



The Future

1 Using the contents page, which aspect of the future are you most interested in reading about?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.1

2 Write a subheading for each chapter heading.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.2

3 Write a fact box to explain what you can see in the picture on pages 4–5.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.7

4 Convert the panel text on page 12 into a line chart to show population growth.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.2

5 Using the glossary and main text, write a fact box about drones.

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6 Write captions for the images on pages 21, 24, and 36.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.7

7 Write your own promotional brochure for a future vacation at a space hotel.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.1

8 Design, label, and caption a new piece of transportation for the future.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.1

9 Write your own glossary entries for three terms that you didn't know before reading the book, or for three terms that a younger reader might not know.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.4

10 Write a true-or-false quiz about the future.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.1

Answers

- 1 Answers will vary.
- 2 Answers will vary. Example answers: How the Future is Forecast; New Ways to Taste, Grow, and Serve Food; Adapting to Climate Change; Faster, Safer, Cleaner; The Rise of Renewables; The Power of Artificial Reality
- 3 Answers will vary. Example answers: High-speed trains will be able to travel up to 750 mph by levitating on magnets rather than driving along tracks; Robots will be commonplace and able to do many things that humans can—and much more!
- 4 1970: 3.7 billion; 2022: 8 billion; 2070: 9.2 billion
- 5 Answers will vary. Example answers: Drones are small, pilotless aircrafts used for recording and broadcasting sporting events and delivering food to customers in stadiums; In the future, they'll be used for much more, including delivering takeout food and packages to people's homes.
- 6 Answers will vary. Example answers: (page 21) As sea levels rise, new ways to build on water and even create "floating cities" are likely; (page 24) Helicopter taxis will be electric—providing a quick and quiet way to get around; (page 36) Robots are already being used in some hospitals, bringing medicines to patients and freeing up time for doctors and nurses.
- 7 Answers will vary.
- 8 Answers will vary.
- 9 Answers will vary. Example answers:
automated: for something to be operated by automatic equipment
innovation: a new idea, product, or process
predict: to estimate what will happen in the future
- 10 Answers will vary.