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**Putting it All Together**

**Directions for All Warm-ups**

1. Fill in the comprehension strategies (if needed).
2. Ask your teacher which one(s) you should complete.
3. Read the excerpt below (or teacher provided excerpt from content area text).
4. Complete assigned comprehension strategies.

**Warm-up #1**

In 1972, Americans fell in love with two giant pandas named Hsing-Hsing and Ling-Ling. The pandas came to the United States from China. The National Zoo in Washington, D.C., became the pandas' new home. On their first day there, 20,000 people visited the two pandas. The crowds kept coming year after year.

<p><b>Summarize</b></p>	<p><b>Question</b></p>
<p><b>Clarify*</b></p> <p>*If you don't need clarification, try to answer both of your questions here.</p>	<p><b>Predict</b></p>

**Warm-up #2**

Most people don't think their height could affect their health, or their future. When scientists studied height information for entire populations, though, interesting patterns appeared. American men were the third-tallest people on the planet 100 years ago. Today they rank 37th in the world. Now, some scientists think height may be one of the better ways to tell someone's future as far as health is concerned.

<p><b>S</b> _____</p>	<p><b>Q</b> _____</p> <p><b>L</b> _____ :</p> <p><b>I</b> _____ :</p>
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<p><b>C</b> _____</p>   <p>*If you don't need clarification, try to answer both of your questions here.</p>	<p><b>Predict</b></p>
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**Warm-up #3**

Years ago, people thought cursive writing would be gone by now. Fewer and fewer kids learn it in school. New Common Core standards for education have started being used by most states in the last few years. They did not say that students should learn cursive. Most people were fine with that.

**Cursive Won't Go Away**

Not everyone disliked cursive though. The looped letter writing just will not go away. Just last month, Louisiana passed a new law. Their public schools and public charter schools will begin teaching cursive by third grade. Arkansas legislators passed a similar law last year. Ten other states, including Virginia, California, Florida, and Texas, have cursive in schools, too.

The cursive comeback is supported by educators, scientists, parents, and lawmakers. They all say they miss cursive writing. They point to studies that say learning cursive makes students think more deeply. It helps improve students' ability to work with their hands. They say cursive helps children learn how words work together. Some people also just like the way it looks.

<p><b>S</b> _____</p>	<p><b>Q</b> _____</p>
<p><b>C</b> _____</p>	<p><b>P</b> _____ :</p>

**Warm-up #4**

There are many dangerous volcanoes in Italy. Some of the most famous ones are Vesuvius and Etna. Colli Albani is another. It is a group of hills atop a volcano outside Rome.

Colli Albani seemed dead for a long time. There was no record of it exploding in all human history. Then in the 1990s, scientists noticed that the hills were growing taller. The scientists started exploring the area. They found evidence that 11 volcanic eruptions, or explosions, had occurred over the last 600,000 years. The findings show that the volcano was

not dead. It has only been asleep.

In a new study, scientist Fabrizio Marra says that Colli Albani is now waking up. The volcano is near Rome, a large city, and several towns. Scientists are concerned that it might explode. They are taking a closer look at it. They want to find out how dangerous it is.


**Warm-up #5**

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama rolled out a new plan to make two years of community college free, or nearly so, for millions of students across the country. It would be a major investment, which the White House said would change the face of higher education. Obama's plan, inspired by new programs in Tennessee and Chicago, could benefit up to 9 million students, his advisers said. At its heart is federal funding that would cover 75 percent of tuition, with the states picking up the rest of the cost. "What I'd like to do is to see the first two years of community college free for everybody who is willing to work for it," Obama said.
