

Vale Middle School Reading Article

Maine Nurse in Ebola Flap Says She'll Respect Town's Wishes (1480L)

Instructions: COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS AND MARGIN NOTES using the **CLOSE** reading strategies practiced in class. This requires reading of the article three times.

Step 1: Skim the article using these symbols as you read:

(+) agree, (-) disagree, (*) important, (!) surprising, (?) wondering

Step 2: Number the paragraphs. Read the article carefully and make notes in the margin.

Notes should include:

- ✗ Comments that show that you **understand** the article. (A summary or statement of the main idea of important sections may serve this purpose.)
- ✗ Questions you have that show what you are **wondering** about as you read.
- Notes that differentiate between **fact** and **opinion**.
- ✗ Observations about how the **writer's strategies** (organization, word choice, perspective, support) and choices affect the article.

Step 3: A final quick read noting anything you may have missed during the first two reads.

Your **margin notes** are part of your score for this assessment. Answer the questions carefully in **complete sentences** unless otherwise instructed.

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Class Period _____

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FORT KENT, Maine - A nurse who successfully fought Maine's quarantine for health care workers who have treated Ebola patients says she had no option but to challenge how medical professionals were being treated.

Kaci Hickox says in an interview with the Maine Sunday Telegram she was fighting for the rights of other U.S. medical workers who are trying to bring the deadly outbreak under control in West Africa.

After she arrived in Maine last week, state health officials went to court in an attempt to bar her from crowded public places. A judge ruled Friday she must continue daily monitoring of her health but can go wherever she pleases.

But Hickox now says she will respect the wishes of town residents and avoid going into town during the illness's 21-day incubation period, which for her ends Nov. 10.

In a case that has come to encapsulate the clash in the U.S. between personal freedom and fear of Ebola, Judge Charles C. LaVerdiere ruled that there is no need to isolate her or restrict her movements because she has no symptoms and is therefore not contagious.

After the ruling, a state police cruiser that had been posted outside Hickox's home left, and she and her boyfriend stepped outside to thank the judge.

Notes on my thoughts, reactions and questions as I read:

usually happens when there is controversy

I have the right to avoid Ebola.

jeopardy? does not have to follow quarantine

was she being pressured

slang term for talk

WIS intro is a summary

What about the rights of other people

keep out/not allowed

Why would you put other people's lives in

Doesn't it take 21 days to show symptoms?

car

I wonder if he is elected?

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Hickox, 33, called it "a good day" and said her "thoughts, prayers, and gratitude" remain with those who are still battling Ebola in West Africa. She said she had no immediate plans other than to watch a scary movie at home on Halloween.

Gov. Paul LePage said he disagreed with the ruling but will abide by it.

"As governor, I have done everything I can to protect the health and safety of Mainers. The judge has eased restrictions with this ruling, and I believe it is unfortunate," LePage said.

Later in the day, the governor lashed out at Hickox, saying: "She has violated every promise she has made so far, so I can't trust her. I don't trust her. And I don't trust that we know enough about this disease to be so callous."

Hickox was thrust into the center of a national debate after she returned to the U.S. last week from treating Ebola victims in West Africa as a volunteer for Doctors Without Borders.

On Thursday, after Hickox refused to stay home and abide by what Maine called a voluntary quarantine, the state went to court to try to impose restrictions on her until the 21-day incubation period for Ebola ends on Nov. 10. State health officials were willing to let her go out on a jog or a bike ride, but wanted to bar her from crowded public places and require her to stay at least 3 feet from others.

Hickox's quarantine in Maine - and, before that, in New Jersey, upon her arrival back in the U.S. - led humanitarian groups, the White House, and many scientists to warn that automatically quarantining medical workers is unnecessary and could cripple the fight against Ebola by discouraging volunteers like Hickox from going to danger zone.

Hickox contended that confinement at her home in Fort Kent, a town of 4,300 people in far northern Maine along the Canadian border, violated her rights and was unsupported by science. She twice violated the quarantine by going outside her home - once to go on a bike ride and once to talk to the media and shake a reporter's hand.

Notes on my thoughts, reactions and questions as I read:

he has no choice, the decision was made in court

it sounds like the gov was trying to enforce this careless

personal opinion: seems fairly reasonable

fact! can be proven

for who?

follow

was direct quote from gov. shows strong opinion.

anger, yelled at

around the U.S.

you make the choice

no choice

quarantined in 2 states

not me

went against

the reporter & Hickox were trying to make a point

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Comprehension questions – answers may be in phrases.

1. What two reasons does Hickox give for refusing to follow the quarantine?

1. Violates her rights 2. Unsupported by science

2. What is the incubation period for Ebola?

21 days

3. Define **flap** as used in the article.

slang term for talk

4. What organization did Hickox serve with in Africa?

Doctors Without Borders

5. Define **encapsulate** as used in the text.

brings together

7/8.RI.4.5.6

2. Answer each question in one or more complete sentences.

What compromise has Hickox agreed to follow?

Hickox agreed to "respect the wishes of town residents and avoid going into town during the illness' 21-day incubation period." (#4)

What fear comes with automatically quarantining U.S. workers upon their return from countries fighting Ebola outbreaks?

Automatically quarantining U.S. health workers may discourage others from helping.

What two reasons did the judge give for refusing to require Hickox to maintain the quarantine?

The judge refuses to enforce the quarantine because Hickox has no symptoms and is not contagious.

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3. List three pieces of evidence in support of the quarantine of health care workers upon return from Ebola-stricken areas and three pieces of evidence against such quarantines. Cite the paragraph in which each piece of evidence can be found.

PRO QUARANTINE

fear of Ebola (415)

to protect the health (49)
& safety of the public

lack of knowledge about
disease (410)

AGAINST QUARANTINE

personal freedom (45)

no symptoms / not
contagious (45)

unsupported by
science (414)

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4. Should health care workers face a 21-day quarantine upon return to the U.S. from Ebola-stricken areas? Use details and examples from the text as well as inferences to support your claim in a well-developed paragraph.

I believe healthcare workers have a responsibility to submit to a 21-day quarantine upon return from ~~Africa~~ Ebola-stricken areas. The health and safety of the public must come first. The governor of Maine used this reasoning to support enforcement of the quarantine (49). The 21-day incubation period was put into effect to ensure that the U.S. does not end up with an Ebola ~~epide~~ outbreak. Health care workers in Texas were willing to follow these procedures in order to protect the public and their families. For this reason, ~~all~~ all health care workers should willingly obey the quarantine. Lastly, health care workers have a personal responsibility NOT to spread disease. As stated by the governor of Maine, we do not know enough about Ebola to be careless. For these reasons, I fully support a mandatory 21-day quarantine for all health workers