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Introduce the Article and Key Vocabulary

Talk with students about what they will learn from the article.
Introduce vocabulary to them using the descriptive teaching method.

Example: We will be talking about Homecoming 250, which is a celebration to honor the US Navy and Marine Corps in Philadelphia, PA. The Navy and Marine Corps are 250 years old in 2025. These are branches of the US military. The US military helps protect the US. Homecoming 250 will have a parade of ships that sail on the Delaware River and will dock in the harbor. Visitors can tour some of the ships and a submarine. Another parade will move down the streets of Philadelphia. The parade will include floats, marching bands, Navy and Marine Corps vehicles. A ceremony will be held on October 13 to honor the Navy's 250th anniversary. Navy fighter jets, called the Blue Angels, will fly over. A birthday ball will be held on November 10 to honor the Marine Corps' 250th anniversary.

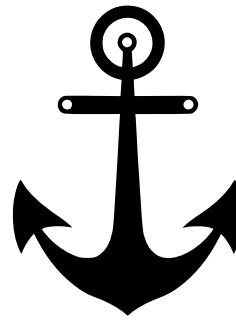
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Read the Article While you TAAP

As you read the article with students, remember to TAAP: **T**alk about it, **A**sk a question, **A**cknowledge via response, and **P**ropel the conversation or Predict!
(View the TAAP resource on the AAC Language Lab to learn more about the TAAP strategy!)

Sample TAAP words/phrases:

Talk About It	Ask Questions	Acknowledge via Response	Propel the Conversation or Predict
protect safe honor anniversary military ship	What happens during this celebration? What is important about the US Navy and Marine Corps? Why should we celebrate this anniversary? What will you see if you went to Philadelphia?	Very nice I think so... You win! Great answer Ahoy!	I think... I wonder... Tell me more What else? Let's see What happens



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Talk About What you Learned

Summarize the article with students and talk about what they learned. Ask open-ended questions to discuss what everyone thought, and to get them thinking about and reflecting about what they read.

Sample questions for discussion:

What did you learn about Homecoming 250 for the Navy and Marine Corps? What do you know about the Navy and Marine Corps? Why do you think we celebrate the people who protect our country? What does independence mean to you? If you could meet a sailor or marine, what would you ask them? What would you like to see on a Navy ship or submarine? Would you rather explore a Navy ship or fly with the Blue Angels? What would you see in Philadelphia?

Discussion for Comprehension

After reading and summarizing the article with students, use descriptive testing to further discuss the students' understanding of the article. Pose questions in a way that allows the student to answer the question using any word on their device.

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Sample Descriptive Testing Questions and responses:

What are some things you would see at Homecoming 250?	Why is it important to have the US Navy and Marine Corps?	Tel me about Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• anniversary celebration 250 years• big ships and a parade• lots of people go there• cake and dancing to celebrate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• keep us safe (protect)• help with emergencies• first to be there• know what to do in an emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• biggest city in PA• next to a river• liberty bell• historical place (independence hall)• where it (Navy/Marine) started