California Historic Drought

In your groups, designate one Reader for each of the three *News for You* article. Each Reader will then read his/her article to find one or more answers to the questions below. When you are finished reading, get back with your group and share your findings. As a group, you will then report the results of your research and discussion.

September 10–September 16, 2014 | National Historic Drought Drains a Thirsty California <http://www.newsforyouonline.com/stories.asp?ID=1778#sthash.ZUjQXCtv.dpuf>

April 22–April 28, 2015 | National With Less Water, Californians Face a New Way of Life <http://www.newsforyouonline.com/stories.asp?ID=1979#sthash.3BLJAwlW.dpuf>

May 14–May 20, 2014 | National Low Water Levels Lead Californians to Search for Gold <http://www.newsforyouonline.com/stories.asp?ID=1660#sthash.AqMAXtec.dpuf>

Which question(s) can you answer based on the article you read?

1. Why has the recent drought in California been considered ‘historic’?
2. Where does California’s water come from?
3. What policies did Governor Jerry Brown enforce to protect water resources in California?
4. How are Governor Jerry Brown’s water saving policies affecting residential landscaping?
5. What percentage of water in California is used by agriculture and by cities?
6. What conflict of interest does it create?
7. What will happen if farmers continue to pump underground water?
8. Who is unexpectedly benefiting from the drought?