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C.C. Writer

Champlain College Press (\$8.95)

C.C. Writer is a thoroughly marvelous word processing program for young children (K-3) and entirely appropriate for older children as well. The menu contains eight clearly presented options that young children can easily comprehend. For example, the user simply has to push **P** on the keyboard to print. A unique and helpful option is the printing capability in either standard or large type. The latter seems especially useful for preparing student books or posting language experience stories.

The screen for the young writer has well defined horizontal lines. This is very helpful for young children. The lines make it extremely easy to use the well designed cursor function.

The pre-set margins are a helpful feature avoiding problems with setting and resetting margins. In addition, there is an excellent "wrap around" feature so that the user of the program doesn't have to be concerned with the right hand margin at all.

C.C. Writer is available in Apple, Commodore, and IBM versions. The program is available from Champlain College Press, P.O. Box 670, Burlington, VT 05402-0670; phone (802) 658-0800 ext. 431.

Time

Time Inc. (\$7.28 for 13 weeks)

Time magazine provides lively interesting material that can be used effectively in both promoting reading competence and cultural awareness among secondary level students. Each issue of **Time** is accompanied by a guide designed by the publisher. The publisher also provides free resource units for the classroom teacher on a wide range of subjects including note-taking, critical reading, and using maps effectively.

The main strength, however, is in the interest level of the material. The writing is generally excellent concerning topics of importance to nearly everyone. In addition, there are numerous short articles about individuals (Ex. David Lee Roth) and human interest stories. For example, a recent issue described how a city in California planned to turn a no longer used dog pound into a shelter for homeless people.

The creative teacher can use materials in a variety of ways depending on competence levels and interests of students. For example, the instructor can select terms for vocabulary acquisition activities or concentrate on essay writing based on responding to questions relative to content presented.

The price is right at 56 cents per issue for students with a free subscription for the teacher. The material is challenging for students but so very interesting that even

the most reluctant readers will find themselves eagerly awaiting each new issue. For more information call **Time** at 800-523-8727.

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