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Reading/Writing Homework
Topic: Photo/History/Thinking Connections

Assignment: At Smithsonian.org, click on a picture of the day with a history fact; thoughtfully write a connection between the two (thinking skill). Explain writing, thinking, technology learning.

Photo Information:

Poppies grow beneath the Eiffel Tower in Paris.



This date in history:

Superman arrived on the scene on June 1, 1938 because the author, Jerry Siegel imagined himself having special powers to impress the girls who didn't even know he existed.

Connection:

Many people gazing up at the Eiffel Tower, so amazed at its structure, probably don't even notice the beautiful poppies growing at their feet. The poppies reach up toward the sun, blooming in brilliant orange like

miniature suns, striving as "super-flowers" in their own place on earth.

Please notice my learning:

Writing: I eliminated three dead verbs (People are amazed, poppies are reading, and striving to be). I added alliteration (blooming in brilliant) and a simile (like miniature suns).

Thinking: I thought about Superman's strengths and created super-flowers –brilliant as miniature suns.

Technology: I right justified my name, created columns, shrunk the photo proportionately, and created a consistent format with regular, italicized, and underlined text. I used APA style formats.

Source:

Lemay, Christina (2006). Poppies at the base of the Eiffel Tower. Photo of the Day at Smithsonian.org: :
<http://today.smithsonianmag.com/photo/index.php?month=06&year=2006&day=1>

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