

BURNING QUESTIONS	ARTICLES, VIDEOS, GRAPHS
<p>What life skills does every young adult need?</p> <p>Note: During the summative Pop-Up Debate on this burning question, I had a student keep track of the life skills suggested by classmates, and we then transferred this list of life skills onto an anchor chart that I keep in the classroom. I frequently refer to this chart, saying things like, “All right, today we’re going to be doing some challenging reading and writing, so I want you to recall some of the life skills you mentioned several months ago during our BQY Pop-Up Debate.”</p>	<p>Academic Mindsets: “Struggle for Smarts,” by Alix Spiegel for NPR</p> <p>Sleep: “Teachers, Students, and Sleep,” by Dave Stuart Jr. for DaveStuartJr.com</p> <p>Study skills: “Study Smarter,” by Joe Stromberg for Vox</p> <p>Financial literacy vs. reading, writing, and arithmetic: “Pro/Con: Should All Students Take Personal Finance Classes?” by K. Alexander Ashe and Wayne Madsen for <i>Tribune News</i>, adapted by Newsela staff</p> <p>Managing the urge to procrastinate:</p> <p>“Procrastination: Is Your Future Self Getting a Bad Deal?” by Timothy Pychyl for <i>Psychology Today</i></p> <p>“Inside the Mind of a Master Procrastinator,” by Tim Urban for TED (video)</p> <p>Managing technology/mental health: “How Smartphones Are Making Kids Unhappy,” by Audie Cornish for NPR</p> <p>Writing Skills:</p> <p>“The Writing Is on the Wall,” by Esther Cepeda</p> <p>“Writing: Ticket to Work or a Ticket Out,” by The College Board</p>
<p>How should the world respond to the North Korea crisis?</p>	<p>Intro: “Nine Questions About North Korea,” by Alex Ward for Vox</p> <p>Complexity: “Why the Sudden Collapse of North Korea Would Be Hell on Earth,” by Harry Kazianis for <i>The Week</i></p> <p>Human rights abuses: “Surviving a North Korean Prison Camp,” by Catherine Garcia for <i>The Week</i></p> <p>American vulnerability: “Can America Protect Itself From North Korean Missiles?” by <i>The Week</i> staff</p> <p>Creative approach: “What if North Korea Were in America?” by Maxwell Anderson for <i>The Weekend Reader</i></p>

FIGURE 3.4 • Sample BQYs

Note: For a current list of BQY, as well as PDFs of the actual articles I use in my classroom and a detailed description of how I roll out the BQY assignment with students, visit www.davestuartjr.com/bqy.