A Dangerous Landslide

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1. One night in March 2014, mud broke loose from a tall hillside near the town of Oso, Washington. The giant mass of wet soil moved downhill quickly. It eventually covered thirty nearby houses with mud and dirt. Many people were hurt.

2. *Landslide* is the word many people use to describe this kind of emergency. This landslide happened when very heavy rains soaked the ground near Oso.
3. At the beginning of any muddy landslide, wet ground breaks loose. As the mud moves, it may rip bushes, boulders, trees, and other things out of the ground.
4. Landslides can cause serious damage. A big landslide could bury homes and badly injure people in its path. Landslides can also dump huge amounts of wet dirt onto roads and highways. This added enormous weight could wreck cars and might even cause the road to collapse.
5. If a landslide happens near an area that includes buildings, it could break water lines, gas lines, or electrical lines. That kind of damage could also start fires.
6. Scientists are trying to figure out how to help people be safe in areas where landslides occur. The best thing, experts say, is to have a plan for what to do if this kind of moving-earth emergency happens.

1. Which sentence supports the following main idea?
Landslides cause other damages near buildings.

A. The giant mass of wet soil moved downhill quickly.
B. That kind of damage could also start fires.
C. A landslide happened in Oso, Washington.
D. Scientists are working on ways to protect people when a landslide happens.

2. What is the main idea of paragraph 4?

A. Landslides dump wet dirt on roads.
B. Roads can collapse during a landslide.
C. Landslides happen when it rains a lot.
D. A lot of damage can be caused by landslides.

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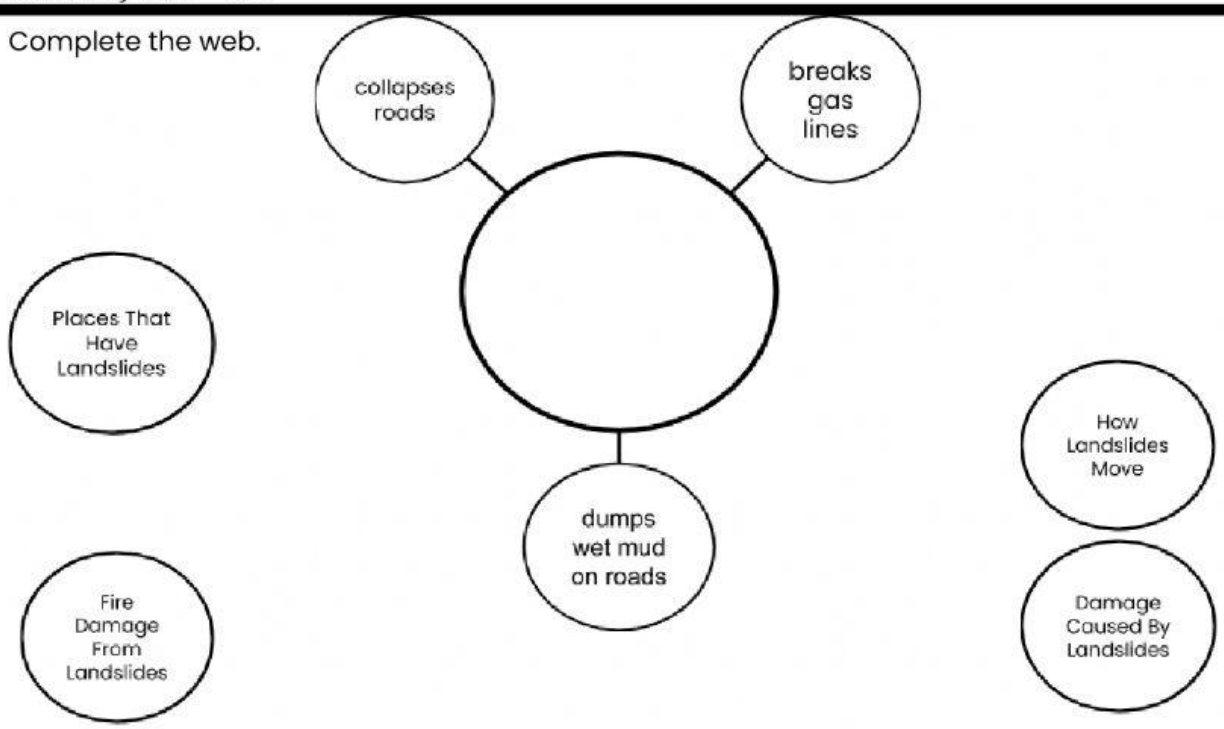

Places That Have Landslides

Fire Damage From Landslides

How Landslides Move

Damage Caused By Landslides

When Will We Have Flying Cars?

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1. People have been trying to build a flying car for a long time. So far, no one has been able to get a car off the ground safely. But engineers keep trying!
2. One problem is that flying cars need wings. The wings must be designed so they will not stick out into other lanes of the road. Engineers are looking for solutions to that problem.
3. Two kinds of flying cars are being developed that may solve the problem. One type is called *the Transition.* It has rotating blades that spin and lift the car. Those blades fold flat against the sides when the car is on the ground.
4. Another kind is named the *Skycar*. It has large propellers. These propeller wings fold up and can be packed in the car's trunk.

5. Flying cars will not just fly up from the road. They will have to take off from an airport runway. Still, some people are eager to have one of their own. Nobody is sure when flying cars will be available, but one company already has a hundred customers waiting for one.
6. So fasten your seat belts, and get ready for takeoff. Someday, cars may be on the road *and* in the air!

1. Paragraph 2 is mostly about -

A. the type of flying cars being developed.
B. a problem of the flying car.
C. how a flying cars wings are designed.
D. when flying cars will be available.

2. The main idea of paragraph 2 and 3 is -

A. that a flying car has rotating blades that spin and lift the car.
B. that they are in the process of developing two kinds of flying cars.
C. that propeller wings fold up and can be stored in the car's trunk.
D. that flying cars will need to take off from an airport.

Directions: Select the correct answers.

3. Which three details support the main idea of the passage?

One hundred people are on a waiting list for a flying car.
The wings of flying cars must be designed so they do not stick out into the lanes of roads.
One type of flying car is called the *Transition* and another is the *Skycar*.
Flying cars will have to take off from a runway.
Flying cars are being designed with wings that can fold up or be parked away.

Abraham Lincoln

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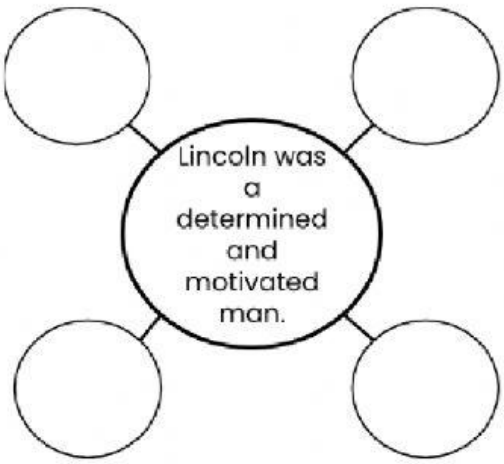
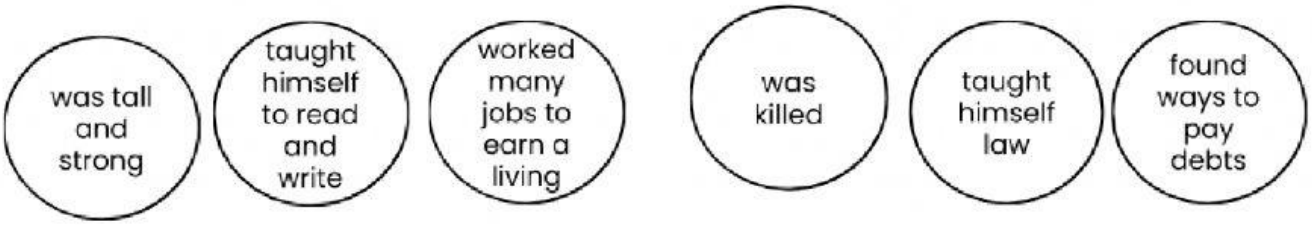
1. Abraham Lincoln was America's 16th president. He is considered to be one of the greatest leaders in the nation's history. He helped guide the United States through the U.S. Civil War. Lincoln also helped to end slavery in the country. Sadly, Lincoln was assassinated near the end of the Civil War in 1865. He became the first U.S. president to be killed in office.
2. Lincoln was elected president in 1860. Before the election, most people did not know much about Lincoln or his humble background. He was born on February 12, 1809, in a Kentucky log cabin. In 1816, his family moved to the wild Indiana frontier. Lincoln helped his father farm and work the fields. He barely had time for school. He spent no more than one year in a classroom. In 1818, Lincoln's mother died.
3. Even though Lincoln had very little schooling, he learned how to read and write. Books were scarce on the frontier, but he closely read the books he got his hands on. Lincoln pored over the family Bible. He would walk for miles to borrow books. Some books he read were Aesop's Fables and Pilgrim's Progress.
4. As a young man, Lincoln worked many jobs to earn a living. He was tall and strong. He split logs and fence rails for farmers. He helped take a flatboat down a river to New Orleans. Eventually, he started a general store with a friend. When the store went into debt, he paid those debts off working other jobs. By 1834, a friend encouraged Lincoln to become a lawyer. Instead of learning at a law school, Lincoln taught himself law. "Your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing," he would later say.
5. Among Lincoln's many skills, he was a great writer and speaker. In one of his most famous speeches, known as the Gettysburg Address, Lincoln's words reassured a suffering people at war that democracy would survive.
6. As president, Abraham Lincoln was most proud of the Emancipation Proclamation, which was issued during the Civil War. It declared that the slaves in the southern states rebelling against the U.S. government were free. The proclamation paved the way for the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which ended slavery in the U.S.
7. Lincoln's stand against slavery caused him to make many enemies. Even so, his assassination was felt all over the nation from the North to the South. Millions of people admired his spirit and service to his country. A train carried Lincoln's body to Springfield, Illinois, making stops at some major cities. Mourners crowded near the tracks to try and see the train. To this day, people visit Lincoln's tomb to pay their respects.

1. Paragraphs 2-5 are mostly about -

A. Abraham Lincoln as president.
B. Lincoln's stand against slavery.
C. when lincoln was elected president.
D. Lincoln's life before becoming president.

2. Another good title for this article would be -

A. Before, During, and After Being President
B. Lincoln's Life in Kentucky
C. Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation
D. The Assassination of Lincoln

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