

Current Events Comprehension Questions: College Readiness Standards—Reading

Main Ideas, Author’s Approach, and Supporting Details

Who does the YSP summer camp try to help?

What is special about the YSP center that makes it a safe place for kids?

Where does the state want to make payments before it pays YSP; what are the state’s priorities?

When were many anti-violence programs shut down or cut back?

Why are organizations like the YSP struggling to stay in operation?

How is the Youth Service Project responding to budget cuts?

Sequential, Comparative, and Cause-Effect Relationships

“If we’re not here, things will only get worse on the street,” Lusk said.

This article suggests that gang-related violence may increase if youth programs are shut down. Put the below events in chronological order to support this argument. Use the numbers 1 through 4, with 1 being the first event in the series and 4 being the last.

___ Kids cannot go to YSP’s summer camp so they spend more time on the streets instead.

___ Gang activity increases and neighborhood violence rises.

___ The City of Chicago is not able to fund Youth Service Project.

___ Youth Service Project cuts their operating hours and staff.

Meanings of Words

Using context clues, define each of the words below as best as you can. The words appear here in the order they occur in the article.

Jeopardy

Affiliated

Priority

Neutral

Generalizations and Conclusions

If so many people want anti-violence programs for youth, why is it difficult to keep these programs open?