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<p>The Code That Changed the World, pp. 18-21 WORLD HISTORY A childhood accident left Louis Braille blind. Determined to read and write, Braille later invented a raised-dot system of reading and writing, known as braille, that is still used 200 years later. Concepts include braille, blindness, low vision, education, communication, perseverance, France, embossed letters, night writing, and raphigraphy. An infographic explains how braille works. A sidebar describes braille’s role today.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Scavenger Hunt • Words to Know • Close-Reading Questions • Primary Source: A Tribute to Louis Braille • Know the News • Quiz Wizard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🗣️ Your Turn: Analyze a Primary Source 📺 Video: The Story of Reading Braille 📄 Student Lesson Slide Deck 📅 Lesson Plan 🔊 Text-to-Speech 	<p>Common Core: RH.6-8.1, RH.6-8.2, RH.6-8.3, RH.6-8.4, RH.6-8.5, RH.6-8.7, RH.6-8.9, WHST.6-8.4, WHST.6-8.9, RI.6-8.1, RI.6-8.2, RI.6-8.3, RI.6-8.4, RI.6-8.5, RI.6-8.7, RI.6-8.9, W.6-8.4, W.6-8.9, SL.6-8.1 NCSS: Culture • Time, Continuity, and Change • Individual Development and Identity • Individuals, Groups, and Institutions • Science, Technology, and Society</p>
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