News Tic-Tac-Toe

**Directions:** Read the Scholastic News Online summary of the year’s top news (“The Top Stories of 2009”). Then study the tic-tac-toe board below. Choose three squares that make a row. The row can go across, down, or on a diagonal. On the lines below, complete the activities from your three squares! If you need more space, use the back of this paper.

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<th>Choose one news story from the summary. Write a new headline for it.</th>
<th>Find a word in the news summary that is new to you, and look it up in a dictionary. Define the word, and use it in an original sentence.</th>
<th>Summarize the goal of the U.S. in Afghanistan.</th>
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<td>Reread the President’s quote from Inauguration Day. Describe what you think he meant.</td>
<td>Write a sentence describing the nation’s achievement in space 40 years ago, then predict what space achievements we will make in the next 40 years.</td>
<td>Tell which of these 2009 news stories you think is most important and explain why.</td>
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<td>Define a recession in your own words.</td>
<td>List two things you can do to stay safe from the H1N1 flu.</td>
<td>Find and describe one example of a cause and effect in this news summary.</td>
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