

# Aboard the USS Carl Vinson

The feature article of this issue of the Georgia Voyager is packed with interesting information about one of the key Navy carriers involved in the war against terrorism.

You may want to look again at the article before attempting the activities on this page.

## PART I

Answer these questions in complete sentences.

1. Who made the announcement that a new aircraft carrier would be built and when was this announcement made?

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2. How long did it take for the ship to be built and where did the construction take place?

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3. When the ship was finally launched there was something very special about it. What was this? (Clue: who was present at its launch?) \_\_\_\_\_

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4. If the total population of the carrier is around 5,100, and one out of every eight crew members is female, how many females are aboard? \_\_\_\_\_

5. If 3,400 of the 5,100 are assigned to operating the ship, what percent of the total population are pilots and support personnel? \_\_\_\_\_%

6. What types of aircraft are currently assigned to the carrier? \_\_\_\_\_

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# A Floating City

## PART II

The USS Carl Vinson is described as a “floating city.” There are many recreational and other facilities on the ship.

Directions: Answer the following question on the lines below, then follow the instructions for a group discussion.

Why do you think it is important to have these things? Discuss your answer with a partner or in a small group. Structure your discussion by looking at the list of facilities given in the article. Why would this ship need an international airport? Or a fire department? Or a jail? After writing your answer, talk about each thing in turn.

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Do you think that any important feature of your life is missing for these service men and women? If your answer is yes, share what you believe is missing and why it would be important to have this.

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The article also tells us that living conditions can be very cramped. How would you feel about sharing a room with five or more other people? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Enrichment

Look carefully at the list of some of the different types of jobs there are on the USS Carl Vinson - 25 are listed in all.

Ask your teacher to help you organize a “Career Day.” Each student will be given a particular job from the list to research. Find answers to the following questions as you do your research and be prepared to share your answers with the class.

- What does the job entail?
- Is it different having that job aboard the USS Carl Vinson than it would be if you were not in the Navy?
- What are the qualifications, training and/or experience you need to do that job?

Use as many resources as you can to find detailed answers. Be sure to visit the USS Carl Vinson’s web site at [www.cvn70.navy.mil](http://www.cvn70.navy.mil)

Have fun on your career day as you “become” a doctor, gunner’s mate, or linguist for the day. It would be fun to try to find some costumes or props to help you with your presentation.

You may also want to have a fact sheet prepared. This can be displayed when you have done your oral presentation, distributed as a handout to your class or made into an informational book.

