ANSWER KEY FOR THE JANUARY 21, 2019, ISSUE

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News Graph
1. Twenty-nine women from New York have served.
2. B
3. True. California has sent 43 women to Congress, which is more than three times as many as Ohio has.

News Review
4. A
5. B
6. C
7. C
8. B
9. C
10. A

Teacher’s Guide
Page T3, The Road to Women’s Rights
• In 1776, Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence and didn’t mention women at all.
• In 1848, the first public meeting on women’s rights in Seneca Falls, New York, started the movement for women’s suffrage.
• In 1920, the 19th Amendment gave women the right to vote across the U.S. Also, four women were elected to Congress that year.
• Today, 126 women are serving in Congress. However, only about 1 in 4 members of Congress are women.
• Sample response: When the U.S. was founded in 1776, women had no say in how the country would be run. They fought for decades before earning the right to vote in 1920. Today, more women are in government than ever before, but they still aren’t well-represented in government.

Page T4, Women in Congress
5. Sample response: The graph shows that times have changed and that more women are serving in Congress than ever before. It also shows that four women who were elected in 1920 started serving in 1921.

Close-Reading Questions for “We’ve Come a Long Way”
1. The first paragraph asks readers to imagine a surprising situation. It helps readers imagine what elections were like for many years in the U.S. It also helps them understand some of the challenges women faced.
2. A petition is a formal written request that is usually signed by many people and given to an official person or group. During the women’s suffrage movement, many women signed petitions demanding the right to vote.
3. Tricia Culligan notes that there are about three men for every woman in Congress. According to “Congress by the Numbers,” only 103 out of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives are held by women, and only 23 out of 100 Senate members are women.
4. Tlaib wants to make sure that women are being heard. Although much progress has been made, she still thinks women are far behind and believes the country needs more women in government.

Close-Reading Questions for “The Secret Forest”
1. In 2012, scientist Julian Bayliss noticed a round patch of dark-green forest while looking at images on Google Earth. He gathered a group of researchers and planned an expedition to explore the forest, which was on top of a mountain. The group visited the area last May.
2. The photos show the steep, smooth rock on the mountain’s sides. This helps me understand why the rainforest remained unexplored for so long. The smaller photo makes clear why the team needed help from expert climbers to scale the mountain.
3. The rainforest is considered pristine because it has been left in its natural state, mostly unchanged by humans. Many forests around Mount Lico have been cleared for lumber or to make room for farmland, but the secret rainforest still has tall trees and thick vines.

OREO Opinions
Responses will vary. Check that students state a clear opinion and support it with reasons and evidence.

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