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Triumph, failure,
and misfortune



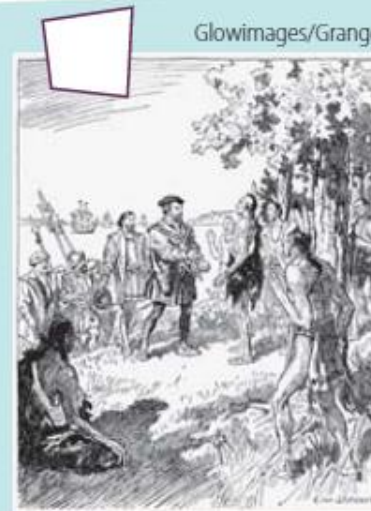
1. Look at the following pictures showing some of the most sorrowful man-made events in history. Which do you think has caused the highest number of deaths? **Answers will vary.**



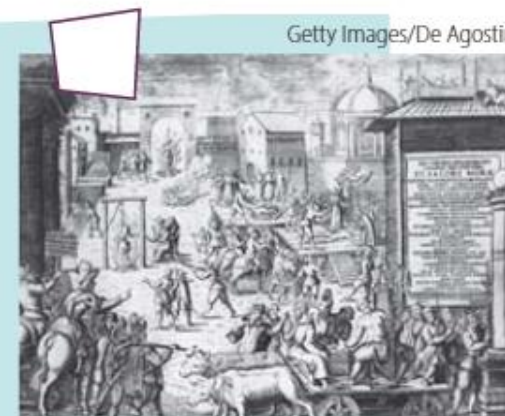
World War I



World War II



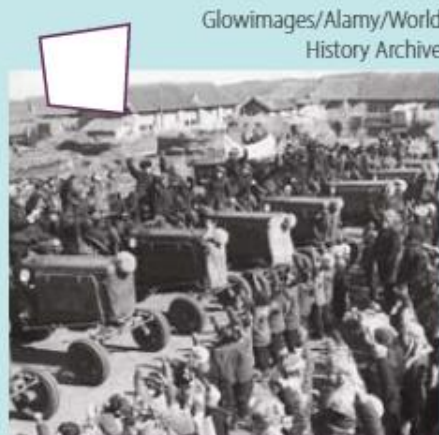
European colonization of the Americas



Black death



Brazil's military dictatorship



Great Chinese famine



Atlantic slave trade



9/11 World Trade Center attacks



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Data source: LISTVERSE. Available at: <<http://listverse.com/2013/01/03/10-deadliest-world-events-in-human-history/>>. Accessed on: 4 Aug. 2015.

2. Listen to a teacher talking about the deadliest event in human history. Which event from activity 1 is it about?  **Track 18**
[European colonization of the Americas.](#)
3. Listen again and check the information that can be inferred from the class. Check (✓) all that apply.  **Track 18**
 - a) () The number of people present in the class.
 - b) () The time of day at which the class took place.
 - c) () The continent where the class took place.
 - d) () The month when the class took place.
 - e) () What the weather was like on the day of the class.
 - f) () The classroom in which the class took place.

4. Check (✓) the best definition of **death toll** according to what you heard.

- a) () The money spent on wars.
- b) () The number of people who are born every year.
- c) () The number of deaths caused by an event.
- d) () The number of people who emigrate every year.
- e) () The steps taken to decrease the child mortality rate.

5. Check (✓) the words that are synonymous with **deadly**.

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| () unbeatable | () uplifting | () invincible |
| () lethal | () mortal | () destructive |
| () healthy | () fatal | () favorable |

Explique que *-ly* é um sufixo usado para formar advérbios de modo (*beautifully, easily, necessarily, etc.*). Entretanto, há alguns casos de adjetivos que também terminam em *-ly*. *Deadly* é um deles.

6. Which option best replaces the following phrase in bold.

"We'll pick up where we left off last Friday by talking about the **deadliest** world event in human history."

- a) () start from where we stopped
- b) () discuss what we did
- c) () debate what we read
- d) () write about what we read
- e) () review what we saw

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7. What event in human history (presented or not in this section) do you find the most shameful and deserving of reproval? Why? Write down your answer.

Answers will vary.

Connections

3 Sugestão de perguntas para ampliar o trabalho com o texto.

1. Read the topics in the following box. Would they be considered a triumph, failure, or misfortune?

the mastery of fire

the written word

democracy

the development of vaccines

the invention of the wheel

the Internet

the development of agriculture

the invention of the airplane

the invention of electricity

the pyramids

the invention of the computer

2. "What is man's greatest achievement?" This question was posed to people in different cities around the world. The following article reports some of the answers received. Which of the events from activity 1 are mentioned in it?

Fire, the wheel and even cup noodles were among the varied answers to the question posed by CNN: "What is man's greatest achievement?"

CNN producers armed with cameras put the **puzzler** to **passersby** in Berlin, Madrid, Rome, Bangkok, Tokyo, New Delhi and Paris.

In the **lead-up** to the 40th anniversary of NASA's Apollo 11 mission, more people might have been expected to nominate the moon landing as one of man's greatest **feats**. **Alas** not.

One woman in Germany suggested the computer. "It has opened up my world. I can stay in my house and travel all over the world," she said.

Another suggested the airplane. "It's the easiest way to get from one country to the other. Imagine if you would be able to only take the ship. It would take you ages to go somewhere, so it makes humanity more flexible."

Fire also got a **look-in**. "Everything started there, right?" said one man in Spain. There was agreement in Italy: "I think the most important is that man discovered fire because it's bringing a lot of life."

The written word was also nominated in Italy, as were architecture and sanitation.

"The biggest achievement of mankind? Music, right?" suggested one woman in Spain.

In New Delhi, video games got one man's vote. "It allows you to be whomever you want, in whichever world you want, and lets you live an alternate fantasy life," he said.

One hopeful businessman in Italy told us, perhaps prematurely: "Peace, I'd say peace. That would be the greatest achievement for all."



3. Which picture(s) does the article bring to mind?

a) ()



b) ()



c) ()



d) ()



puzzler: difficult question.

passersby: people passing by.

lead-up: the period of time preceding a given event.

feats: achievements, accomplishments.

alas: unfortunately.

look-in: a chance to participate.

4. What do you consider to be humanity's greatest achievement? Discuss with your classmates and then write down your answer.

Após a discussão, ajude os alunos a estruturar suas respostas. Ao final, registre no quadro os vocábulos mais requisitados e esclareça as dúvidas mais comuns. Answers will vary.