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**Top Stories 2010:
Behind the Headlines**

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Top Stories 2010: Behind the Headlines

Perfect for high-school and university students and general researchers, *Top Stories 2010: Behind the Headlines* examines ten critical global issues that captured world attention in the past year.

These events and issues – from the Afghan War to the rescue of the Chilean miners – helped shape the conversation of the global community. Collaboration and conflict, global development and sustainability, personal and national autonomy and world security – these key concepts are among the many fundamentals at play in these major contemporary events, providing touch points for illuminating concepts of personal responsibility, national sovereignty, and global community.

Designed to facilitate learning around the major thematic strands in social studies, this first edition single-volume set, arranged alphabetically, provides an accessible, dramatic retelling of each event in order to encourage classroom discussion. Each event is grounded in its historical, cultural, and economic context – the entire story in one place, not just bits and pieces. Plus, each chapter is stunningly illustrated with images and graphics that engage students by adding the visual experience for deeper understanding.

FULL COLOR

HAITI: EARTHQUAKE & AFTERMATH

Rescue workers pull a woman from a collapsed cathedral in Port-au-Prince 19 January 2010, 19 days after the devastating earthquake. © Kate O'Rourke/Corbis

death toll may never be fully determined, international disaster and relief experts contend that the earthquake was likely the most lethal natural disaster in modern history, surpassing the estimated 220,000 to 250,000 people killed as a result of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

The Earthquake's Destructive Power

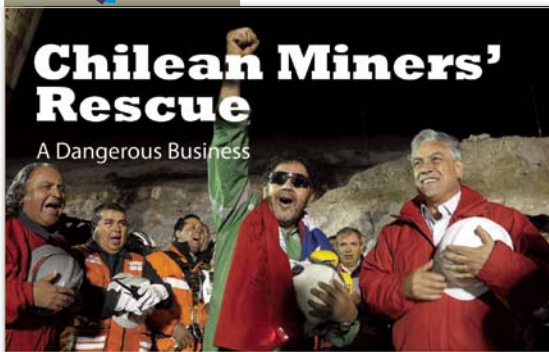
The epicenter of the earthquake was near the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince, which suffered extensive damage. More than 80 percent of the buildings in the city were destroyed or rendered unusable. Haiti's National Palace, Parliament, and the headquarters of the UN peacekeeping forces were severely damaged or destroyed. Medical services were severely hampered by the collapse of

more hospitals and clinics. Most of the buildings and homes in Haiti were not specially reinforced to withstand the horizontal stresses encountered during an earthquake. Many buildings were constructed of un-reinforced concrete, with walls of stacked blocks rather than vertical columns supporting roofs. Under horizontal stress, the concrete walls collapsed, literally exploding into dust, and roofs crumpled and then came crashing down. In the aftermath of the earthquake, clouds of white concrete dust—similar to those seen in New York after 9/11—choked the Haitian capital.

A car adds a large crack in the road near Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The earthquake crumpled the country's roads, shattering infrastructure. © David McLean/Corbis

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Top Stories 2010: Behind the Headlines delivers the entire story for these events – not just bits and pieces.



Chilean Miners' Rescue

A Dangerous Business

AP Images/Alan Sobotnik

Mining is a dangerous business. During 2010, the mining industry suffered an all-too-common series of disasters. Lethal mine explosions in the United States, China, and New Zealand briefly became the focus of media attention until, in each case, the seemingly inevitable and tragic fate of miners lost was officially confirmed.

For seventeen days following the 5 August 2010 cave-in at the San José copper-gold mine located north of Copiapó, Chile, it appeared that the fate of thirty-three miners missing underground would end in similar catastrophe. There was no sign of life and only hope and dedication drove their colleagues to continue a search that many increasingly thought doomed to find only silence underground. On the seventeenth day, however, a note attached to a drill bit brought news that the men were still alive. During the following weeks

and months, both rescuers and miners showed daring, courage, perseverance, and ingenuity. The dangerous and technologically complex rescue efforts mesmerized the world.

The ordeal of miners trapped deep in the bowels of the Earth—eventually televised to the world—unfolded as three dramatic rescue attempts were made.

After the note attached to the drill bit confirmed the miners were alive, Chilean officials and mine safety experts cautioned that it might take up to four months to rescue the workers. In what was subsequently described as an engineering feat to rival the accomplishments of manned space flight, teams of engineers, equipment manufacturers, drillers, and other personnel took only about half the time initially anticipated to accomplish their mission.

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Dramatic four-color images bring life to these stories.

FULL HISTORICAL DETAILS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Few events happen in a vacuum and Gale brings to light these key events with historical roots and related facts. *Top Stories* gives interested readers the details behind the stories that commanded attention in 2010; stories you will see again in the years ahead as events continue or have further consequences. Editorially chosen to bring life to the stories, the four-color images* in *Top Stories 2010: Behind the Headlines* provide people with the visuals they need to fully understand the topics.

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