One additional winner will be chosen by a public vote on CPSC's website. One grand prize winner will be chosen from all 10 finalists. The parents/guardians of the winners will be notified by telephone or by e-mail on or about May 1, 2015. All decisions by the judges are final.

For Students: Make sure to look at CPSC's Web page on carbon monoxide dangers at: www.cpsc.gov/CO. Remember—this contest is about CO, which stands for carbon monoxide, which is dangerous. This contest is NOT about CO₂, which stands for carbon dioxide and which is in the air we breathe. In addition, take a look at the winning posters from our last contest at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=856CCE4RO.



For Teachers: You can also submit posters to the contest that are created by your students. This would make a great classroom project. Just make sure to **SUBMIT**, along with the artwork, a completed *Contest Submission and Parental Consent Form* for each student from each student's parent or guardian.

Only one submission per student. All entries must be submitted online at our website: www.cpsc.gov/COcontest. We are not accepting hard copies of posters this year.

Legal Stuff: The complete contest rules and legal requirements are at: www.cpsc.gov/COcontest. By submitting an entry to the Contest, each contestant, and each contestant's parent or guardian, acknowledges reading the contest rules, confirms the contestant's eligibility to participate in the contest, and acknowledges the contestant's agreement to be bound by the contest rules.

Contest Questions & Inquiries:

For questions, contact CPSC at: COcontest@cpsc.gov

Poster Submission Checklist:

Did you remember to....

- Make sure your poster meets all contest rules.
- Ask your parent or guardian if you can enter the contest.
- Did your parent or guardian fill out and sign the *Contest Submission and Parental Consent Form*? You can find this form at www.cpsc.gov/COcontest
- Attach (1) your poster, and (2) your signed *Contest Submission and Parental Consent Form* to your entry form at: www.cpsc.gov/COcontest.
- Make sure you do not include any identifying information about yourself on your poster. That means no name and no personal information to protect your privacy.
- Do not use CPSC's logo or seal.
- Scan your poster and save it as a jpg or pdf.
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Comprehension questions – answers may be in phrases.

1. What organization is sponsoring the contest?
2. What total dollar amount will the grand prize winner be awarded? Show your math.
3. Define the prefix **mono** as used in the word monoxide in the article.
4. What is the author's purpose in creating this flier?
5. Define **consent** as used in the text.

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2. Answer each question in one or more complete sentences.

Explain the reasoning behind this statement on the poster checklist: "Make sure you do not include any identifying information about yourself on the poster." Cite directly from the text to support your answer.

List and explain the three basic components in which posters will be judged.

In what form must the poster be submitted? Explain why this would be the only accepted format.

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3. Based on the evidence presented in the flier, what can one assume regarding the dangers of Carbon Monoxide? Do you believe Carbon Monoxide poisoning is dangerous enough to warrant a poster contest? State your claim citing evidence from the text to support your answer.

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4. Create a mini-poster with an effective slogan that could be used as a rough draft for the actual poster contest. Summarize the dangers of CO poisoning at the bottom of the page.

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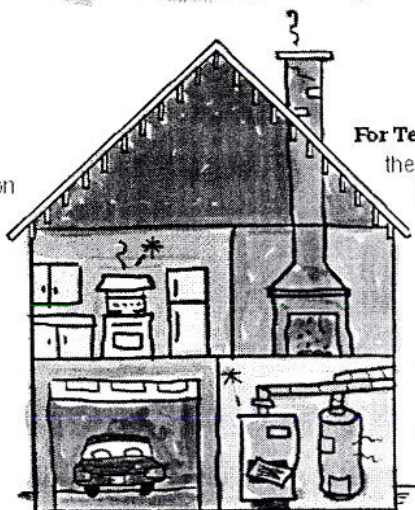
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