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(GRADES 7 AND 8)

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#### CHAPTER I

#### THE PROBLEM

# Introduction

How many times do teachers think to themselves

or say to their colleagues that children just cannot
read the textbook before them, it is too hard for them
to read, or they just do not apply themselves? Probably,
"quite often" may be the response. What these teachers
may really be saying is that their students do not have
the skills necessary to understand the material before
them to learn the information and to retain it for the
next test or for future use.

No special formula can assure that every child will have one hundred percent comprehension all of the time, but applying reading and study skills to the textbook may increase the number of students who will understand their textbook material better particularly if they have difficulty reading, organizing their ideas, or remembering the information in the textbook.

Learning to use reading and study skills does not come by magic. Sequential building of the skills is necessary. These skills must be taught by the teacher. It cannot be assumed that the children will learn the reading and study skills unassisted or absorbing them by reading. Fractice is essential in the learning process. Learning how to study and then applying a specific reading and study skill to a reading assignment that already has an established and skill-related purpose can assist the children in using their time, mind, and

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textbook more efficiently. Therfore, they will become better prepared for their daily reading and studying.

Realizing that teaching today is difficult enough and that children must be motivated to achieve academically, the teacher has the responsibility of helping his or her students in the learning of a subject's content.

# Statement of the Problem

To increase reading comprehension in the content areas of Language Arts and Social Studies in Grades 7 and 8, the content area teachers can present reading and study skills for their respective course or courses. Through continual practice and proper introduction of these reading and study skills in coordination with the subject areas, the students in Grades 7 and 8 will be more proficient readers and understand the written word much better and possibly with less frustration or uneasiness.

Several areas to be considered in this paper are listed below:

- Problems that are encountered in encouraging content area teachers to teach reading and study skills
- 2. Benefits of using reading and study skills to teach the content material in Grades 7 and 8 Language Arts and Social Studies
- 3. Skills that are unique to Language Arts and Social Studies
- 4. Skills that are complementary to both content areas in Grades 7 and 8
- 5. Skills to use with television lessons and textbooks
- 6. Materials to use in teaching reading and study skills so the students may understand their lessons better,

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- 6. do research on topics, and apply their new skills to a variety of reading matter
- 7. Suggestions offered by authors of research and textbooks in showing students how to put their reading and study skills into practical application

# Scope and Limitations

To better comprehension by using reading and study skills in Language Arts and Social Studies is the main emphasis of this research paper. The specific reading and study skills being approached are as follows:

(1) establishing a purpose for listening; (2) establishing a purpose for reading; (3) previewing techniques; (4) outlining and notetaking; (5) learning new words, including technical vocabulary; and (6) organizing reports and papers.

Even though the textbooks used in describing some of the reading and study skills are limited to the ones used by the seventh and eighth graders at Holy Family School in Cudahy, the general idea of teaching the reading and study skills could make them adaptable to other materials and other grade levels besides those mentioned here. The television programs are viewed on the Archdiocese of Milwaukee channels or on the PBS channel. For Language Arts the programs, "From Me to You. . .in Writing, "Our Living Language," and "Wordsmith," which is also seen on Channel 10, the PBS channel, will be considered, and for Social Studies the program, "America," a nationally televised series, will be used to demonstrate reading and study skills.

One point that should be considered is the location of the teaching situation as far as the school is concerned. The seventh and eighth graders are part of an elementary school, kindergarten through eighth

grade, rather than a separate junior high school. Some people may consider this a limitation when considering the information to be presented.

#### CHAPTER II

#### REVIEW OF LITERATURE

# Introduction

Literature is like a well-seasoned black iron pot. You have to learn how to use it; you've got to control the fire, or it will burn the vittles, but if you tend it properly and treat it with respect, it will nourish you, and last a life-time.

-- Frank G. Jennings

Many magazines and newspapers, television, and radio broadcasts have carried comments about the thousands of people who graduate from high school each year with minimum skills particularly in reading comprehension. How can the number of students with minimum skills be decreased? What can be done to improve comprehension skills before they reach high school? How can reading and study skills be taught developmentally so students can achieve to their best abilities? Where does the responsibility for teaching reading stop?

Possibly, classroom teachers can assume the main responsibility for reading comprehension and teaching reading and study skills in their content areas or grade

<sup>1</sup> Majorie Seddon Johnson and Roy A. Kress (eds.), Developmental Reading: Diagnostic Teaching, Proceedings Of Annual Reading Institute at Temple University (Philadelphia, Penn.: Temple University, 1967), 6:123.

levels. In seventh and eighth grades, for example, the teachers could take the first step toward assisting their students so that they could develop and maintain reading and study skills in Language Arts and social studies by having the teachers show the students how to apply the skills learned to a variety of reading materials such as the newspaper, news magazines, textbooks, and reference books.

Since reading is used in our lives each day, reading and study skills should be taught from grades K-12. Reading and study skills should be carried out in each subject area and be maintained through a developmental program. Teaching students how to use these skills can provide a foundation for better reading comprehension. Training in using these skills in each grade is essential as a continuing educational base to deal with twentieth century reading materials and space age mass media. Varying opinions must be viewed by a knowledgeable and criticalthinking reader. Faced with this complex process and a huge amount of material bombarding the reader, reading and study skills become an asset. These skills, therefore, can act as a guide to improving reading comprehension.

Literature will be reviewed keeping three areas in mind. First, the teacher's attitude is a key factor. How to assist a teacher in modifying his attitude toward teaching reading in the content areas of Language Arts and social studies can produce a favorable means to encourage the usage of reading and study skills as they pertain to a particular subject. Secondly, the benefits of teaching reading and study skills to seventh and eighth graders will be reviewed and evaluated. Thirdly, research articles and literature on using reading and study skills in Language Arts and social studies with textbooks, television, and

supplementary materials will also be considered in the development of this chapter.

# Problems in Encouraging Content Area Teachers to Teach Reading and Study Skills

To encourage teachers to teach reading and study skills in the content areas requires removing a number of road blocks in thinking, teaching, and the usage of materials.

# Attitudes to change

First of all, attitude toward incorporating reading skills into the goal setting process or objectives of the lesson must be determined. To find out a teacher's attitude toward reading in subject areas, Vaughan developed "A Scale to Measure Attitudes Toward Reading in Content Classrooms."

Using this scale to measure a teacher's attitudes can determine the teacher's position on this issue. Therefore, someone conducting a workshop or inservice program may find Vaughan's scale and article describing the scale's use beneficial in determining attitudes and adjust the approach to be taken in introducing content area reading. Three studies previously completed demonstrate that the scale is reliable and valid. Since an answer sheet was not provided with the scale, a possible suggestion for an answer sheet is suggested in figure 1 on page eight.

# Reeducation of teachers

Secondly, teachers may find that reeducation may be necessary so they may teach reading and its related skills.

Reeducation can come in numerous forms. The ones most

John L. Vaughan, "A Scale to Measure Attitudes
Toward Reading in Content Classrooms," Journal of Reading
20. (April 1977): 605-609.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 609.

| Name |  |
|------|--|
| Date |  |

# Answer Sheet

# DIRECTIONS:

Indicate your feelings toward each of the items by placing your response on the separate answer sheet.

Circle one of the numbers after each question's number.

The seven possible responses to each items are represented as follows:

- 7 = Strongly Agree
- 6 = Agree

- 5 = Tend to Agree 4 = Neutral 3 = Tend to Disagree 2 = Disagree 1 = Strongly Disagree

| 1.  | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3        | 2 | 1 | 9.  | 7 | 6 | 5 | Ą | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|-----|---|---|---|---|----------|---|---|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2.  | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3        | 2 | 1 | 10. | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 3.  | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3        | 2 | 1 | 11. | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 4.  | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3        | 2 | 1 | 12. | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5.  | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3        | 2 | 1 | 13. | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | ı |
| ,6. | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | <b>3</b> | 2 | 1 | 14. | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 7.  | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3        | 2 | 1 | 15. | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 8.  | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3        | 2 | 1 |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

Figure 1. Answer Sheet for Vaughan's "A Scale to Measure Attitudes toward Reading in Content Classrooms."

familiar and probably the ones most used are as follows: (1) inservice programs; (2) workshops; or (3) college credits either through school programs where the college instructor or professor comes to the school or where the teachers attend classes on a college or university campus. Sometimes reeducation can become mandatory through new state certification regulations. For example, the Certification Committee of the New Jersey Reading Teachers' Association wrote a letter to the State Board of Education requesting a change in certification requirements, and this included the addition of six credits of reading. On March 3, 1976, the New Jersey State Board of Education approved the addition of six credits of reading for all teachers. 1 Besides mandatory certification requirements, reeducation may be encouraged through the use of incentives such as higher pay, a better or more secure teaching position, paid tuition, or by allowing teachers a certain amount of time, two years, for example, to obtain necessary credits rather than replacing the teachers with those who possess the essential certification but may lack the experience. By this method of encouragement, teachers may be willing to return to school to learn methods of reading to include in the curriculum.

According to Herber, teachers are comfortable with familiar procedures, and this leads to a reluctance to change from the way in which they were taught. To use a new way of teaching, teachers must feel comfortable with the method. "A teacher will utilize a new, unfamiliar

<sup>1</sup>Edward B. Fry and Lillian R. Putnam, "Should All Teachers Take More Reading Courses?" Journal of Reading 19 (May 1976): 614-616.

procedure only under duress," Herber states firmly. Possibly, if the teachers are willing to change their attitudes and return to school, those unfamiliar methods would become easier to incorporate into their daily lesson plans.

#### Skill vs. content

A third obstacle to remove is that teaching a reading skill is just as important as teaching the content of Language Arts, social studies, or any other subject. In fact reading and study skills and content material should complement each other rather than contradict each other. Placing one skill against the teaching of content defeats the total purpose of learning. With the addition of reading and study skills, the students could be assisted to learn more, retain more, apply these skills to other materials if shown, and be beneficial in helping them realize that readling is essential in many everyday occurrences like reading signs, following directions of a recipe, or reading a label on a can to find out the contents of the container. Then, reading is considered a useful skill in our modern day world rather than an isolated school subject. Relevance must be shown to the students of the 1970's. They must be shown the importance of what they learn in reading rather than accepting it because it is being taught. Rarely, do students think that they read or need specific reading and study skills. Many of them feel reading is done in reading class or when they go to the library to get a book. The other subject reading they do is known as Language Arts or social studies

Harold L. Herber, Teaching Reading in Content

Areas (Englewood Cliffs, N. J.: Frentice-Hall Co., 1970),
p. 8.

but not reading. Both subject matter and reading and study skills add to the content area. If the teachers feel an extra burden is being placed on them by teaching these skills that will infringe on teaching time, then attitude changes are essential. Therefore, whether to teach the subject, the reading and study skills, or both may be determined by the teachers' attitudes toward both the content material and the reading skills.

# Background in reading

A fourth issue arises because the teachers may feel unsure of the material due to limited preparation in the field of reading. Then, two previous problems reoccur: (1) the attitudes of the teachers and (2) the education of the teachers. Therefore, an interrelation—ship among the problems in encouraging content area teachers to teach reading and study skills does exist. Determination to strengthen a weakness or limitation often requires a sacrifice in time and/or money to retain up-to-date methods, knowledge, or usage of materials in creative approaches.

# Usage of materials

Lastly, readjustment in the usage of materials may be necessary only as far as reorganizing objectives to include time for purpose setting and teaching of a particular reading and study skill such as writing a research paper. When it becomes necessary to organize a research paper, a specific approach is needed to act like stepping stones to the finished product which is an informative, well-organized, and neatly written research paper. Steps in writing a research paper are discussed in more detail in Chapter III.

In the example provided concerning the research paper, definite behavioral objectives could be written and just those reading and study skills would be essential to teach. For example, several behavioral objectives for writing a research paper could be as follows:

- 1. After being introduced to the research paper and shown how to limit a topic, the students will be given a general topic and be expected to list two very specific topics along with three questions that could be used to start research on the paper.
- 2. Each student will choose one of his/her specific topics and write a five to ten sentence paragraph that will be the purpose or main aim of his/her paper.
- 3. After the students complete the notetaking, each student will write an outline for his/her paper using the topic as the title of the outline. At least three main ideas must be included in the outline.

Therefore, teachers only need to teach their students the skills needed to achieve the specific goal of the lesson or unit. "He does not teach a reading skill for its own sake, as does the reading teacher." Therefore, Herber concludes that the content teachers must reject the role of the reading teacher because there "is no place for reading instruction, as reading teachers employ it, in content areas."

Ideas and new vocabulary words must be discussed before an assignment is read; a purpose should be set either by the teacher, by the students, or by both the teacher and the students planning together; and then, any reading and study skills should be determined and taught if necessary so the students may approach the material with confidence in organizing their notes for

<sup>1</sup> Ibid., p. 10.

<sup>21</sup>bid., p. 11.

effective studying. The reading skills will be taught for a specific reason and not just for the sake of being taught. By being shown how to set a purpose or purposes for reading, the students may strengthen their own study skills.

# Summary

In summary there are five problems that discourage content area teachers from teaching reading and study skills. Briefly, these problems or road blocks are listed here:

- 1. The attitude of the teacher
- 2. The need for reeducation
- 3. The teaching of content vs. the teaching of reading skills
- 4. The background in reading of the teacher
- 5. A readjustment of materials usage

# Benefits of Teaching Reading and Study Skills in the Content Areas

# Introduction

"William McKay states a functional definition of the study skills when he says they include any technique students use in learning school assignments. The study skills sometimes called reading-study skills, are those used by students when they need to understand and remember information from a reference book such as a textbook."

Teachers may ask why should reading and study skills be taught in the content fields? In investigations made by Sochor, a number of factors become apparent in the

Pavid L. Shepherd, Comprehensive High School Reading Methods (Columbus, Ohio: Charles E. Merrill Publishing Co., 1973), p. 101.

teaching of reading that influence the teaching of reading and study skills. Sochor's investigations highlight six specific ideas. First of all, reading is complex, and this is proved by the second factor, reading comprehension can be broken down into many skills. With numerous skills necessary to understand the written word, students need practical experience in applying these skills to the content area material. Experiences that will provide a basis for life long reading skills are imperative. Different patterns of comprehension skills in each content field are required to interpret the material; therfore, one content area material may be understood while another one may not be understood. Facts may be grasped but that does not mean the students will be able to read critically. Students should be able to determine fact from opinion and one viewpoint from another viewpoint. Finally, it is not possible to appraise reading ability in all reading situations with one reading test whether it be a standardized test or a teacher-constructed test.1

The implications of these investigations by Sochor are (1) "all teachers should teach specific reading interpretation skills systematically in the subject matter area;" (2) they should encourage expression of ideas and the development of concepts; and (3) the reading ability of students should be evaluated using materials taken from each subject area.

Reading is a complex process which involves many skills, and students need practical methods for applying these skills to the content area materials. Without the assistance of the teacher in the learning process, it is

lE. Elona Sochor, "Special Reading Skills Are Needed in Social Studies, Science, and Arithmetic," in Readings on Reading, eds. Alfred R. Binter, John J. Dlabal, Jr., and Leonard K. Kise (Scranton, Penn.: International Textbook Co., 1969), pp. 355-356.

doubtful whether the majority of the students will take the opportunity to learn reading and study skills on their own. Therefore, the teaching or reading and study skills is beneficial to students for a number of reasons. The benefits of reading and study skills to students in the content areas are that, first of all, students will understand the content better; secondly, they will be able to read the textbook with better comprehension; thirdly, more information will be retained by the students; and finally, the students will have a means to condense the spoken word and the written word into a concise form for future use.

Some students do not use work-study skills, while other students do not know how to use work-study skills. According to McKay, we also know that "most students benefit from an orderly plan of learning." Assuming reading and study skills create this orderly plan of learning, they would be useful if the students know how to apply them. Niles concurs that reading and study skills are beneficial especially in allowing students to take more and more responsibility on their own. Sometimes "the difference between 'A' and 'C' students may not be intelligence or even motivation, but may be how well they have mastered efficient study skills as they progress through school," is the belief of Cottier and Koehler. In their study skills program, however, Cottier and Koehler found that

J. William McKay, "The Nature and Extent of Work-Study Skills," in <u>Teaching Reading Skills in Secondary Schools: Readings</u>, ed. Arthur V. Olson and Wilbur S. Ames (Scranton, Penn.: International Textbook Co., 1971), p. 167.

Olive S. Niles, "Comprehension Skills," in Teaching Reading Skills in Secondary Schools: Readings, ed. Arthur V. Olson and Wilbur S. Ames (Scranton, Penn.: International Textbook Co., 1971), p. 174.

<sup>3</sup>Susan J. Cottier and Sheri A. Koehler, "A Study Skills Unit for Junior High Students," <u>Journal of Reading</u> 21 (April 1978): 630.

success was dependent on more than just the students. Parent involvement, reinforcement by the content area teachers, and the integration of the skills and the content were all important factors in maintaining a successful program. 1

"Although there is no guarantee of and certainly no formula for success, it seems reasonable to assume that if instructors will place emphasis upon guiding their students to gain independence in unlocking the ideas of a discipline, more adequate learning should take place in a given content area," as Robinson points out in his book, Teaching Reading and Study Strategies. Once again the content area teachers become a primary force to supplement the students' learning of the reading and study skills. Junior high school teachers tend to obtain more help and give more help if study skills are considered in clusters of small units. This way the goal of learning a skill may be taught a little at a time.

Organizing ideas into useful notes for study is beneficial. When students learn how to look for organizational patterns in the textbook or other material they read, they gain in the ability to understand the material and retain it for future use.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ibid.

<sup>2</sup>H. Alan Robinson, <u>Teaching Reading and Study</u>
Strategies (Boston, Mass.: Allyn and Bacon, 1975), p. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>H. Alan Robinson, "A Cluster of Skills: Especially for Junior High School," <u>Teaching Reading Skills in Secondary Schools: Readings</u>, eds. Arthur V. Olson and Wilbur S. Ames (Scranton, Penn.: International Pextbook Co., 1971), p. 181.

# Skills are helpful

Entwisle, Spache, and Strang indicate in their research that the teaching of "how to study is beneficial and is reflected in better student adjustment and improved grades." Further research indiciates that these skills are helpful for improving the learning of a large number of students. The benefits are especially noticeable in three particular incidents: (1) if the students volunteer to take the study skills courses; (2) if they are selfmotivated to improve their skills; and (3) when they are not above average in achievement, these skills would assist them in studying, reading, and maintaining in their minds what they have read. Once the students feel they have mastered skills, the challenge must be there for them. According to Robinson, this challenge is tremendously important in maintaining the students' skills.

# A skillful reader has certain characteristics

In 1920 in the <u>School Review</u>, Lyman suggested these characteristics as those of a skillful reader. Lyman saw these characteristics as those used by a skillful reader. The skillful reader (1) reads with a definite purpose in mind; (2) grasps the main idea or the author's point of view; (3) observes the author's organization of ideas; (4) pauses occasionally for reflection to summarize and repeat ideas much like the SQ3R method; (5) is constantly asking questions as he reads; (6) continually applies and supplements ideas from previous or vicarious experiences to what is presently being read; (7) evaluates

Ned D. Markesheffel, <u>Retter Reading in the Secondary School</u> (New York, N. Y.: The Ronald Press, 1966). p. 216.

<sup>2&</sup>lt;sub>Tbid</sub>.

what is being read; (8) varies the reading rate depending on the type of passage or content; and (9) "ties up what he reads with problems of his cwn" by using summarizing critical thinking plus his past experiences.

# Reading and study skills have a future

These characteristics would be the same ones teachers of the 1980's will be looking for in their students. If reading and study skills are taught at each grade level and adapted as the need arises for each individual, hopefully, by the time the students graduate from high school, they will be competent in understanding, evaluating, analyzing, and remembering what has been read and most probably ready to enter their occupation or college years with skills readily available for them to rely on in the future.

Research and Literature on Using Reading and Study Skills in Language Arts and Social Studies

# Limitations

General information concerning research studies of reading and study skills will be presented for the content areas of Language Arts and social studies. By using current materials, in most cases, specific data for each content area's use of textbooks, reference materials, and television lessons is limited in some areas to general statements. If the reading and study skills refer specifically to textbooks, reference materials, television lessons, or a specific content area, this will be mentioned. Other-

Sterling Andrus Leonard, Essential Principles of Teaching Reading and Literature in the Intermediate Grades and High School (Philadelphia, Penn.: J. B. Lippincott Co., 1922), p. 168.

wise, within the two content areas of Language Arts and social studies, the reading and study skills will be treated in the broad sense.

# Purpose setting

Holmes and Smith both agree that practicing setting purposes for reading is of "inestimable value." By asking questions, purposes may be established. A valuable way to maintain attention on a particular passage is by questioning. This may result with the students focusing their attention directly toward the main idea of the content material they are reading. When students can differentiate between the main idea or topic sentence and its supporting details, taking notes, organizing outlines, and remembering material will establish a more efficient means of studying for the students.

"Ausubel suggests that advance organizers, if constructed and used properly, would enhance learning and aid retention because they tend to clarify and organize an individual's cognitive structure prior to a learning task." In 1976 Baker found that one major limitation to researching advance organizers is that one definition has not been followed. Therefore, further research will be necessary.

# Previewing skills

In the content areas of Language Arts and social studies, previewing may be used as an aid to gain information from pictures, graphs, charts, and maps.

Raymond Duscher, "How to Help Social Science Students Read Better," The Social Studies 66 (November/ December 1975): 259.

Richard T. Vacca, "Readiness to Read Content Area Assignments," Journal of Reading 20 (February 1977): 390.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., p. 391.

Basic concepts may be determined by practicing skimming. Through the use of single words, an author's organization may be determined. The scope of the topic could be evaluated, and a definite purpose for reading and studying could be developed. Better reading may depend upon a prereading program which includes teaching for logical thought. The abstract thinking skills are "important contributors to good reading because they are required in forming a hypothesis--which from Goodman's point of view is a synthesis skill that is essential for effective reading." Apparently, from his emphasis on logical thought, Goodman suggests that forming a hypothesis is an important skill since "a hypothesis is formed by making statements and drawing conclusions through investigation of many materials and forms of similar objects" which are generally done in critical reading. 2

Presently, no research shows that a prereading program which includes teaching for logical thought will lead to improved reading. However, it does seem reasonable to Nevius that logical thinking is necessary before on can master the content of reading.

In 1968 Frederick reviewed research on readiness activities, and it was determined that these activities were advantages if they (1) lead to a concept; (2) were relevant to a concept; and (3) provided a direction in learning a concept.

John R. Nevius, Jr., "Thinking for Logical Thinking Is a Prereading Activity," The Reading Teacher 30 (March 1977): 641.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 642. <sup>3</sup>Ibid., p. 643.

<sup>4</sup>Vacca, "Readiness to Read Content Area Assignments," Journal of Reading, p. 387.

# Listening skills

One definite way to improve the teaching of reading is to give the proper attention to developing listening skills. According to Devine, evidence strongly supports the belief that listening can be taught. Listening can be positively influenced by teaching as Irwin concludes. Listening training apparently was credited for creating a significiant difference between the control groups and the experimental groups in Irwin's research. 2

In Hallow's study the control group received systematic instruction plus thirty twenty-minute lessons in listening comprehension while the control group followed the usual Language Arts program. Pretests and posttests measured ability in four areas: (1) summarizing; (2)drawing inferences; (3) recalling facts in sequence; and (4) remembering facts accurately. Hallow concluded that a statistically significant difference existed between the groups, and "listening improved with direct instruction." As stated by Liberman, a program of readiness and listening throughout the years in school is necessary to help students to continually read better.

James I. Brown, "Listening-The New Frontier in Reading" in Reading and the Language Arts, comp. and ed. H. Alan Robinson (Chicago, Ill.: The University of Chicago Press, 1963), p. 52.

Thomas G. Devine, "Listening: What Do We Know after Fifty Years of Research and Theorizing?" <u>Journal</u> of Reading 21 (January 1978): 298.

<sup>3&</sup>lt;sub>Ibid.</sub>

Donna M. Mills, "Interrelating Reading and Listening in Grades Four through Eight," in Reading and the Language Arts, comp. and ed. H. Alan Robinson (Chicago, Ill.: The University of Chicago Press, 1963), p. 59.

# Study guides and notetaking

Using prepared study guide material in reading the social studies can be valuable. Vacca stated that the effectiveness of using reading guides with content areas other than social studies is in the speculation point right now. Evidence suggests that content area teachers can "efficiently and effectively fuse content and process without sacrificing either." Yet a study guide does not insure that reading comprehension will be affected significantly.<sup>2</sup>

Kulhavy's results support the conclusions that

(1) notetaking assists the learner to remember what has been read from the textbook; (2) notetaking involves more than identifying textbook units; (3) those who take notes seem to obtain better content memory than those who just read or underline the textbook material; and (4) underlining parts of a passage is more beneficial than reading alone. 3

Preparing a lesson on notetaking can encourage class discussion of strengths and weaknesses of the skill. Also, it can lead to the realization that despite the fact that notetaking is time consuming, the end result may be more beneficial than previously expected. Abrams brought these ideas into action, and these ideas suggested keeping a written record of material to remember.

Richard T. Vacca, "The Development of a Fundamental Reading Strategy: Implications for Content Area Instruction," The Journal of Educational Research 69 (November 1975): 111.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 112.

Raymond W. Kulhavy, James W. Dyer, and Linda Silver, "The Effects of Notetaking and Test Expectancy on the Learning of Text Material," The Journal of Educational Research 69 (July/August 1975): 364.

Notes were written on four-inch by six-inch index cards. Conflicts arose in the class leading to questions on the purpose of the notetaking and what is worthwhile to remember a month later. The expected complaints about notetaking were received. Notetaking was too laborious, and it was too time consuming. Next, the class tried reading another passage and an entire section before taking notes. This time notes were limited to key words and key phrases. A week later the students took out the cards and studied them for a few minutes. Another test given later produced better results. The results of Abram's study were as follows. Note cards were available in the classroom. Some students used them for reading. The note cards were adapted to other uses, for example, (1) taking notes on class discussions; (2) using the note cards for difficult vocabulary; and (3) making cards to describe characters in a story. 1

During a study on notetaking, Dunkeld noticed profound effects on the participating teachers' expectations and classroom practices. Changes occurred that were not totally expected. The types of reading assignment were changed. The amounts and kinds of help teachers were prepared to give varied: (1) teachers were more inclined to give shorter reading assignment with more student preparation; (2) they were inclined to spend time on understanding vocabulary; (3) they were more willing to spend class time on clarifying misunderstood topics before the material was read; (4) they were more aware of small group work; and (5) they were more aware of the value of notetaking. In this study teachers reported that the experimental

Fay Abrams, "Developing Reading and Language Arts Efficiencies in the Content Areas in Grades Four through Eight," in Reading and the Language Arts, comp. and ed. H. Alan Robinson (Chicago, Ill.: The University of Chicago Press, 1963), p. 86.

activities were interesting, worthwhile, and the students' comprehension gained. Time was well spent in learning to take notes, and this notetaking skill complemented the teachers' instruction in social studies, science, and health. 1

After looking carefully at the scores, the teachers concluded that students reading below a sixth grade level gained from the activities, but they were unable to master basic skills of notetaking. The greatest gains were made by the most able students.

# Television instruction

Television affords children the opportunity to meet famous people; hear important issues faced by people and the government; quiz public figures; and see events far away. This section on television instruction and its research will be divided into four sections: (1) uses of television; (2) television and students' attitudes; (3) television and teachers' attitudes; and (4) television and its effectiveness in the classroom.

The uses of television. Researchers' findings have developed a number of generalities concerning television and education. The most significant of these generalities will be discussed. Children are able to learn from instructional television (ITV). ITV is more effective in elementary schools and high schools than in higher education. ITV can be used to teach any subject involving one-way communication. ITV works best where classroom activities are used, and it is more efficiently

Colin Dunkeld, "Students' Motetaking and Teachers' Expectations," Journal of Reading 21 (March 1978): 544-546.

<sup>2&</sup>lt;sub>Ibid</sub>

George N. Gordon, Classroom Television. New Frontiers in ITV (New York, N. Y.: Hastings House Publishers, 1970), pp. 89-93.

used when it involves "the solution of large educational problems and broad educational support." Good planning and organization are necessary in using instructional television. The screen size of the television makes little difference. In teaching skills it is better to have a viewer orientation rather than a show and tell approach. The "clarity and continuity of visual material appears relevant to learning." Researchers have determined that "attention getters irrelevant to the subject matter will probably impede rather than stimulate learning." Dramatic presentations, the use of questions, and using ITV at the beginning or the end of classroom periods all seem irrelevant to effectiveness. Repeated showings of television shows probably help learning although live teacher follow-up is preferred to repeated showings of the same video lesson. There is no evidence that eye-to-eye contacts between the television teacher and the students have any effect on learning. Neither lectures, interviews, nor panel discussions are superior methods in ITV production. "Distance and width of the viewing angle impede learning from ITV when clear perception of images is critical."4 The size of the group viewing the television lesson does not affect the students learning. "Factors other than ITV itself seem to influence the effectiveness (or lack of it) of homogeneous grouping, studying by TV at home, etc."5 Motivation is very important to the effectiveness of ITV usage. "The absence of immediate feedback from a teacher does not appear to effect learning by TV although the opportunity to ask questions in live classes (or on talkback systems)

Thid., p. 91. 2<sub>Thid.</sub> 3<sub>Thid.</sub>
4<sub>Thid.</sub> 5<sub>Thid.</sub>

seems significant in teaching advanced or complex materials."

Time for notetaking should be provided in ITV lessons.

Television and students' attitudes. According to Gordon, undivided attention is required of those students who view instructional television. Gordon continues to emphasize, "Good habits of attention will only be achieved if students believe that the ITV lesson is important." Classroom teachers may emphasize the importance of ITV lessons by "(1) frequent short quizzes; (2) proper prelesson preparation; (3) well-organized discussions; (4) buzz sessions'; or (5) assignments after the lesson which are based on the lesson's content."

Due to an increasing influence of the peer group and the increasing competition for time, there seems to be a decrease of educational television usage after sixth grade. Elementary school children like being taught by television while high school students like it less. As can be seen then, the percentage of children who think television helps them in school decreases as they grow older.

Students like and dislike such a wide range of ITV courses that no conclusion may be made that certain disciplines produce negative attitudes, although liking an ITV course may be irrelevant to how much a student learns from it.

Pupils' attitudes toward ITV depend upon a) the amount of contact they think

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Ibid., p. 92. <sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 195. <sup>3</sup>Ibid.

Wilbur Schramm, Jack Lyle, and Edwin B. Parker with a psychiatrist's comment on the effects of television by Lawrence Z. Freedman, M.D., <u>Television in the Lives of of Our Children</u> (Stanford, Cal.: Stanford University Press, 1961) p. 94.

<sup>5</sup> Tbid., pp. 90-91.

they will have with living teachers, b) the difference between attitudes of live and TV teachers, c) how much interest they have in the ITV lessons, d) their attitudes toward television, and e) viewing conditions. 1

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<sup>1</sup> Schramm, Lyle, Parker with Freedman, Television in the Lives of Our Children, p. 94.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Gordon, <u>Classroom Television</u>. <u>New Frontiers in</u> <u>ITV</u>, p. 92.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Ibid., p. 182.

Television and its effectiveness in the classroom.

Television has its shortcoming and drawbacks as well as its advantages. Elementary and high schools have shown that English and social studies can be taught in part by television. Pre-listening activities, listening outlines, and follow-up activities prepared by the teacher can make a difference in whether or not a television lesson will be effective or not.

Himmelweit, Oppenheim, and Vince have concluded "that television is neither 'a distinct advantage nore a severe handicap' in school performance." Studies of the effectiveness of educational television vary in their findings. Most of the studies collaborate Himmelweit, Oppenheim, and Vince's conclusions; that is, television shows not significant superiority over traditional class-room instruction. The Carnegie Commission on Educational Television rated educational television as disappointing. If instructional television was to leave the educational system, fundamentally the educational system would remain unchanged.

Siepmann who has studied educational broadcasting for years reported, "By and large, children learn as much and as fast by television as under normal circumstances."

A spokesman for the Fund for the Advancement of Education contradicts Siepmann's claim. He has stated that the results of using large classes of students maintains that

Schramm, Lyle, Parker with Freedman, <u>Television</u> in the Lives of Our Children, p. 152.

Ralph C. Preston and Wayne L. Herman, Jr.,

Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School (New York,
N. Y.: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1968), p. 530.

<sup>3&</sup>lt;sub>Tbid</sub>.

Lawrence F. Costello and George N. Gordon, <u>Teach</u> with Television. A Guide to Instructional TV (New York, N. Y.: Hastings House Publishers, 1961), p. 15.

these students did significantly better than students who were taught by conventional means in small classes. Schramm, Lyle, and Parker concur with the spokesman for the Fund for the Advancement of Education. If motivation can be retained, children can learn just as much from television as they can from a classroom lesson.

In conclusion of this section, television in the classroom can offer a number of roles. It enables students to assimilate information. Stimulation of inquiry and discovery may occur due to television. A new role of television is its connection with the computerized class-room. In this instance the computer presents the instructional material on videotape, a new field of instruction.

<sup>1</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Schramm, Lyle, Parker with Freedman, <u>Television</u> in the Lives of Our Children, p. 90.

Preston and Herman, <u>Teaching Social Studies in</u> the Elementary School, pp. 529-530.

#### CHAPTER III

TEACHING READING AND STUDY SKILLS IN LANGUAGE ARTS AND SOCIAL STUDIES

#### Introduction

Skill in organizing information depends in part upon the extent to which it is understood. The task is clear. Teach your students first to read for organization; then help them develop skills to record what they must learn and remember. I

-- Robert Karlin

Many content area teachers feel that their students have a firm foundation in reading and that these students will be able to apply reading and study skills readily to any content material presented in class with little or no teacher guidance. The shocking facts, however, are that the students must be taught how to apply these previously learned skills to each new learning situation whether a textbook or a televised lesson is being used. Reading takes on a new dimension. It seems to disappear as a distinct subject and become more of an integrated process with the content area material.

Since the understanding of written and audiovisual materials is extremely important, comprehension

Pajorie Seddon Johnson and Roy A. Kress, ed.,

Developmental Reading: Diagnostic Teaching, Proceedings
of Annual Reading Institute at Temple University

(Philadelphia, Penn.: Temple University, 1967), 6: 123.

of materials will be stressed. Practical suggestions that authors have found useful in teaching reading and study skills such as purpose setting, notetaking, outlining, and vocabulary will be emphasized. Study guides setting the purpose for reading and preparing the students for the material to be read will be used to build the reading and study skills into the Language Arts and social studies curricula for grades seven and eight.

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from a reference book such as a textbook," according to Shepherd.

#### Study skills are important to the content area

Since study skills are used mainly in the content area, the skills are useful in guiding children toward techniques that will assist them to become effective and independent of the teachers they have daily for class.<sup>2</sup>

Through the Language Arts program, children are introduced to many tasks, techniques, and skills that could be applied to the other content areas. "Study skills are not the exclusive domain of the Language Arts program. They are an integral part of teaching—and learning—in every curriculum area and at every grade level." The foundation of these reading and study skills are laid in the Language Arts program, but it is necessary to teach these skills using the other content areas' books and materials. By doing this, the transition of the skill to another content area may be made smoothly.

Publishing Co., 1973), p. 101.

<sup>2</sup> Ivan J. Quandt, Teaching Reading: A Human
Process (Chicago, Ill.: Rand McNally College Publishing
Co., 1977), p. 140 and Walter Thomas Petty, Dorothy C.
Petty, and Majorie E. Becking, Experiences in Language:
Tools and Techniques for Language Arts Methods, 2nd ed.
(Boston, Mass.: Allyn and Bacon Co., 1976), p. 398.

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#### Skills are taught through a specific plan

When reading and study skills are used with content area textbooks, practice should be provided so that these skills are learned more effectively. Since "all skills have two characteristics in common: (1) they are developmental and (2) they require practice if they are to be learned," a particular study sequence or lesson plan is needed to include the teaching of reading and study skills.

First of all, when study skills are taught, the content area textbooks should be used so that the teaching of the skills and the content can be fused. Secondly, the sequence in teaching the study skills should be followed. Teaching skills as the need arises tends to be more beneficial since the students can apply the skills to the content immediately rather than waiting until an opportunity arises later. 2

However, before a skill is taught, a number of prerequistes such as pretests may be used to determine whether the students can already apply the skill to the textbook material or whether a plan to teach the skills is necessary. A possible lesson plan for teaching a skill is provided by Duffy, Allington, McElwee, and Roehler. A pretest is devised to determine if the students can use the skill. Then, a sequence is planned to teach the skill if necessary, to test the students, and to evaluate their demonstration of the skill, and then to apply the skill in

John Jarolimek, Social Studies in Elementary

Education, 5th ed. (New York, N. Y.: Macmillan Publishing

Co., 1977), p. 65.

Shepherd, Comprehensive High School Reading Methods, p. 191.

many practice situations and actual situations for reinforcement.  $^{\mbox{\scriptsize l}}$ 

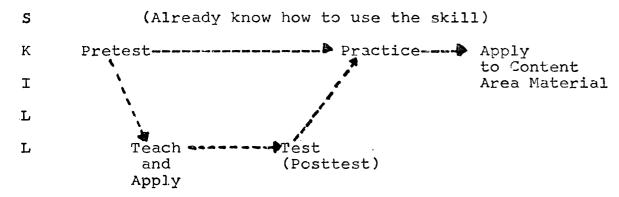


Figure 2. Plan for Teaching a Reading and Study Skill.

Other procedures for teaching skills that Jarolimek suggested are found in <u>Social Studies in Elementary Education</u> on page 65. Four procedures in teaching skills that Jarolimek mentioned are outlined below.

- I. Understand What Is Involved in a Skill
  - A. How is the skill used?
  - B. What does it mean?
  - C. Is there a good model of the skill available? If so, when teaching the skill, provide a good model.
- II. Work through the Use of a Skill under Teacher Guidance
  - A. The teacher should verify that the students understand the steps in using the skill.
  - B. The students should make correct responses concerning the usage of the skill.
- III. Provide Additional Practice in Complex Usage and Variation of the Skill

Gerald G. Duffy with Richard L. Allington,
Michael R. McElwee and Laura R. Roehler, How to Teach
Reading Systematcially (New York, N. Y.: Harper & Row,
1973), p. 167.

TV. Continue to Practice the Skills over an Extended Period of Time to Maintain and Improve the Students' Proficiency in Using the Skill

Skills need to be taught and retaught, with many applications to different kinds of content. They are productive tools in improving reading and the language arts; they open the world of ideas.

Besides being Language Arts skills, these reading and study skills are used in other content fields. Since language is used anytime someone speaks or reads, it must be evident that these skills are applicable to each subject.

#### Study skills are common to all content areas

According to Lundstrum's findings, at one time the generally favored view was that there were two basic types of reading skills (a) skills including "reading/study skills which were generic or common to all disciplines and (b) skills which were unique to one or more disciplines." However, Herber questioned this traditional view of the two basic types of reading skills. Herber "argues that the uniqueness does not reside in the skills themselves but rather in their adaptation 'to meet the peculiarities of each discipline.' "4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Jarolimek, <u>Social Studies in Elementary Education</u>, p. 65.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Fay Abrams, "Developing Reading and Language Arts Efficiencies in Content Areas in Grades Four through Eight," in Reading and the Language Arts, p. 87.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>J. P. Lunstrum, "Reading in the Social Studies: A Preliminary Analysis of Recent Research," <u>Social</u> Education 40 (January 1976): 15.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid.

Therefore, the reading and study skills being presented here are common both to the Language Arts and social studies. In the following section, these skills will be applied to students' textbooks and/or television lessons. The reading and study skills are listed as follows:

- 1. Establishing a purpose for listening
- 2. Establishing a purpose for reading
- 3. Previewing techniques
- 4. Notetaking and outlining
- 5. Learning and reinforcing vocabulary
- 6. Organizing reports and research papers

Skills to Be Emphasized for the Content Ameas and Skills to Be Used with Textbooks and/ or Television Lessons Now

#### Establishing a purpose for listening

Introduction. "Attention, may I have your attention, please," are often the word one hears before someone speaks over a public address system. Why does the speaker do this? What purpose does the speaker have in mind? Probably, the speaker wants to make sure the listening audience is aware that a message is going to be presented to the audience.

The listeners probably start thinking about what is going to be said; why is the message being given; what is the purpose of the message; or will it pertain to us or to other people? Therefore, the listeners are already preparing themselves for what is to be said. Now, their attention is focused on the forthcoming message.

Listening definitions. Many definitions for listening have been proposed, but Devine has found the "best working definition to date comes from Lundsteen (1971), who approached it by asking:"

Thomas G. Devine, "Listening: What Do We Know after Fifty Years of Research and Theorizing?" Journal of Reading, p. 297.

What is listening like?
(comparison definition),
what goes along with listening?
(definition by attribute),
where does it fit?
(definition by classification and
clarification),
what parts does it have?
(structural definition),
and how does it work?
(operational definition).
She concludes that listening is
'the process by which spoken language,
is converted to meaning in the mind.'

A chart describing the listening process went one step further than Lundsteen's definition of listening to include a third step, evaluation.

The Listening Process

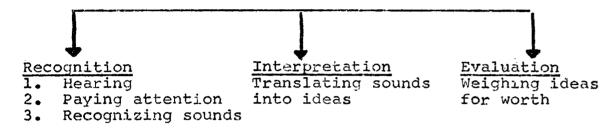


Chart 1. The Listening Process. 2

Transitional words. In listening the transitional words that give direction to the lecture, message, or talk are helpful in assisting the listeners in organizing their ideas mentally or in taking notes on the spoken words. Organizational techniques such as sequence, time, relationship, and cause and effect assist the listeners as much as they assis the person who is reading the printed word.

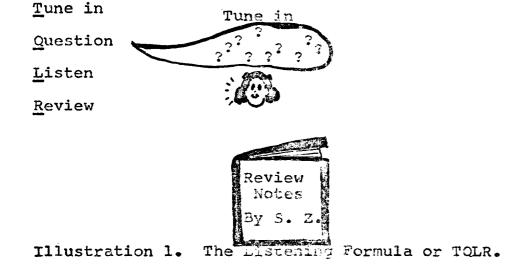
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>English Curriculum Center of the Department of Public Instruction of the State of Wisconsin, Experimental Ed., <u>Teaching Speaking and Writing in Wisconsin</u>, (Madison, Wis.: Wisconsin English Language Arts Curriculum Project, 1966), p. 7.

Listening concentration. Listening requires concentration and effort on the listeners' parts. Without questioning minds, a concentrated effort, and a willingness to listen, the listeners would be lost in confusion or in daydreaming. Ways to avoid these unnecessary predicaments are to learn how to listen through (1) composing and following a listening checklist; (2) learning the listening formula technique, TQLR; or (3) practicing listening through the use of cassettes, records, radio and television, news programs, and (4) using guided plans to improve the listening ability.

Mills provides the reader with "A Listening Check-list" which is divded into three areas: (1) physical aids to assist listening; (2) attitudes to encourage before and during listening; and (3) content aids to think about during listening.

Listening formula, TQLR. The mental processes involved in listening were examined, and they were arranged into a concise listening formula known as TQLR.



Donna M. Mills, "Interrelating Reading and Listening in Grades Four through Eight," in Reading and the Language Arts, comp. and ed. H. Alan Robinson (Chicago, Ill.: The University of Chicago Press, 1963), p. 60.



You tune your mind to the speaker's voice and to what the speaker is going to say and to what you are going to hear.

You ask questions to anticipate what will be said and what will be heard before the speaker begins talking.



You think before you <u>listen</u>. Think while you are listening by relating one idea to another with their main points or ideas. You may want to think ahead to what may be said next.



Go over the material again and review what the speaker said by summarizing the important points that will support the speaker's purpose. I "Review consists of thinking after you listen. It helps you remember what you heard, organize it, and understand it."

In conclusion listening (1) can be beneficial for those who cannot apply higher-level reading skills usi ng written material but have the mental ability for listening; (2) can act as a support to the students as read-along; and (3) can play a complementary role in learning.<sup>3</sup>

Listening still, however, is not generally accepted as part of the standard school curriculum. Surveys of actual classroom practices indicate little time devoted to

Don H. Parker, <u>SRA Reading Laboratory IIIa</u>, <u>Teacher's Handbook</u> (Chicago, III.: Science Research Associates, 1964), p. 45.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 46.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Lynette Saine, "Interrelating Reading and Listening in Corrective and Remedial Classes," in Reading and Language Arts, comp. and ed. H. Alan Robinson (Chicago, Ill.: University of Chicago Press, 1963), p. 70.

direct instruction in listening skills even though the evidence indicates strongly that such instruction works.

This lack of attention to teaching listening was noted when listening first became a subject for research. . . . Listening is still, as the Commission on the English Curriculum (1952) noted twenty-five years ago, 'the neglected language art at all educational levels.'

Mills offered three suggestions to apply if we want students to listen. First, have something worth-while to listen to; secondly, give a purpose for listening; and thirdly, help students to realize that good listening, good reading, and remembering are important to each other.<sup>2</sup>

#### Establishing a purpose for reading

Listening is a supportive skill for reading. In the previous section, listening was described as a complementary and supportive skill for reading. Even though listening and reading require different mental processes, there are similarities between listening and reading as well as differences. On the following page the differences between reading and listening are listed. Since similarities exist between reading and listening, this comparion is seen in chart three on page forty-two.

Thomas G. Devine, "Listening: What Do We Know after Fifty Years of Research and Theorizing?" <u>Journal</u> of Reading 21 (January 1978): 300.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Mills, "Interrelating Reading and Listening in Grades Four through Eight," in Reading and the Language Arts, p. 62.

many. Since reading and listening are two different processes, it would be expected that they would differ in some manner. In the chart some of the differences between reading and listening will be given.

#### Reading

- 1. Readers can control rate at which information is received and can regress to check comprehension.
- 2. Readers may reread material.
- 3. Intonation and nonverbal clues are missing unless stage directions are provided and an imagination is used.
- 4. Readers can go at their own pace when reading.
- 5. Readers may stop and reflect on material read.

#### Listening

- 1. Listeners cannot control the rate at which they receive information or regress to check their listening ability.
- 2. Listeners must adjust their listening to the speaker's speech pattern.
- 3. Listeners cannot re-listen in most instances.
- 4. Intonation and nonverbal clues are given along with words that are spoken.
- 5. Listeners must follow the speaker's pace of speaking,
- 6. Listeners cannot stop and reflect on material heard unless it is recorded in some manner.
- 7. The speaker's personality and rate of speaking are important.

Chart 2. Differences between Reading and Listening 1

Patricia M. Cunningham, "Transferri g Comprehension from Listening to Reading," The Reading Teacher 29 (November 1975): 169 and Mills, "Interrelating Reading and Listening in Grades Four through Eight," in Reading and the Language Arts, p. 60.

Similarities between reading and listening occur.

Both reading and listening have a number of ideas in common. The chart below lists the similarities.

#### Both reading and listening

- 1. Require purpose, direction, critical thinking
- 2. Require evaluation and reaction
- 3. Are basic means of communication
- 4. Require the reception of ideas
- 5. Have the same pattern of receiving the stimulus
- 6. Are concerned with the intake half of communication
- 7. Have similar mental processes underlying listening and reading
- 8. Have a complex of related skill components
- 9. Have a "receiver who is the object of some message and is trying to construe its meaning"
- 10. Require skill in preparing for what is to be heard or read
- 11. Need an objective and receptive attitude toward the speaker or author
- 12. Concentrate on the ideas given
- 13. Require the interpretation of the ideas
- 14. Require the selection of ideas that will help learning

Chart 3. Similarities between Reading and Listening

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Cunningham, "Transferring Comprehension from Listening to Reading," <u>The Reading Teacher</u> 29: 169.

Mills, "Interrelating Reading and Listening in Grades Four through Eight," pp. 59-60 for Nos. 1-5; Devine, "Listening: What Do We Know after Fifty Years of Research and Theorizing?" pp. 301-302 for Nos. 6-8; Mills, "Interrelating Reading and Listening in Grades Four through Eight," p. 62 for Nos. 10-14.

The values of the interrelating of listening and reading skills assist in the organizing of ideas and assist in the understanding of the "developmental interrelatedness of listening and reading."

A questioning mind assists in setting a purpose to read. Why is it necessary to read this material? What facts are important to remember? What is the main idea? How do the details support the main idea? For what purpose is this material being read?

These and many other questions usually come to mind as the readers cover the materials that must be read. Therefore, a specific purpose or objective is needed to guide the readers so they might read the material with better comprehension.

Purposes for reading vary. Even in the time of Sir Francis Bacon, books were read for specific purposes. Sometimes only parts of a book are read while at other times, books such as the <u>Bible</u>, a very interesting novel, or a very difficult calculus textbook are read carefully devoting much attention to the content.

In Bacon's essay, <u>Of Studies</u>, he gives his "useful division into books for tasting, for swallowing, and for chewing and digesting:"<sup>2</sup>

That is some books are to be read only in parts; others to be read, but not curiously; and some few to be read wholly, and with diligence and attention.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Saine, "Interrelating Reading and Listening in Corrective and Remedial Classes," Reading and the Language Arts, p. 70.

<sup>2</sup>Sterling Andrus Leonard, Essential Principles of Teaching Reading and Literature in the Intermediate Grades and High School (Philadelphia, Penn.: J. B. Lippincott Co., 1922). p. 173.

<sup>3&</sup>lt;sub>Tbid</sub>.

Therefore, depending how much or how little to read of a book depends on the purpose for reading the book in the first place.

A reading cycle has a specific sequence. Reading for a specific purpose is the beginning of a reading cycle as described by Merritt as "a sequence of activities in which a definition of purpose leads to a reading goal, some kind of plan for reading to satisfy that goal, the reading process itself, and the evaluation and consolidation process that stems from the reading and facilitates further development."

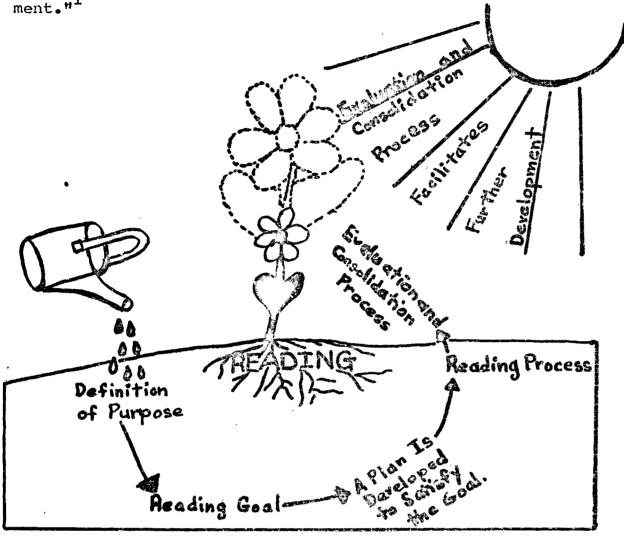


Diagram 1. A Diagram of a Reading Cycle.

John Merritt, <u>Perspectives on Reading</u> (Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, Great Britain: The Open University Press, 1973), p. 44.

Numerous purposes for reading exist. Other terms one may hear that are interchangeable with the term, purposes, are goals, aims, or objectives. There are numerous purposes to establish for reading as can be seen from this list:

- 1. Enjoyment
- 2. Skimming, selecting, and referring to reference material
- 3. Mastery of a subject
- 4. A study of details
- 5. A study of the main points or ideas
- 6. Study for a test
- 7. Question a situation and develop an opinion about it.

In reading social studies textbooks, exploratory reading, or reading for a purpose is essential. Jarolimek emphasizes that before students start reading, purposes should be established that the students use as guideposts as they read in the textbook. He states that "purposes should be general rather than detailed or highly specific."

Sometimes, self-evaluation of skills, for example, Language Arts skills and study habits may be a good starting point for reading for a purpose rather than starting with a book first.

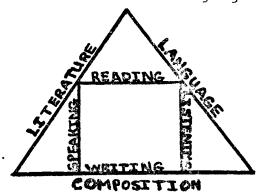
Here is an evaluation sheet on the Language Arts skills which can be given to the students at the beginning of the year. According to the directions, they are requested to answer either <u>yes</u> or <u>no</u> by checking the proper column. Therefore, the students' purpose in doing the assignment is to complete the Language Arts Skills Sheet by following

<sup>1</sup> Ibid., p. 13.

John Jarolimek, Social Studies in Elementary Education, 5th ed. (New York, N. Y.: Macmillan Publishing Co., 1977), p. 83.

the directions carefully. At the bottom of the sheet is an area provided for the students to use for daily or weekly responses to the Language Arts Skills Sheet and their progress through a quarter or a sememster.

Language Arts Skills Sheet



This symbol to the left is a symbol for the Language Arts Skills. Just because we call the class ENGLISH does not mean that we are forgetting the skills of Reading, Penmanship, Spelling, and Listening. These skills are all a part of English.

#### DIRECTIONS:

Read the following list. Then, place a check in the proper space.

|    |  | YES | NO |
|----|--|-----|----|
| 1. | Are you asked to speak up when you are talking?                    |     |    |
| 2. | Do you read as well as you would like to read?                     |     |    |
| 3. | Do you feel you follow directions 90% of the time?                 |     |    |
| 4. | Do you find yourself getting behind in your work?                  |     |    |
| 5. | Does your talking prevent others from listening?                   |     |    |
| 6. | Do people say they cannot read your writing?                       |     |    |
| 7. | Do you ask questions about information you are unsure of in class? |     |    |

English Curriculum Center of the Department of Public Instruction of the State of Wisconsin, Experimental Ed., Teaching Speaking and Writing in Wisconsin, front cover.

|      |  | YES    | ИО    |  |  |
|------|--|--------|-------|--|--|
| 8.   | Are you told you talk too loud?  |        |       |  |  |
| 9.   | If someone spoke to you, could you repeat what they said in your own words?                                |        |       |  |  |
| 10.  | Do you enjoy reading books?  |        |       |  |  |
| 11.  | Is your work often erased or crossed out, resulting in a messy paper?                                      |        |       |  |  |
| 12.  | Do you enjoy doing research on a topic of your cwn choice?   |        |       |  |  |
| 13.  | Do you feel you write as neatly as you can?  |        |       |  |  |
| 14.  | you participate in class or volunteer least once each class time?  |        |       |  |  |
| 15.  | Do you work as hard as you possibly can?   |        |       |  |  |
| 16.  | Do you spell as well as you believe you should?  |        |       |  |  |
| 17.  | Do you work just to get by with as little as you can?  |        |       |  |  |
| 18.  | Do you write small and/or messy because you do not want people to know you can't spell well or write well? |        |       |  |  |
| COMM | ENTS:  |        |       |  |  |
| DATE | STUDENT'S COMMENTS TEACHER   | S COMM | ENT S |  |  |
|      |  |        |       |  |  |

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Purpose setting is important. Four purposes for reading materials are (1) to get answers to questions; (2) for following directions; (3) for determining the setting or atmosphere; and (4) for critical thinking resulting from critical reading. Setting a purpose for reading is the first step in the previewing or prereading process. Once the purpose or purposes for reading a selection are established they can be organized (1) on the chalkboard, (2) on a piece of construction paper or posterboard, and/or (3) on a duplicating master for separate sheets for each student. The purpose of this would be for immediate feedback and future reference.

Writing clear directions are important in purpose setting. Clearly written purposes for doing the reading are essential. Any written directions used in establishing a purpose for reading must be clear, concise, and within the students' comprehension level; otherwise, they will not understand or be able to follow the given directions. Pikulski and Jones in their article, "Writing Directions Children Can Read," give detailed instructions on writing directions which concentrate on six areas:

(1) sentence structure, (2) vocabulary choice, (3) illustrations or pictures, (4) direction order or sequence, (5) typographical considerations, and (6) interest. These suggestions offer many possibilities in writing understandable directions, especially if the directions are followed by the students independently.

John J. Pikulski and Margaret B. Jones, "Writing Directions Children Can Read," The Reading Teacher 30 (March 1977): 598-602.

The two purposes for reading: (1) following directions and (2) answering questions will be stressed. Following directions is a common purpose in such activities as cooking, completing a job application form or an application for a Social Security card, doing school assignments, or making an art project. Four materials which may be useful for practicing following directions are listed below:

- Abisch, Roz and Kaplan, Boche. <u>Easy-to-Make Holiday Fun</u>
  <u>Things</u>. Middleton, Conn.: Xerox Education
  Publications, 1973.
- "How to Make Things That Fly." n. p., Minn.: Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., 1974.
- Social Security Office, Social Security Administration,
  South Side Branch, 4331 West Oklahoma Avenue,
  Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53219; Branch Office,
  526 East Michigan Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
  53202.
  Social Security cards will be provided for classes upon reugest.
- Temko, Florence. Paper Capers, All Kinds of Things to Make with Faper. New York, N. Y.: Scholastic Book Services, 1974.

Besides following directions, the materials that follow also evaluate how well students carry through on answering questions. The first example involves an assignment on observations which was used in the seventh grade Language Arts class. The directions are stated with illustrations to assist the students in answering the questions and in evaluating whether they are correct or incorrect. The Observation Sheet follows on the next page. A second but more unsuspecting way in following directions, answering questions, and evaluating the results is a teacher-made test which requires students to answer a number of questions. After they have thoroughly read the teacher-made test, the students follow the directions which specifically states, "Read everything carefully and

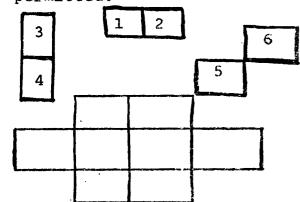
#### Observation Sheet

# 1 How many triangles can # 3 A cardboard roll from you find in the diagram below of the star? There are more than you think.

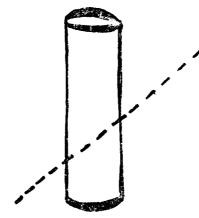
ANSWER:

# 2 Place the numerals 1 through 8 in the squares so that no two consecutive numbers will be next to each other.

None of the following are permitted:



paper toweling has been cut on a diagonal. Draw a picture of the roll or hand in the actual roll after it has been cut and unrolled.



# 4 Cut out a piece of paper in the form of a right triangle. This triangle may be folded in at least four ways to form pairs of similar triangles.

> Where should the folds be made?

Draw the folds on your triangle. You may want to make four triangles and mark each triangle individually.



completely before doing anything." One such example of this type of skill is found in the reading workbook by

Schachter, Norman and Whelan, John K. Activities for Reading Improvement, Book One. Just for Fun Series. Rev. ed. Austin, Texas: Steck-Vaughn Co., 1971, p. 54.

Another example of this skill is provided in Appendix B. A teacher-made test was developed to determine whether students read the directions first or whether they just started to do the questions in front of them.

While reading a book, students often forget what they are reading about or studying. Shepherd's ideas are presented in an illustrated setting so that they may be useful as a bulletin board display or as a duplicated sheet to guide students in the reading of a book. The students would have a basic organization for purpose setting and following through on the purpose: (1) by taking notes; (2) by listening to others; and (3) by discussing the issues or ideas with others.

Another purpose for reading is critical thinking. Some examples will be presented from an eighth grade English final examination using the textbook, Ginn Elements of English 8, as a basis for the statements. The purpose of this section of the final examination was to determine whether the conclusions reached from the facts provided were reasonable or not.

Reaching Conclusions.

<u>Directions</u>: 1. In each group of sentences, a conclusion is determined in the last sentence.

2. From the statements given is the third statement a reasonable conclusion or not?

David L. Shepherd. "Reading Language Arts, and the Content Areas," in Reading and Language Arts, comp. and ed. H. Alan Robinson (Chicago, Ill.: The University of Chicago Press, 1963), pp. 72-78.

The <u>purpose</u> for reading the geography textbook is to be able to recite orally three facts about Central America, and the students must write at least three facts.

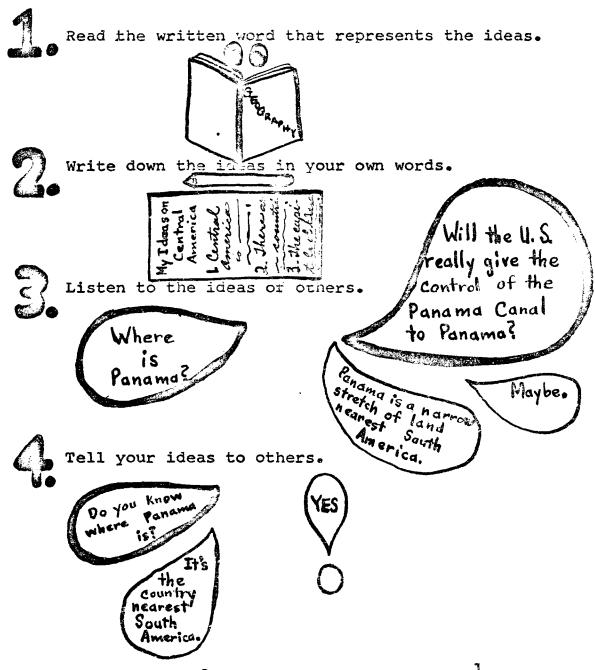


Illustration 2. Reading for a Purpose. 1

Ibid.

Footnote is for the four numbered ideas. The art, organization, and application to geography was added.

- 3. Determine the reasonable thinking.
- 4. Circle the word <u>YES</u> if the third stateis reasonable.
- 5. Circle the word NO is the third statement is not reasonable.
- YES NO Thomas Jefferson was born in Virginia.
  Thomas Jefferson was the third President
  of the United States.
  The third President of the United States
  was born in Virginia.
- YES NO Nathaniel Hawthorne was an American author.

  Nathaniel Hawthorne was born in Massachusetts.

  All American authors were born in Massachusetts.
- YES NO Margie who has a history of window breaking has recently purchased a slingshot.

  A window was broken by a stone from a slingshot.

  Margie broke the window.
- YES NO All healthy people can learn how to swim.

  Horace and Heather are healthy people.

  Horace and Heather can learn how to swim.
- YES NO Apricots are fruits.
  Some fruits are juicy.
  Apricots are juicy.
- YES NO No radio announcer likes milk.
  Edwina does not like milk.
  Edwina is a radio announcer.
- YES NO Green plants need sunlight to live.
  Some of the plants in my garden are green.
  Some of the plants in my garden need sunlight to live.

A final example of reading for a specific reason is presented in ten statements. The students must determine whether the ten statements are <u>FACTS</u> or <u>OPINIONS</u>. Part I is a section from a semester two English Examination for the eighth grade.

Ten statement are given below. On the line provided, write whether the statement is a fact or an opinion. The Catholic University of America is located in Washington, D. C. The Civil Was was fought bravely by both sides. 3. \_\_\_\_ Going on vacation was a thrilling experience. 4. The telephone rang at 10:30 P.M. 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Baseball games are just as exciting as basketball games are. 6. \_\_\_\_\_ When everyone is here, there are nineteen students in the classroom. 7. \_\_\_\_\_ The bride was beautiful in her long white gown and lace veil. 8. \_\_\_\_ Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin in 1793. 9. \_\_\_\_\_ Nathaniel Hawthorne was an American author. 10. \_\_\_\_ Sally is a fantastic tennis player.

#### Previewing techniques

Part I. Fact or Opinion.

Establishing a purpose for reading which was explained in a previous section provided the basis for the prereading or previewing activities that will be presented here. Additional steps are necessary to organize units of study and assist students who have difficulty reading the textbook for their grade level.

The structured overview. The term "structured overview" originated with Herber and his Syracus University colleagues." "Structured overviews are visual diagrams

<sup>1</sup> J. P. Lunstrum. "Readings in the Social Studies: A Preliminary Analysis of Recent Research." Social Education 40 (January 1976): 15.

of the key vocabulary of a learning task. . . . " In 1969 Earle listed directions for constructing an overview:

- (1) Select all the words in the unit that the students will need to understand.
- (2) Arrange the list of words in diagram form so that the relationship among the unit's ideas are shown.
- (3) Write the diagram on the chalkboard or the overhead projector.
  - (a) Explain the reason for the arrangement of the words.
  - (b) Have the students contribute information about the diagram and possibly about the reason for the word arrangement.<sup>2</sup>

An example of a structured overview was organized based upon chapter 1, "American English," Ginn Elements of English 8, pages 1 through 25 in diagram 2.

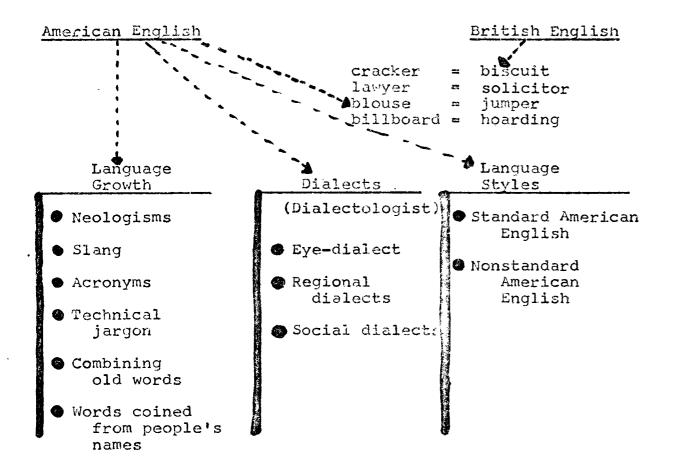
Spaces under the supporting details could be provided for specific examples in the structured overview, and the students could add the examples to the overview if it was on a duplicated sheet for each individual, on the chalkboard, or on an overhead projector. Possibly, an outline could be made, and the students could add the specific examples to their ready made outline or they could write their own outline from the structured overview providing they have had previous experience in writing an outline.

The structured overview is beneficial because it assists the teacher in (1) clarifying content objectives; (2) identifying the major ideas; and (3) identifying the major ideas the students should know. This structured

Richard T. Vacca, "Readiness to Read Content Area Assignments," Journal of Reading 20 (February 1977): 391.

<sup>2&</sup>lt;sub>Tbid</sub>

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# Purpose: The structured overview shows how chapter one, "American English," is divided according to the main idea and its supporting details in each section of the chapter. The major ideas are organized in a main idea and supporting detail pattern.

Diagram 2. An Example of a Structured Overview.

overview is useful (1) in previewing the whole unit to obtain a total view of the material to be read through its vocabulary; (2) in preparing the students to read the content by asking them questions about the words; and (3) in introducing the new vocabulary of the unit.

The selection pyramid. Another way of previewing and/or studying a chapter is provided by Paulsen in the drawing of a "Selection Pyramid."

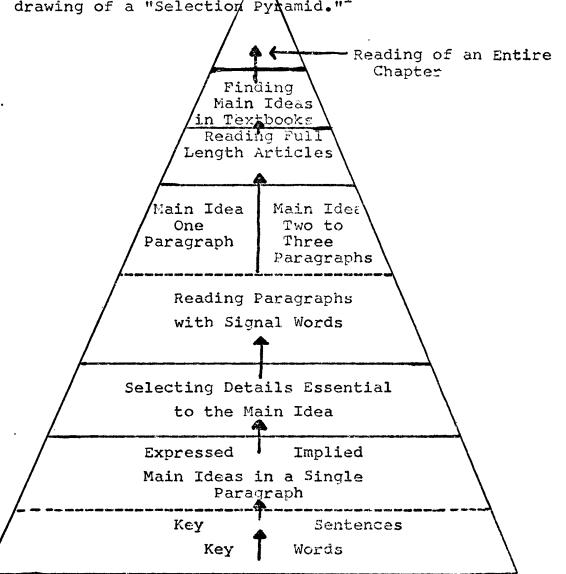


Figure 3. Selection Pyramid.

Leitha Paulsen, "Developing Reading and Language Arts Efficiencies in Corrective and Remedial Reading Classes," in Reading and the Language Arts, comp. and ed. H. Alan Robinson (Chicago, Ill.: The University of Chicago Press, 1963), p. 95, Figure 1.

SQ3R. Reading textbook material is easier if a systematic technique for studying and learning is available such as the SQ3R Method. Massey and Moore have presented in their book, Helping High School Students to Read Better, the SQ3R Method in a manner to assist students in understanding what is expected of them for each step. For easier reading, the SQ3R Method is organized in an outline form.

## x. S-SURVEY

- A. Look over the material to be read.
- B. Read the headings.
- C. Glance at pictures, captions, and illustrations.
- D. Read the introductory paragraph and the summary of the chapter.

# II. Q-QUESTION WHO? WHAT?

A. Create questions to assist in comprehending, understanding, the material.

B. Turn the chapter title and headings into questions to be answered.

HOW?

## III. R-READ

- A. Read the material silently to answer to answer each question.
- B. Adjust the reading rate.
  - 1. To the purpose of the material
  - 2. To the difficulty of the material

## IV. R-RECITE

- A. Recite in your own words the answer to each question.
- B. Check you answer each time.
- C. Write down key ideas or other information that will help in recalling the correct answer.
- D. Read the material again until you can answer the question correctly if the answer was incorrect.
- E. NOTE: Repeat Steps II. through IV. for each question to be answered until all the material has been completed.

## v. R- REVIEW

- A. Review in your own words what you have learned from the whole section.
- B. Check your notes for information marked inaccurately or not completely remembered.

- C. Reread any sections you are unsure of and recite the information again.
- D. Review the whole selection until you are sure you have accomplished your purpose.

In the September 22, 1977, issue of <u>Scholastic</u>

<u>Search Magazine an "Activity Master" was provided applying</u>
the SQ3R Method of study to the play, "The Starving Time,"
on pages 4 to 10.

The SQ3R Method of studying will be presented as it applied to the play, "The Starving Time."

The <u>Survey</u> section previewed the speaking parts, the scenes, and the setting.



The <u>Question</u> section transformed the title into a question to answer.



The Read section provided open-ended statements for each scene. Then, notetaking could be done as the students read.



The <u>Recite</u> section gave practice to repeating the answers written for the <u>Read</u> section. At this point, the students studied by themselves.

The Review section was done, first of all, individually so the students could determine what answers were mastered and which answers needed more study. Then, they studied the answers that were hard to remember and reread the parts of the play where the answers were found. Later, the students reviewed the material in pairs to recheck their memory after the individually completed review and restudying process. All of this studying and review was completed in the classroom during two forty-five minute sessions.

The questions at the end of the play were discussed to determine the students' comprehension of the play. A check test on "The Starving Time" was given to the students based on the paper they completed using the SQ3R study method, "SQ3R: A Study Guide."

Check Test for "The Starving Time"

| TOTAL      | SCORE: |  |
|------------|--------|--|
| STUDENT 'S | SCORE: |  |

DIRECTIONS: Answer each question on this sheet.
Write each answer in complete sentences.

- · 1. Where does "The Starving Time" take place? (City, State)
  - 2. In what year does the play take place?
- 3. Why would Jamestown run short of food?
- 4. How did Captain Smith help the settlers?
- 5. Why was Small sentenced to die?
- 6. Why did the settlers say Gates came too late?
- 7. Why couldn't the settlers go hunting?
- 8. Why didsome settlers stay and not go back to England?

The question word or W's method. Another previewing technique is similar to the newspaper style of writing which also contributes question words that can be used to change the headings into questions and provide springboards for hypotheses. For instance, these questions may be listed before previewing the material, particularly a story.

- 1. Who is the story about?
- 2. Where does the story or event occur?
- 3. When did the event occur or when will it occur?
- 4. What are the characters doing?
- 5. Who are the characters?
- 6. What will happen next?
- 7. Why is this section important, for instance, the beginning or the end?
- 8. How will the material read be used?

By forming hypotheses through forming questions, purposes have been established for reading the story. As the students read the story, they may evaluate whether the author answered their questions and/or hypotheses or not.

#### Notetaking and Outlining

Notetaking can be done in a number of ways. Five methods of notetaking are illustrated here, and they are (1) listing of main ideas and supporting details; (2) the outline-summary method; (3) the outline; (4) the precis; and (5) the chart.

The listing of main points students hear require listening ability, concentration on the notetaking, writing quickly using brief statments, shorthand, and/or abbreviations, and keeping in mind the speaker's purpose and organization of material. Students who read and take notes also require a number of skill, some of which are similar to those who listen to a talk or lecture. These skills may be determined as reading comprehension, notetaking, organizational skills, writing the information at a slower pace than one who is listening to a person speaking,

and keeping in mind the speaker's purpose and organizational, technique or techniques.

Listening skills to use in notetaking. While listening, students can be given guidance in notetaking if teachers provide each student with an outline of the expected lecture or talk or lesson. The first step in teaching students the skill of notetaking is the listening guide. "Rather than teach students how to go about organizing words on paper, we must first organize these words ourselves and then tell our students what those words are." Preparing lecture notes for the proposed topic and preparing a listening guide require five steps according to Castallo. 2

- Step 1. The teacher reads the material to be presented and underlines the concepts that the students should have in their notes.
- Step 2. A graphic overview of those concepts and sequence in which they come are organized in an outline form.
- Step 3. Copies of the outline prepared by the teacher are distributed to the students.
- Step 4. The teacher expands each main point as it appears in the outline.
- Step 5. The teacher fills in the listening guide on an overhead projector as the students complete their own listening guides.

Richard Castallo, "Listening Guide--A First Step toward Notetaking and Listening Skills, <u>Journal of Reading</u> 19 (January 1976): 290.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ibid., pp. 289-290.

Notetaking practice to incorporate into classroom instruction. Notetaking is "an essential skill for students and is best taught by content teachers" because notetaking differs from course to course depending on the content to be read. The teacher may demonstrate on the chalkboard how students should take notes from the textbook.

To incorporate notetaking instruction into the regular classroom instruction is not as difficult as it may seem. First of all, the students and teacher read a chapter or a section together suggesting ideas for notes as they read. Then, the material is discussed and ways to take notes such as an outline, list, chart, time line, parallel columns, or comparing two or more ideas are evaluated as to the way that is most beneficial for the course of study. The next procedure is to guide the students in the class by writing the main points on the chalkboard, on an overhead projector, or on large cards prepared earlier, if possible. Most textbooks in the subject areas are organized to facilitate the students ability to note the organization of the subject matter. The relationship of the main ideas and supporting details can be noted through:

Title of the Book
Unit title
Chapter title
Chapter section
Topical headings
Paragraphs."

Another way of notetaking and reporting is presented by Preston and Herman in their book, Teaching Social

Betty L. Hagberg, "Making the Right to Read in the Content Areas a Reality," in <u>Teachers</u>, <u>Tangibles</u>, <u>Techniques</u>: <u>Comprehension of Content in Reading</u>, ed. Bonnie Smith Schulwitz (Newark, Del.: International Reading Association, 1975), p. 125.

Shepherd, Comprehensive High School Reading Methods, pp. 104-105.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Ibid., p. 105.

Studies in the Elementary School. Seven steps are established to practice the skill of notetaking.

- Step 1. The class is divided into groups of five to six students who work with the teacher one group at a time. While the rest of the class does other work, each member of the group reads silently a highly readable encyclopedia article, which has been duplicated by the teacher.
- Step 2. The group members select words, ideas, and sentences that are unclear to them. Discussion follows to determine the ambiguities and possibly to use context clues in deciphering the meanings of any unknown words.
- Step 3. The group rereads the encyclopedia article to search for main ideas. Discussion follows to examine the appropriateness of the main points.
- Step 4. The main idea is discussed and analyzed so that the students can put the article's main ideas in a few words.
- Step 5. The children put their copies of the encyclopedia article away and try to write <u>brief</u> notes to stand for the key ideas in as few words as needed. Thus, the students are actively involved in their own learning process.
- Step 6. The students take turns telling the group what they have learned from the article by using only their brief notes on the main points.

Step 7. All the members of the group write what they have learned by referring to their notes only. 
Finally, these seven steps are used with the remaining groups. According to Preston and Herman, this is systematic training in notetaking. 

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In the <u>Media Memo</u> a task is mentioned by which notes may be made on a cassette recorder. This technique is particularly beneficial for students who have difficulty remembering important points over long reading assignments. Notes may be recorded on the cassette, and this method is much faster than taking written notes for these people. 3

Outlining as a method of notetaking. The first example of notetaking involves listing the main idea and its supporting details under it. Basically, this method lacks the formal outline form, yet it is just as beneficial in organizing notes. Words, phrases, or sentences may be used in this method of notetaking.

| T+1 | $\circ$ f | the | Lesson:          |  |
|-----|-----------|-----|------------------|--|
|     | <u> </u>  |     | TC C C C C I I . |  |

-Main Point

-Detail

-Detail

-Detail

-Main Point

-Detail

-Detail

-Main Point

Figure 4. Main Idea and Supporting Details Method of Notetaking.

Ralph C. Preston and Wayne L. Herman, Jr., <u>Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School</u> (New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1968), pp. 384-385.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 385.

<sup>3&</sup>quot;Social Studies," Media Memo (1977), Number 4, p. 8.

The combination method using both the outline and the summary begins with the students dividing their papers into three parts as the illustration shows.

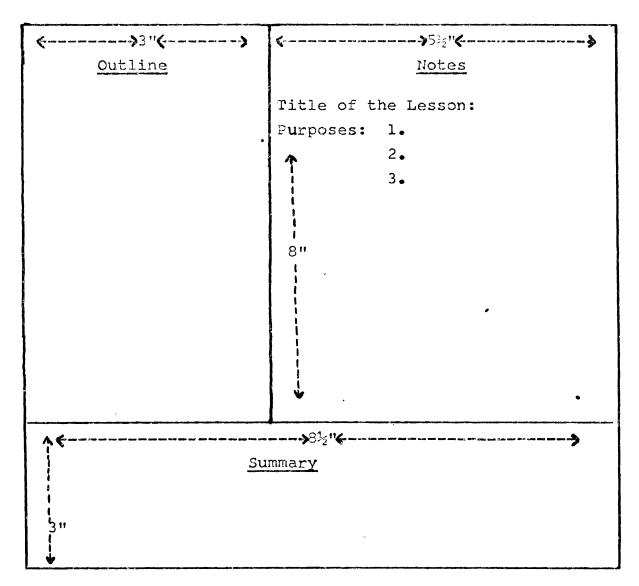


Figure 5. The Outline-Summary Method of Notetaking.

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First, a margin on the left-hand side is used to outline the notes in a concise manner. Secondly, the larger section to the right of the outline is used for the actual notetaking. Thirdly, a summary is given on the bottom of the page under the outline and the notes. Here, the main points can again be listed and offer another means of reviewing the notes in a different yet concise manner.

Notes that are necessary from the textbook or from the lecture are written in the right-hand section. Then, any illustrations, graphs, or diagrams may be sketched in to aid comprehension and memory. After that, the notes may be converted into an outline. The final step is writing a summary of the material which may be helpful in remembering the material, too. This method of notetaking may be used in taking lecture notes as well as notes on a textbook or reference book.

The outline is a third way of taking notes. Writing an outline may be done in several forms. The most familiar form is the skeletal outline which may be written using words, phrases, or sentences.

#### Topic

I.

A. B.

II.

Α.

В.

1. 2.

1.

III.

A. B.

Figure 6. Skeletal Outline.

A second form of an outline is the visual outline. The supporting details are indented under the main ideas. Further indentations are made for subdetails and any other details.

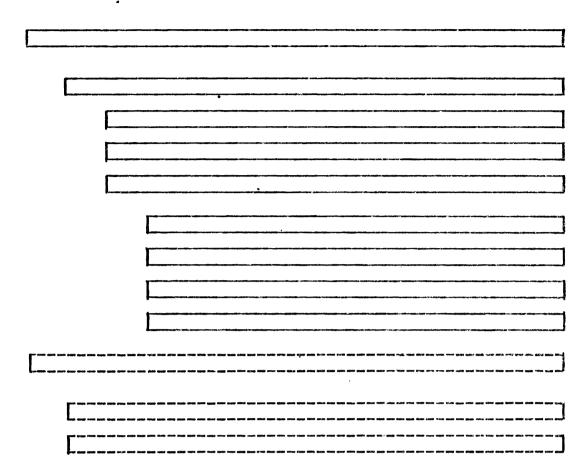


Figure 7. Visual Outline. 1

A third method uses numbers only instead of indenting supporting details or using upper and lower case letters.

lSister Mary Consilia, C. P., Ph. D., The Consultant's Notebook, Part Three: Language Alert/Drills and Skills for Efficient Reading and Writing (Libertyville, Ill.: Media Workshop and Instructional Media Incorporated, 1974), p. 17.

| •         |                           |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| 1.0       | Center Heading            |
| 1.1       | Free-standing heading     |
| 1.1.1     | Indented boldface heading |
| 1.1.1.1   | Paragraph main idea       |
| 1.1.1.1.1 | Supporting detail         |
| 2.0       | Center Heading            |

Figure 8. Outline Method Using Numbers. 1

Sometimes textbooks contain well-organized material. Therefore, when the students write an outline, they follow the author's organizational plan or pattern of the text-book. For instance, the outline may be written as follows:

#### I. Center Heading.

A. Free-standing heading
1. Indented boldface heading
2. Indented boldface heading
a. Paragraph main idea
1) Supporting detail
2) Supporting detail
b. Paragraph main idea

B. Free-standing heading

### II. Center Heading.

Figure 9. Outline Using Well-Organized Textbook Material.

Study guides for textbooks or other materials such as lectures or television lessons may be organized in an outline form to assist the students in organizing their ideas. An outline may be written and then cut

Lawrence E. Hafner, <u>Developmental Reading in</u>
Middle and Secondary Schools: <u>Foundations</u>, <u>Strategies</u>,
and <u>Skills for Teaching</u> (New York: <u>Macmillan Publishing</u>
Co., 1977), p. 177.

<sup>2&</sup>lt;sub>Ibid</sub>.

apart. The students either by themselves or with a partner may put the parts together to form the original outline after reading in their English textbooks about
reference books.

|        | -          |            |                      |          |            |  |
|--------|------------|------------|----------------------|----------|------------|--|
| Americ | an Langua  | g <b>e</b> | <u>Funk</u> a        | nd Wagna | <u>all</u> |  |
| The Ba | artlett's  | Book of Qu | otations             |          |            |  |
| Dictio | naries     |            | The Ne               | w Standa | ard        |  |
| Encycl | opedias    |            | Reference Books      |          |            |  |
| Foreig | ın Languag | е          | Who's Who in America |          |            |  |
| The Wo | orld Alman | ac         | The Wo               | rld Bool | 2          |  |
| The Re | ader's Gu  | ide to Per | iodical L            | iteratur | e.         | P Mary Marie Angeles (Marie Marie Ma |
| I.     | II.        | III.       | IV.                  | · V.     | VI.        |  |
| Α.     | Α.         | В•         | В.                   | c.       |            |  |

### **DIRECTIONS**:

- 1. Cut out each part of the outline on this page.
- 2. Organize your slips on paper with the correct Roman numeral, captial letter, or number, if any.
- 3. Mount your outline on construction paper after you have had your paper okayed. Use glue, paste, or tape.

The answer key for this outline follows on the next page.

ANSWER KEY: Answers may vary in the order in which the more specific reference books are given.

As long as the main topics, Dictionaries and Encyclopedias, have the supporting details, the order of the entries should be considered secondarily.

Title: Reference Books

- I. Dictionaries
  - A. American Language
  - B. Foreign Language
- II. Encyclopedias
  - A. The World Book
  - B. The New Standard
  - C. Funk and Wagnall
- III. The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature
- IV. The World Almanac
- V. Who's Who in America
- VI. The Bartlett's Book of Quotations

To practice writing an outline and to determine the main ideas and supporting details, a skeletal outline with the words along the right-hand side of the outline may be provided. The students would complete the outline in writing on a topic such as school subjects. An example of this outline writing exercise is presented on the next page.

As students understand the basic outline form and how each part of the outline is chosen as a main idea or a supporting idea and how it is arranged, parts of the outline may be left out. Then, the students with the teacher's assistance may complete the outline together. Practice such as this is beneficial because the students learn how to outline by being shown how and actively participating in the outlining process.

Outlining: A Word Outline

PURPOSE: To complete in writing a word outline.

Use the words to the right of the outline to complete the outline structure supplied on the left-hand side of the paper.

| Tit  | le:            |  |
|------|----------------|--|
| I.   | A.<br>B.       | Anthropology<br>Creation<br>Decimals<br>English<br>Fractions       |
| II.  | A.<br>B.       | Genetics<br>Geography<br>Geology<br>Mathematics<br>Nouns           |
| III. | A.<br>B.       | Percentages Political Science Religion Resurrection Revelation     |
| IV.  | A.<br>B.       | School Subjects<br>Science<br>Social Studies<br>Sociology<br>Verbs |
| v.   | c.             |  |
|      | A.<br>B.<br>C. |  |
|      | D.             |  |

The answer key for this practice outlining exercise is found on the next page.

#### ANSWER KEY for Outlining: A Word Outline.

Title: School Subjects

- I. English
  - A. Nouns
  - B. Verbs
- II. Science
  - A. Genetics
  - B. Geology
- III. Mathematic

  - A. FractionsB. DecimalsC. Percentages
- IV. Religion
  - A. Creation
  - B. Resurrection
  - C. Revelation
- V. Social Studies
  - A. Geography
  - B. Political Science
  - C. Anthropology
  - D. Sociology

Another form of notetaking is the precis or summary. The main idea of the material to be summarized is maintained, but the students write their ideas in their own words.

The last method of notetaking to be mentioned will be the chart. Sometimes taking notes in columns or in a chart assists in keeping the notes orderly and easy to read for reference in the future. Two examples of the chart form of notetaking will be illustrated in social studies first and then in English or Language Arts.

Comparison and Contrast of Indian Groups

| Categories          | SIOUX | YAHI | AZTEC |
|---------------------|-------|------|-------|
| FOOD                |       |      |       |
| FOOD<br>PREPARATION |       |      |       |
| CLOTHING            |       |      |       |
| TOOLS               |       |      |       |
| FARMING<br>METHODS  |       |      |       |

Chart 4. Chart Form of Notetaking in Social Studies.

Ways Words Are Added to Our Language

| Ways American English Grows | Specific Examples |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
|                             |                   |
| ·                           |                   |
|                             |                   |
|                             |                   |

Chart 5. Chart Form of Notetaking in Language Arts.

#### Vocabulary

Teachers select terms and concepts to be defined. When vocabulary words are introduced to the students, the teachers should be very selective in choosing only the key words or key concepts that are to be defined. The words could be put on the boards, but the students should see the words in context either in their textbooks, on study sheets, or on the chalkboard. Time should be provided to pronounce the words. The teacher may ask for volunteers to read the words, and a discussion may be held to determine the meaning of the word from context, phonetically, . or by structural analysis. If the students have difficulty determining the meanings of the words, further discussion should be held to formulate definitions. Vague word meanings could be investigated by a committee who would use reference materials to determine the meanings. Further discussion should clarify the meaning. Then, the words plus their meanings and a sentence example should be written in the students' notebooks along with illustrations for the words, if available or possible, from the textbook. 1 The students should use the words during class time and during group discussions so that they will become a part of their active or speaking vocabulary. The students should be encouraged to use their new vocabulary words outside of school also.

Too many words and concepts introduced in one class period may overwhelm the students, and these words and concepts may frustrate the students. Since word meaning skills do not develop by chance, the teacher must provide planned, sequential instruction in the use of word meaning skills. Word meanings could be developed through the

Paul Witty, Reading in Modern Education (Boston: D. C. Heath and Co., 1949), p. 194.

repeated and meaningful uses of words in content, in footnotes, in a glossary or dictionary, and in the speaking vocabulary of the students and teachers.

Students' vocabularies grow in a number of ways. The students' knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and root words will increase their vocabulary and word analysis ability. "Knowing prefixes and suffixes will help students in three main ways: (1) to recognize many words easily and more quickly; (2) to figure out many words that are not recognized at first by the students; and (3) to get a clearer understanding of the meaning of many words."<sup>2</sup>

# misspelled mis spell ed

mis - a prefix meaning wrong

spell - a root word or base word

ed - a suffix represented by the <u>-ed</u> and is the past tense
 of the verb, <u>spell</u>

Diagram 3. Word Analysis: Affixes and Root.

Also, students can gain word meaning through context clues, and finally, the dictionary which should be the last resource used for finding the word's meaning.

Audio-visual aids, for example, filmstrips, cassette tapes, the radio, and the television, plus word lists and hobbies can increase the students' vocabularies. Field trips may assist the students to formulate mental illustrations for concepts and word meaning that they have learned in the classroom. Students need first

Bernice E. Leary and William S. Gray, "Reading Problems in Content Fields," in Reading in General Education, ed. William S. Gray (Washington, D. C.: American Council on Education, 1940), p. 163.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Edwin R. Rogers, <u>Johnny's Reading Skills</u> (St. Petersburg, Florida: <u>Johnny Reads</u>, 1965), p. 140.

hand experience so that clear concepts can be developed to associate the meanings with the words. Pictures can clarify confusing terms necessary in reading maps that study terrain, for instance.

wide reading will also enable the students to extend their experiences in such a way so as to increase and enhance their vocabularies.¹ Crossword puzzles are another means of improving the students' vocabularies. Also, in the crossword puzzles, the content material from the textbook could be used as a basis for the word meaning information. The example of a crossword puzzle for the Depression illustrates this point. These crossword puzzles could be made for varying reading abilities as differentiated assignments. Noticing similarities and differences in words and finding homonyms and synonyms for words would help the students' vocabularies grow.

In learning concepts the students may need a general view of history to place a specific event into sequence, such as the life of Napoleon Bonaparte. The facts should be organized so that the students can see the relationships between events. A "time-perspective" should be thought out possibly in the form of a time line. Time concepts can be learned and interpreted through several methods: pictorial symbols, verbal or statistical information, historical dates, or location of dates through the association with other events. In geography place concepts may be learned and interpreted

<sup>1</sup>Witty, Reading in Modern Education, p. 103.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 94.

<sup>3</sup>Leary and Gray, "Reading Problems in Content Field," p. 169.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Ibid., pp. 168-169.

if the students know the meaning of map symbols, and if the students can read and interpret graphs and pictorial charts.

Teachers lay the foundation for reading. Teachers must lay the groundwork or foundation for reading a text-book by identifying concepts and terms to be stressed or emphasized for study by the students. Since words, their meanings, and their pronunciations are all essential to reading, the basis for concepts will involve the students' listening, speaking, reading and writing vocabularies.<sup>2</sup>

Before entering school, the child has already acquired extensive <u>listening</u> and <u>speaking</u> vocabularies. When the child enters school, he begins to acquire two additional types of vocabulary: a <u>reading</u> vocabulary and a <u>writing</u> vocabulary.

How can these concepts and necessary terms be determined? The information is right at hand: (1) word lists used in the introduction or the teachers' section of a textbook; (2) the teachers' manual section which may be a separate book from the students' textbooks; (3) teachers may use the new material to be read as a guide to terms by skimming the material first; and (4) teachers may keep a list of difficult words found in a unit of study. 4

By introducing the terms and by having the students listen, speak, read, and write the words, many methods may be used to introduce the words in meaningful situations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Ibid., pp. 169-171.

Lawrence W. Carrillo, <u>Teaching Reading: A Hand</u> book (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1976), p. 58.

Arts (New York: Harper & Row, Publishers, 1975), p. 122.

John Udell Michaelis, <u>Social Studies</u> for Children in a Democracy Recent Trends and <u>Developments</u> (Englewood Cliffs, N. J.: Prentice-Hall, 1976), p. 362.

Students may come into contact with the words in a way that is best for their particular learning need; thus making it possible to reach individual pupil needs.

Context clues assist students in uncovering word meaning.

Printed message Decoding Skills

Check on the guess

Dictionary,
Thesaurus, and/or
Other reference
books

Meaning of the word,
printed message

Diagram 3. Vocabulary: Language or Context Clues. 1

Context clues are valuable in determining the meaning of words. Robinson in his book, <u>Teaching Reading and Study Strategies</u>, presents the use of "semantic context" in eight specific ways. First of all, a word's meaning may be determined by a statement of meaning which may appear in one of four ways: (1) statement in parentheses; (2) statement in apposition; (3) a formal definition; or (4) a subsequent statement. A second way of using context clues is by example. Words may be defined through context in six other ways: third way, definition by synonym after a linking verb or after the word, <u>or</u>; fourth, definition by experience either life experiences, vicarious experiences,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Ivan J. Quandt, <u>Teaching Reading: A Human Process</u> (Chicago: Rand McNally College Publishing Co., 1977), p. 12.

<sup>2</sup>H. Alan Robinson, Teaching Reading and Study Strategies: The Content Areas (Boston: Allyn & Bacon, 1975), pp. 62-65.

or language experiences; fifth, definition by description; sixth, definition by comparison; seventh, definition by contrast; and eighth reflection of intent, mood, tone, or setting.

Numerous vocabulary building techniques are available. Michaelis in his book lists twelve vocabulary building techniques. The four main vocabulary building techniques are (1) "independent decoding or word recognition skills; (2) phonetic analysis; and, above all, (3) structural analysis; and (4) context clues which increase in importance as the students advance to the upper grades and high school."

Besides these four techniques, Michaelis has eight other vocabulary building techniques that are just as useful as the four techniques previously mentioned: (5) picture clues; (6) first hand experience through films, field trips, demonstrations, the processing of materials, or dramatic play; (7) group discussion to define terms, give explanations, correct misconceptions, list difficult words, point out changes in word meanings, use roots to build new terms or consider specific questions; (8) directed listening and oral reading by introducing new terms and concepts; (9) vocabulary aids like card files, word lists, scrapbooks, or picture dictionaries; (10) pictures collected to illustrate terms and concepts; (11) glossaries; and, lastly, (12) dictionaries.

lDid.

<sup>2</sup>Michaelis, Social Studies for Children in a Democracy Recent Trends and Developments, pp. 363-364.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid.

Activities for vocabulary growth provide a variety of ways to present new material, reinforce previously used and learned terms and concepts, and review the essential parts of the lesson. Another way of using vocabulary activities is to provide for individual differences in learning speed, learning style, learning specific material within the content areas and with regard to this paper in particular the content areas of Language Arts and social studies, by using these activities to create or develop differentiated vocabulary assignments, skill sheets, study lessons, enrichment activities or activities to do for free time or just for fun.

Suggestions and examples of vocabulary activities are provided on the following pages to assist the reader. Probably many of these ideas are not new, but there is an attempt to gather ideas that are relatively easy to present to students and require a minimum of extra work and time that is so precious to teachers. A few activities require more time and planning, but they are activities that will be useful for times to come.

The emphasis of the activities for vocabulary building is the content areas of Language Arts which includes Reading and Spelling and social studies. These activities may be modified to be built into any content area's curricula provided that the teachers set aside the time in their planning schedule for such activities and their development.

POLITICAL America during the Depression SCIENCE

"The Only Thing We Have to Fear," Pages 60-69.

#### DOWN

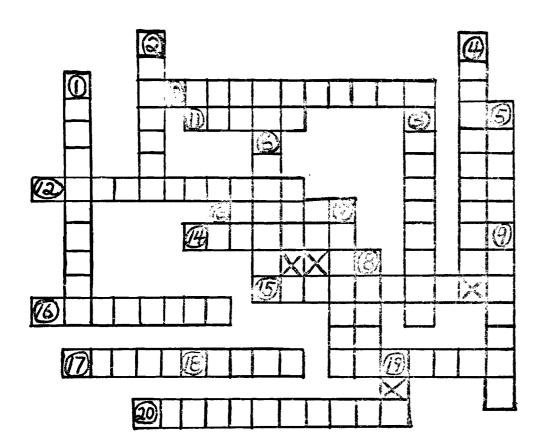
- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ income tax.
- President during the first three years of the Depression.
- 3. Social \_\_\_\_\_ Act.
- 4. "Hoover blankets" was another name for tucked inside a shirt to keep warm.
- 5. " the Court."
- 6. Because some companies could not sell their their stock lost value.
- 7. Gives a person part ownership in a business.
- 8. In 1932 sawmill workers earned about cents an house.
- 9. This act gave rights to unions.

#### **ACROSS**

- of the 1920's was built on credit, faith, and nothing else.
- 11. In the election of 1932, Roosevelt won all the states south and of Pennsylvania.

#### ACROSS

- 12. Stock Market Crash started the Great
- 13. Many people faith in American free enterprise system in 1929.
- 14. In the late 1920's there were more than people could buy.
- 15. Excess money given to stockholders.
- 16. Spending more money than the government had; going into debt.
- 17. F. D. R.'s plan for recovery was the New
- 19. "Power of the ballot" meant a person could for another President as leader.
- 20. Another name for free enterprise is



### Answer Key:

9. Wagner

| Dow | <u>n</u>  | Across |            |  |
|-----|-----------|--------|------------|--|
| 1.  | graduated | 10.    | Prosperity |  |
| 2.  | Hoover    | 11.    | west       |  |
| 3.  | Security  | 12.    | Depression |  |
| 4.  | newspaper | 13.    | lost       |  |
| 5.  | Pack      | 14.    | radios     |  |
| 6.  | goods     | 15.    | profits    |  |
| 7.  | stocks    | 16.    | deficit    |  |
| 8.  | five      | 17.    | much       |  |

19. vote
20. capitalism

18. Deal

वर्ग करी।

#### Concentration

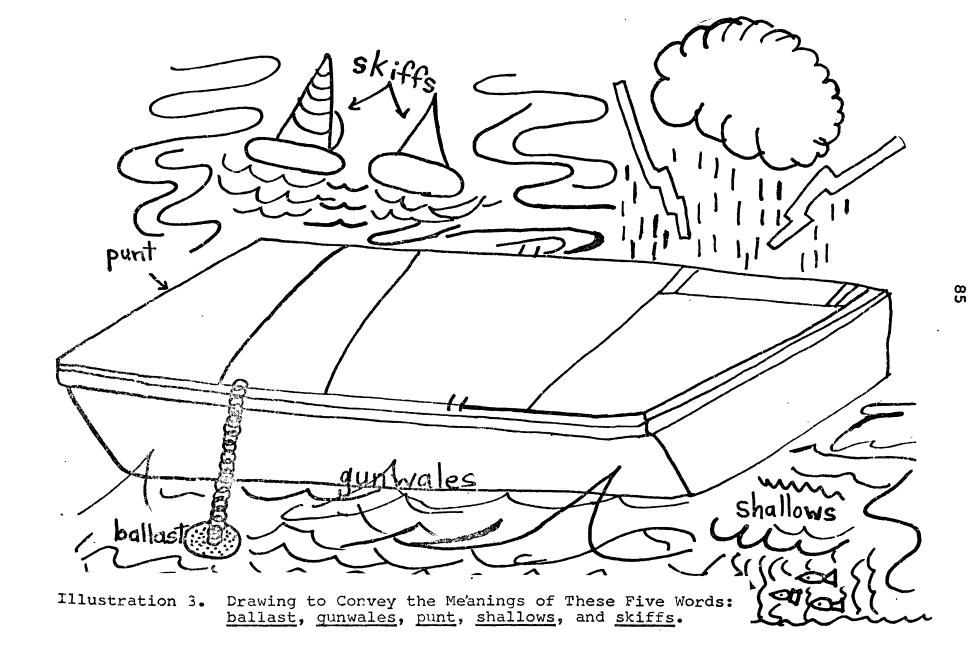
- 1. Find a meaning for each word given to you.
- 2. Use the glossary or a dictionary for the meanings.
- 3. Write the meaning for the word on your paper.
- 4. Then, write the word on one card given to you.
- 5. Write the meaning of the word on another card.
- 6. Do not put the word and the meaning on the same card.

#### DIRECTIONS FOR PLAYING CONCENTRATION:

- 1. Collect the cards from your group and put them together in a deck.
- 2. Shuffle the cards.
- 3. Cut the cards and reshuffle them.

| 4. | The dealer | place the example: | cards on | the | table | in |
|----|------------|--------------------|----------|-----|-------|----|
|    |            |                    |          |     |       |    |
|    |            |                    |          | 7   |       |    |

- 5. The object of the game is to match a word with its meaning.
- 6. A person or player who matches the cards, the word and the meaning cards, takes the pair of cards off the table and takes another turn until matches of the cards are no longer made.
- 7. When a match is made, the other cards are <u>not</u> moved, but they are left in the same places.
  - a. If a person matches a pair, another turn is given.
  - b. The game continues until all the cards are matched.
    - (1) Each card equals one point.
    - (2) The scores are totaled at the end of the game.



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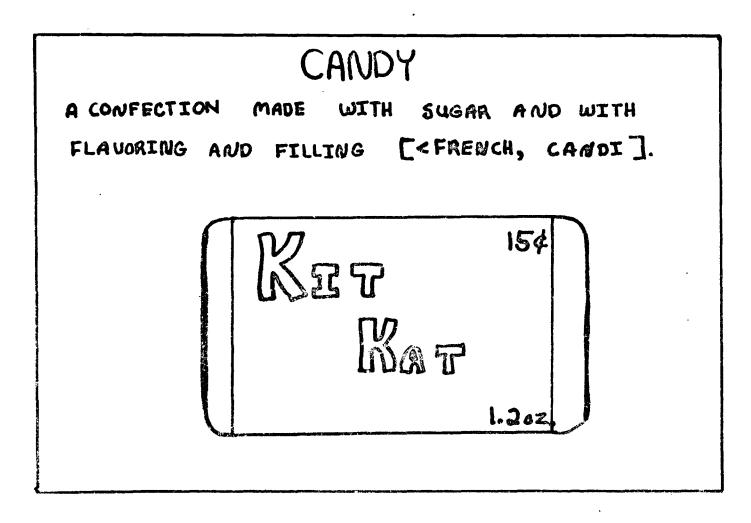


Illustration 4. An Example of an Activity to Do with Word Etymologies.

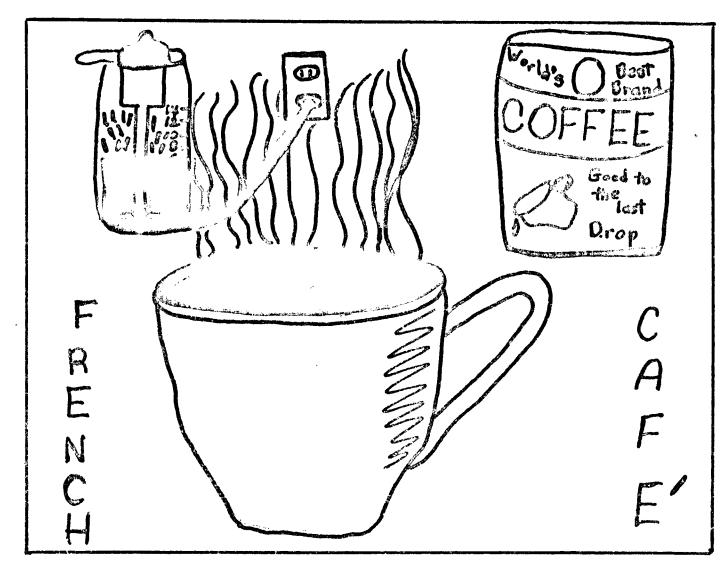


Illustration 5. Another Example of an Activity to Do When Studying Word Etymologies.

| NAME     |  |
|----------|--|
| SUBJECT_ |  |
| DATE     |  |
| GRADE    |  |

#### FIND THE CORRECT WORD MEANING

- DIRECTIONS: 1. Match the meaning in Column A with the underlined word in the sentence in Column B.
  - Place the letter from Column B on the line provided in Column A.

#### COLUMN A

9.

10.

To present briefly.

Coming from the side.

#### COLUMN B

- l. Methodical in habit. A. Summarize the story in fifty of your own words. 2. Overpowering. Did you encroach on your \_\_3. Trespass; intrude. neighbor's property? The ship received a <u>lateral</u> Not taking sides. 4. blow from the torpedo. \_\_\_5. Fitness. The train's whistle let 6. To extend. out a prolonged blast as it passed the railroad crossing. 7. Busy. E. Patty Hearst was guizzed 8. To examine by close questioning.
  - on her life after her kidnapping.
  - F. Seeing everyone eating made the food irresistible to me.
  - G. When Peter is working, he looks very <u>industrious</u>.
  - H. Getting their homework and chores done requires systematic planning.
  - I. Her eligibility on the volleyball team depended on her ability to serve.
  - J. The U. S. was <u>neutral</u> until the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

For the Dial-A-Word activity card a few simple materials are necessary, cardboard, scissors, a compass or a precut circle, paste, glue, or staples and a stapler, colored markers, and two brass fasteners. (1) A large rectangular piece of cardboard is the basis of the activity card. (2) Two thinner rectangular pieces of cardboard about three inches by one half inch form the area that the root of the word insert slides through to view each root separately. These pieces are pasted onto the middle area of the larger cardboard piece which is about nine inches by twelve inches. About one half inch of space is left between the pieces. The ends are secured on the cardboard for about one inch. The remainder of the small rectangular pieces is free from the cardboard. Paste, glue or staples may secure the ends of the cardboard to hold up against a lengthy workout or usage. (3) Either draw two circles with a compass or trace a precut circle. Cut out both circles. (4) Divide each circle into eighths. (5) One circle will have the following prefixes printed on in each of the eighths: re-, un-, dis-, phono-, tele-, sub-, auto-, and multi-. Care should be taken in printing so that all hyphens are closest to the center of the circle. (6) For the suffixes these should be printed in the eights as shown in the diagram: -ed, -ment, -y, -ion, -or, -ly, -ship, and an empty space in case some words do not require a suffix to form a word. For the suffix circle all the hyphens should be pointing toward the outside of the circle rather than the center as with the prefix circle. (7) Brass fasteners should be placed through the center of the circles and through the large piece of cardboard to attach them. (8) The insert for the roots should be made narrow enough to fit inbetween the cardbaord pieces in the middle of the card. The insert should be made of cardboard. The roots which should be printed on the cardboard are shown on the following page.

#### Root Insert for Dial-A-Word:

color
graph
ject
act
friend
establish

<u>Dial-A-Word</u> has a number of possible word combinations. Below are listed some of the possible word combinations.

#### Word List:

| 1. | react                 | 9.  | autograph   |
|----|-----------------------|-----|-------------|
| 2. | reaction              | 10. | phonograph  |
| 3. | friendship            | 11. | multiaction |
| 4. | <b>es</b> tablishment | 12. | reject      |
| 5. | discolor              | 13. | unfriendly  |
| 6. | multicolor            | 14. | subject     |
| 7. | multicolored          | 15. | subjected   |
| 8. | disestablishment      | 16. | telegraphed |

Make-A-Word is an activity for spelling. The circles are twisted on the brass fasteners so that words of five letter are made. A possible word list for Make-A-Word are given below:

| 1. | salad | 7.  | polar |
|----|-------|-----|-------|
| 2. | talon | Ą.  | solar |
| 3. | lever | 9.  | tenor |
| 4. | piper | 10. | level |
| 5. | saver | 11. | solid |
| 6. | penal | 12. | liver |

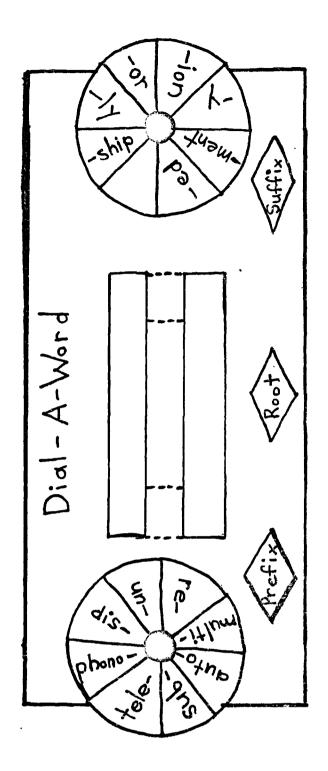


Illustration 6. Dial-A-Word.

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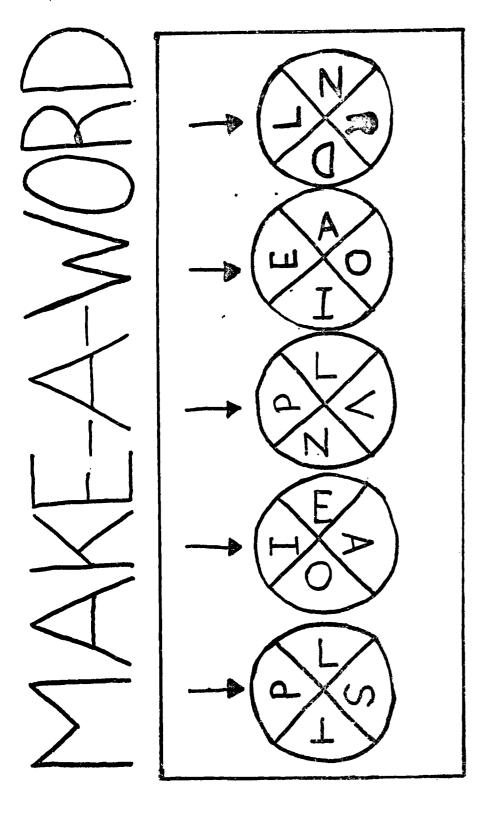


Illustration 7. Make-A-Word.

#### Organizing reports and papers

Report writing, a stepping stone. Organization is like a stepping stone. We step along a path which leads us to a world of "Do It Right Now" instead of procrastinating. These stepping stones make it easy to follow a certain line or thought. Extracurricular consumption of time and effort is not allowed. While time is used wisely, steps are marked off showing completed work. This leads us to a goal of completing a task, peace of mind, and satisfaction in "a job well done."

Before a research paper is introduced in the eighth grade English class, several other materials are introduced to the students mainly because the organization of their textbook is followed. In their textbook, Ginn Elements of English 8, chapter 8, "The Reporter's World," presents the mass media by introducing the two main divisions: the electronic media and the printed media. Then, a newspaper unit is begun as a media of information. Newspaper articles are classified into types, analyzed, and written. Students collect each type of newspaper article and label it. They analyze the subjectivity or the objectivity of the news article, and they learn to write leads, headlines, and finally, the actual article. Since the eighth graders are responsible for the publishing of the school newspaper, an opportunity is available to the students to use their skills and see them in print. After being presented this information, the students start a unit on report writing.

Report preparation. Bringing information to others and presenting them with new ideas and thoughts to consider is an important part of writing, especially a report.

A topic must be chosen, then limited if necessary, researched, organized, written, proofread, rewritten, and lastly, the final touches for the written paper must be added such as

illustrations, footnotes, a bibliography, an appendix, if needed, and a cover for the report.

Necessary tools. For writing a report, several tools are necessary: (1) library research skills which include using the card catalogue, locating the books on the library shelves, and using the book's table of contents and index; (2) encyclopedia locational skills; and (3) specific reference book skills such as using The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature, Roget's Thesaurus, and The World Almanac; (4) organizing and writing a bibliography; (5) notetaking; (6) writing an outline; (7) writing footnotes; and (8) writing skills such as spelling, penmanship, punctuation, using complete sentences, sentence variety, and paragraph development. Notetaking and outlining have been discussed in a previous section; therefore, this information will be deleted from the report writing section.

Topic choice. Students may either be assigned to groups or select their own groups to discuss choosing topics for writing a report, limiting their topic to one specific approachable idea, and formulating questions that may guide the students during their library research. Together they will choose a topic, for instance, the mass media. Since this topic is too broad, some narrowing of the scope of this topic will be necessary. Moving from the mass media to the topic, movies, would be another step in limiting the topic. Yet at this point, the topic is not sufficiently limited. Diagram 5 points out how the topic may be limited in scope so a report may be written.

Ellen T. Kerrigan, M. Ed.; Lena T. Trojano, M. Ed.; Mary C. Concannon, Ph. D.; Margaret M. Hock; and Constant J. De Cotiis, Ph. D., Patterns of English I (New York: William H. Sadlier, 1968), p. 76.

General or broad topic--Mass media

Movies

Movies of 1977

Specific or narrowed "Star Wars"

topic-----The Special Effects Used in Making "Star Wars"

Diagram 5. Limiting a Topic.

Therefore, The Special Effects Used in Making "Star Wars" is an example of a possible topic to use. Once the topic choice is narrowed, questions should be formulated and then written out for reference during the writing of the research paper. Some examples of questions are presented as follows:

#### Questions:

- What were some of the special effects used in the movies, "Star Wars"?
- 2. How were these special effects accomplished?
- 3. Who was responsible for these accomplishments?
- 4. What types of materials, knowledge, and movie techniques were necessary to develop the special effects?
- 5. How were the robots built to walk and talk?
- 6. After seeing the movie, "Star Wars," what is my opinion of the effectiveness of these special effects?
- 7. Where can the answers to these questions be obtained?

#### References:

- a. The movie, "Star Wars"
- b. TV Special, "Behind the Scenes of 'Star Wars' "
- c. Book entitled, Star Wars

- d. Write to the producer or director of the movie "Star Wars" concerning the special effects
- e. Milwaukee Public Library's Ready Reference, 278-3011, for the address of the producer or director of "Star Wars"
- f. Research topics from the subject file in the card catalogue: movies and special effects, films, making movies

Once the topic is narrowed and the questions are determined, it is possible to start the research involved in writing a report. Areas to search for current information at the library would be (1) current periodicals; (2) the newspapers; (3) the vertical file; (4) The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature; (5) books on movies and special effects; (6) call Ready Reference; or (7) ask the librarian to assist you. Sometimes television specials may be of assistance or special radio programs. Phonograph records and albums may be beneficial too. It may be beneficial to watch for these special in the TV Guide for television programs and the local listings in the newspapers for radio programs and records.

Since the topic was limited, a statement of purpose was written next.

Statement of purpose. When writing a statement of purpose, it is important to remember several factors:
(1) the audience's interests, age, vocabulary level, and previous understanding of the topic; (2) the main point of the report; (3) the questions posed and their respective answers; and (4) a plan of action such as what will be proved, questioned, explained, told about, or illustrated. When the statement of purpose is written and revised, research may continue to the next step.

#### Writing for a Particular Audience

- 1. Keep your audience interested
- 2. Have neat handwriting
- 3. Remember to punctuate sentences correctly
- 4. Write appropriately for the audience using the appropriate language style
- 5. Vary the writing vocabulary according to the age level of the group
- 6. Know what will be written about in the paper
- 7. Determine who the audience will be
- 8. Choose an appropriate type of letter, business or friendly, if one is to be written
- 9. Have a good attitude toward the audience
  - Chart 6. Writing for a Particular Audience.

Three time savers in doing research for a paper or report are as follows. First, seek bibliographies compiled by authors on a specific topic or written at the end of a chapter or at the end of a book. Secondly, write the call number on your bibliography cards so that the book may be found later if it is needed. Thirdly, write the library's name or abbreviation on your bibliography cards if you use more than one library for your research. This will assist the researcher to locate a book quickly.

Following the establishment of the purpose for writing, the criteria for the written report was established. The students were given a checklist to keep track of the completed parts of the paper, and the teacher had a corresponding checklist for each student. Notes, dates, and conference comments were listed on the students' sheets.

An example of the checklist may be found on the following page. Specific expectations for the report are discussed, and a listing of how each student will be graded is provided during the discussion so the students know exactly what will be expected of them. An example of the written report grading sheet is found below.

Written Report Grading Sheet

| Name:                           |
|---------------------------------|
| Subject:                        |
| Date: Grade:                    |
| Topic:                          |
| Grades                          |
| Cover:                          |
| Outline:                        |
| Bibliography form:              |
| Footnotes, if any:              |
| Neatness:                       |
| Spelling:                       |
| Capitalization:                 |
| Punctuation:                    |
| Penmanship: (Ink/Typed):        |
| Organization:                   |
| Development of topic:           |
| Sentence structure and variety: |
| OVERALL GRADE:                  |
| COMMENTS:                       |

#### LANGUAGE

#### LITERATURE

#### COMPOSITION

## READING

SPEAKING

LISTENING

### WRITING

### Research Paper Checklist

(See textbook for English 8, pages 195-196.)

| DUE DATES   | DUE DATES   |
|---|---|
| Topic approved.   | Write an opening  |
| Bibliography cards started.   | paragraph that will catch the attention of the reader. (P. 189, EX. D)  |
| Note cards, 3"x5" index cards, bought; or paper cut to 3"x5" size.    | Write a second short paragraph to introduce ideas and purpose. (P. 189, |
| Decide on a state-<br>ment of purpose<br>and write it out.            | EX. E)Write your first  |
| (P. 189, EX. A)  Bibliography cards completed.                        | Revise the first draft.   |
| Note cards com-<br>pleted.  | Develop a conclu-<br>sion.  |
| Organize notes and write an out-                                      | Second draft.   |
| line. (P. 189, EX. B)   | Bibliography page completed.  |
| Describe the audi-<br>ence you are<br>writing for.<br>(P. 189, EX. C) | whole paper com-<br>pleted.   |

Due dates are estimated for the first four expectations, and then, the other due dates can be adjusted accordingly. Depending on the students' working speeds, due dates may be modified to adjust to the students' abilities. Therefore, flexibility would be essential for estimating future due dates for each individual as the writing and research of the report progressed. A time span of a week or more may be given for each of these tasks after a definite due date is established: bibliography cards and basic research, and two days may be given for the statement of purpose if need be. More time and teacher guidance may be needed for some students who have difficulty in planning, learning, or studying.

When each skill has been introduced, the students who could work faster were allowed to work ahead of the established due dates if they could fulfill the given expectations and have their research report checked at specific agreed upon intervals. At this point, the speed of the report writing is not as important as learning the steps of report writing and completing them and the report.

An outline of the steps in writing a report as shown in diagram 6 may be written on the chalkboard or on a transparency. An alternative to the diagram would be the drawing of the stepping stones, figure 10, Stepping Stones to Completing a Research Report, may be given to the students on a duplicated sheet to assist them in determining the major steps in writing a research report or the stepping stones may be used to create a bulletin board for reference during the report writing unit.

On this page the diagram which summarizes the steps in writing a report in outline form will be presented.

Steps in Writing a Research Report

- I. Topic Choice
- II. Limitation of the Topic
- III. Bibliography Cards--Started
  - IV. Statement of Purpose and Audience Evaluation
  - V. Preliminary Research--General Information
- VI. Revision of the Statement of Purpose
- VII. Research--Specific Information and Notetaking
- VIII. Notecards--Started
  - IX. Outline Development
  - X. Bibliography Cards and Notecards--Completed
  - XI. Organization of the Report and Report Writing
- XII. Proofreading
- XIII. Revision of the Report
- XIV. Bibliography, Footnotes, and Appendix or Appendixes
- XV. Good Copy of the Report
- XVI. Completed Research Report

Diagram 6. Summary of the Steps in Writing a Report:
An Outline.

On the following page the drawing representing the stepping stones toward completing a research report will be shown. Instead of presenting the library research skills after the drawing, they will be discussed in the Reference Book section of the Materials division of this paper.

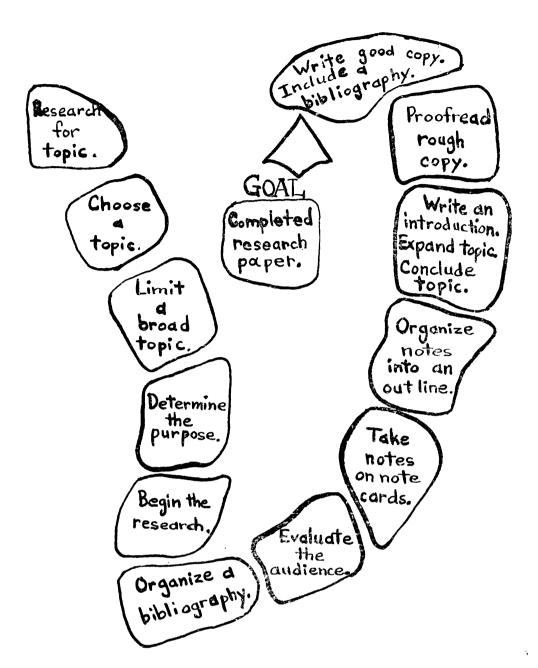


Figure 10. Stepping Stones to Completing a Research Report.

Notetaking. Trying to sort notes taken on both sides of loose leaf paper, scraps of paper, or assorted sizes of paper may be troublesome and lead to lost notes, misplaced papers, or just confusion. William and others offer suggestions to students who are writing reports or papers. Take notes carefully and organize them on 3-inch by 5-inch notecards. Here is a summary of Williams' ideas.

- 1. Keep a 3-inch by 5-inch index card of each source of information so proper credit may be given in the bibliography or in the footnotes. When each source is on a separate card, alphabetizing the information is much easier.
  - It is best to include the author's name, title of the book in an abbreviated manner, page number, and the book's call number so information may be located later if it becomes necessary.
- 2. Keep separate notecards for each division of the topic. Then, other index cards may be sorted behind its proper section.
- 3. Read information thoroughly first. Then using your own words, summarize the author's ideas and begin taking notes. Do not copy directly from the source of information unless it is being quoted.

Bibliography information. At the end of research reports is a listing of the books, periodicals, and any other sources which have been used to prepare the report. This listing of reference sources is known as a bibliography. During the presentation in class of the bibliography information, a form sheet may be given to the students so they may refer to the sheet for reference while they are writing their bibliography cards and their bibliography.

Elizabeth Williams, Ginn Elements of English 8, Lexington, Mass.: Ginn & Co., 1970, p. 181.

In the Handbook of your English textbook, examples of a book, a magazine, and an encyclopedia entries of a bibliography are given. The last name of the author is written even with the left-hand margin of the paper followed by a comma, and the first name of the author follows with a period after it. The title of the book, magazine, or encyclopedia is written after the author's name, and it is <u>underlined</u>. Then the place of publication followed by a colon and the publishing house, a comma, and the copyright date are added. Bibliography entries are arranged in alphabetical order according to the authors' last names or the title of the book, magazine, or encyclopedia if it does not have an author. If the titles start with <u>a</u>, <u>an</u>, or <u>the</u>, the titles are alphabetized by the next word.

Example entry for a book:

Hagen, Conny. Alcoa's Book of Decorations. New York:
Golden Press, 1959.

Footnote information. The purpose of footnotes is to give credit to the author who is responsible for an idea or thought. It helps the reader to check the facts or the way the summarized points of the book, magazine, or encyclopedia compare to the original source. The footnote reference to a book includes the author's name (first name last name), the title of the book (underlined), and the page number or numbers. Footnotes for magazines and encyclopedias will be given below and on the following page. Footnotes are divided from the context of a written work by a line about one and one half inches long.

Magazine article, no author:

<sup>1&</sup>quot;Growing Tiny Trees," National Geographic World, Number 29 (February 1978), p. 12.

Magazine article with an author:

<sup>2</sup>Shelley Smolkin, "All-American Yourth Bowling Champs, "Young Athlete, 2 (Febraury 1978): 16-19. (Volume 2) (Page numbers)

Encyclopedia article without an author:

3"Silverware," Funk and Wagnall Standard Reference Encyclopedia, (Volume 22), pp. 8009-8010.

> 22: 8009-8010 Volume : Page numbers

Any material copied word for word or ideas not generally known must be footnoted. Material from a textbook does not need to be footnoted unless it is copied word for word, but the textbook must be in the bibliography whether a footnote is provided or not.

Bibliography notecard organization. In the following examples suggestions are offered for organizing the information on notecards for the report's bibliography.

Author: (Last name, first name)

Title: (Underlined)

Place of publication:

Copyright date: (Year)

Page(s):

A book

Author: (Last name, first name)

Title of article: (In quotation marks, "

Name of magazine: (Underlined)

Volume number: Page(s)

Date of the magazine:

A magazine article

Name of show:

Series title:

Date of the show:

TV show or movie

Name of show or speaker:

Channel:

Time, if possible:

Date:

Radio program

Name of movie:

Year of issue:

Date seen:

Location:

Movie or film

Name of person being interviewed:

Topic:

Date interviewed:

Interviewer, if different from the person who is writing the article:

Personal interview

The report, the beginning. Beginning the report may be less complicated by choosing one of the five ways Williams mentions in her textbook, Ginn Elements of English 8. Common ways of opening a report are to begin with (1) an example, (2) an anecdote, (3) a quotation, (4) a question, or (5) a definition which may or may not be followed by a personal definition. Using one of these techniques may supply an interesting or attention-getting device introduction besides including the statement of purpose in the first part of the report.

The report, the middle. In the main body of the report, the main idea developed by the statement of purpose is further elaborated upon by supplying supporting details. Questions formed at the beginning of report writing process are answered in this section. Specific points may be explained, proved, questioned, told about, or illustrated here. Personal opinions or experiences may be incorporated with the ideas already presented if they pertain to the main idea of the paper or report.

The report, the conclusion. Ideas may be summarized or tied together in the conclusion. Concluding remarks may be made, and suggestions for further study may be given. Personal conclusions may be added, also.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Ibid., pp. 186-188.

### Materials to Use in Teaching the Reading and Study Skills

### Reference books

<u>Introduction</u>. "The library and its reference works could be considered an educational medium, culture transmitter, and social institution—an instrument of social change in developing countries."

Reference materials. Reference materials like people come in all shapes, sizes, and colors. Each piece of reference material has its own specific information which is unique to it alone like a personality and its features belong to each person. Many times we accept these materials just the way they are without challenging our minds to creative and varied use of the books and other materials. Forgan in his recent book, The Reading Corner: Ideas, Games, and Activities for Individualizing Reading, presents numerous learning activity sheets which may become springboards for development of materials made by the teacher or better yet the students.

Often, an unused resource in the classroom is the student. Many times small groups could organize a game, bulletin board activity, or self-learning package for themselves and/or others. Dictionary skills, vocabulary development, library skills, plus skills tests in areas of study skills, parts of a book, and reference materials offer a wealth of material that may be developed into lessons for or by the students themselves.

Using the actual reference book would be more beneficial due to copyrights and the new copyright law which went into practice and enforcement on January 1, 1978.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>B. Ardhanareeswaran, "Reference Skills and Education for Development," <u>Journal of Reading</u> 20 (May 1977): 676.

More information about the new copyright law and its effects are found in appendix C. The New Copyright Law of 1978, as an addition to assist teachers.

Some activities to encourage the usage of reference materials and reinforce reference material skills and library skills will be presented. Many of these ideas are probably not new, but as far as this paper is concerned, the activities are useful in guiding students to become more aware of what a library has to offer them.

An interest inventory. An interest inventory may be valuable so teachers may determine the following. information about their students: first of all the students' general school interests; secondly, their activities outside of school; and lastly, their general attitude toward books and reading.

| Name |  |
|------|--|
| Date |  |

### Interests

- 1. List your hobbies or the things you like to do.
- 2. What is your favorite subject in school and why.
- 3. What clubs or other activities do you belong to in school?

| 4.  | What clubs or other activities do you belong to outside of school?   |
|-----|--|
| 5.  | What magazines and newspapers do you have at home?   |
| 6.  | . What are the titles of the ones you like the best?   |
| 7.  | What magazines and newspapers do you read twice or more a week?  |
| 8.  | Give the titles of any library books that you have read in the last year.  |
| 9.  | Do you have a library card?  |
| 10. | If you were told you would be the first man or woman to live on a space platform and all you could do would be to read, what reading materials would you bring along with you to make your trip more enoyable? |
|     | Because of weight problems and packing, you would be allowed four items. What four reading materials would you take along?   |
|     | Why would you choose these reading materials? (Use the back of this paper if you need more space.)   |

Library research skills. One way to become familiar with the card catalogue is to have the librarian or the teacher introduce it to the students. Preparation for the visit to the school library or to the neighborhood library may be made by the teacher. The card catalogue may be compared to a <a href="Sears">Sears</a>, <a href="Penneys">Penneys</a>, or other type of catalogue which contains a variety of information on the products. On the other hand, the card catalogue organizes its information not by an index in alphabetical order but by arranging all its information alphabetically on three types of cards: (1) the author card, (2) the title card, and (3) the subject card. Alphabetizing exercises may be done at this point to check the students' understanding and proficiencies in alphabetizing. Possible alphabetizing exercises are suggested.

The teacher may ask a student to alphabetize a series of five words on an index card. The student should try to do this exercise orally rather than in writing.

Another activity or exercise involves a list of words with each word individually being written on a piece of cardboard and then alphabetized. The directions for the exercise are given as follows:

- 1. List the words from either Word List 1 or Word List 2 on the next page on posterboard, cardboard, index cards, or construction paper covered with clear Contac paper.
- Write the directions on the outside of an envelope or box which will hold the word cards.

DIRECTIONS: Put the words in this envelope in alphabetical order.

After the word cards are in the proper order, have the teacher or a student check them for you.

| 2. | And | other | : set | of  | direction | ons | ${\tt may}$ | be    | written | instead |
|----|-----|-------|-------|-----|-----------|-----|-------------|-------|---------|---------|
|    | of  | the   | ones  | pre | eviously  | mei | ntion       | ned a | ;       |         |

- DIRECTIONS: 1. Place these word cards in alphabetical order.
  - 2. On your paper, write these numbers in a column like this:

1. 4. 7.

12.

15.

record

- 3. Which words should fill in the blanks?
- 4. Write these words after their proper number.

### Word List 1

reassign

### Word List 2

remember repeating remembrance repeat repression memory ' represent memorize reparation memorial representation prove repeated improve improvement repetition reduction transition transoceanic reduce transitive repeatedly transportation requirements transit responsible transformation request

Large cards illustrating the author, title, and subject cards of the card catalogue may be made on poster-board by the teacher or by the students. These cards would assist the students in identifying the information on the cards more readily. Also, they would be useful as visual aids or part of a bulletin board display preferably prepared by the students' supplemental knowledge and creativity giving them an active participation in a classroom activity.

The library itself, however, is organized by using the Dewey Decimal System. Each card in the card catalogue and each book on the shelf are given a corresponding Dewey. Decimal number as shown in Illustration 8. In this way books are located easier, and they may be arranged on the shelf faster due to the orderly manner of organization.

<u>Book location activities</u>. Assisting students in locating books in the library may be accomplished by using several techniques.

- l. Actual library books bought from a library book sale may be placed on a shelf in the order of their Dewey Decimal numbers. Cards could be made for each book, and the cards could be organized in a box like the card catalogue. For students who need practice, a small library could be used first and practice in locating books on a smaller scale could be completed in this manner.
- 2. To help students put the books back in the correct order, one student at a time may be given one or several books, and the teacher or another student may determine whether it is put back in the correct area.
- 3. Books borrowed from the library or bought from a library book sale could be put on a shelf in a random order, and the students must correctly place them in their proper order according to the Dewey Decimal System.

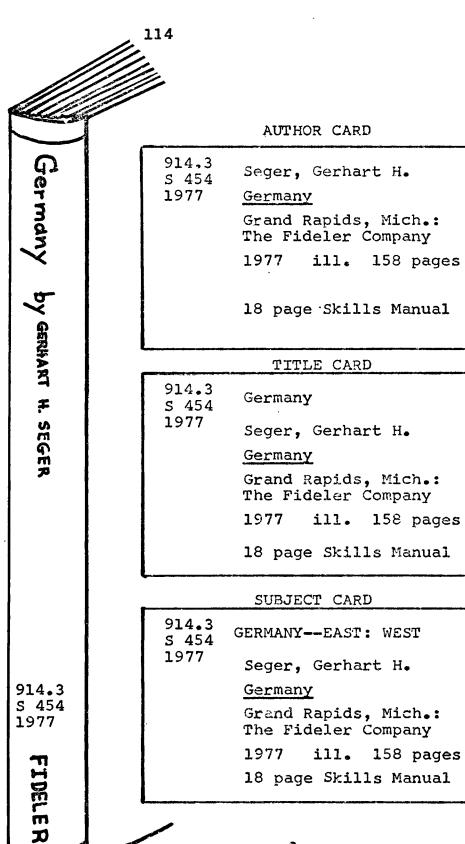


Illustration 8. Comparing the Card Catalogue Number to the Bookbinding Number. Examples of the Three Types of Cards Found in the Card Catalogue: the Author

Card, the Title Card, and the Subject Card.

- 4. Students could be given a list of one to four books to locate in the card catalogue and obtain specifically listed information from the cards such as (1) the Dewey Decimal number, (2) whether there are illustrations in the book, or (3) how current the book is by checking the copyright date.
- 5. A list of topics could be given to the students to choose from. The students must find two books on the shelves, and they must give each book's author, title, publication information, and copyright date plus the Dewey Decimal number from the card catalogue.
  - 6. Write a bibliography for a specific topic.
- 7. Students may make a bulletin board to help themselves use the Dewey Decimal System. This mnemonic device may be a useful starting point or springboard of ideas.

| Ten C              | lasses of Books     | Mnemonic         |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 000-099            | General Works       | <u>G</u> ood     |
| 100-199            | Philosophy          | <u>P</u> upils   |
| 200-299            | <u>R</u> eligion    | Require          |
| 300-399            | Social Studies      | <u>S</u> peedy   |
| 400-499            | <u>L</u> anguage    | <u>L</u> earning |
| . 500 <b>-</b> 599 | <u>S</u> cience     | <u>s</u> o       |
| 600-699            | <u>U</u> seful Arts | <u>U</u> se      |
| <b>700-7</b> 99    | Fine Arts           | <u>F</u> ine     |
| 800 <b>-</b> 899   | <u>L</u> iterature  | <u>L</u> ibrary  |
| 900-999            | <u>H</u> istory     | <u>H</u> elps    |

Chart 7. Dewey Decimal System Classifications and Mnemonic Device (Memory-Helper).

Joseph Bellafiore, Review Text in English Language Arts, Preliminary (New York: Amsco School Publications, 1958), p. 363.

- 8. An activity mapping the school library or the local library with specific purposes in mind will assist the students in their Library Search. As surveyors, they would map their way around the library or have a treasure hunt for a special book or reference material. They may be encouraged to become actively involved in the quest.
- 9. The students would give directions very specifically to locate in the library a section or a book. Not only is this a book locational skill, it will assist the students in writing specific directions.
- 10. The students must locate specific reference
   books to use to answer questions previously prepared for them.
  - 11. A get acquainted paper may be given to the students to direct them to the reference book area of the library.

Getting Acquainted with the Library

- 1. Where are the reference books located in the library?
- 2. List the reference books you have used before this visit to the library.
- 3. What magazine did you find in the library that you liked? List the magazine's name, its date, and an article that you found interesting below.

Or did you find a book you liked instead of a magazine? List the name of the book, its author, and the Dewey Decimal number below.

Is there any particular reason you chose this magazine or book? What interested you most about it?

A brief quiz on the Dewey Decimal System, the card catalogue, and reading an entry from the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature would provide an opportunity to determine the students' understanding. Depending upon the teacher's objectives, a listing of the Dewey Decimal Classification and its topics may or may not be provided for the students' usage.

# The Library

| A. The history of the American people  B. Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature  C. The Catholic Church  D. The mountains of Asia  E. A dictionary of sports terms  F. The music of Beethoven  II. Write the names of the reference sources which would be appropriate in the following blanks.  A. The card catalogue in a large library is generall organized according to, and  B. One source of information is an expert with whom you may hold an  C. One source of easily available, general summary information on a topic would be an | I.  |    | te down the Dewey Decimal Classification section<br>ber where you might find each of the following<br>ms. |
|---|-----|----|---|
| C. The Catholic Church  D. The mountains of Asia  E. A dictionary of sports terms  F. The music of Beethoven  II. Write the names of the reference sources which would be appropriate in the following blanks.  A. The card catalogue in a large library is generall organized according to, an  B. One source of information is an expert with whom you may hold an  C. One source of easily available, general summary  |     | Α. | The history of the American people  |
| D. The mountains of Asia  E. A dictionary of sports terms  F. The music of Beethoven  II. Write the names of the reference sources which would be appropriate in the following blanks.  A. The card catalogue in a large library is generall organized according to, an  B. One source of information is an expert with whom you may hold an  C. One source of easily available, general summary  |     | В• | Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature   |
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| F. The music of Beethoven  II. Write the names of the reference sources which would be appropriate in the following blanks.  A. The card catalogue in a large library is generall organized according to, an  B. One source of information is an expert with whom you may hold an  C. One source of easily available, general summary   |     | D. | The mountains of Asia   |
| <ul> <li>Write the names of the reference sources which would be appropriate in the following blanks.</li> <li>A. The card catalogue in a large library is generall organized according to</li></ul>  |     | Ε. | A dictionary of sports terms  |
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| B. One source of information is an expert with whom you may hold an  C. One source of easily available, general summary   |     | A. | The card catalogue in a large library is generally  |
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For those who would like further materials to consult concerning the usage of reference books, the library, and library skills, a bibliography, A Selected Bibliography of Library and Reference Materials, will be provided at the end of this research paper in the additional selected bibliographies section. Books, leaflets, magazines, pamphlets, posters, and other materials were considered for this bibliography. Hopefully, this bibliography will be of assistance to teachers in planning their library and reference skills units and lesson plans. Since these are only some of the materials available, further information may be found in libraries whether they are public libraries or professional libraries.

### Library Books and Magazines

Introduction. To combine the use of library books, magazines, letter writing, and research, a short genealogy section was developed. In writing this section on genealogy, it is not possible for students to dash to the local library and obtain an encyclopedia like they may do for other projects. Location skills are needed along with delving and inquisitive minds. Since reference materials are used to some extent, students will benefit from knowing how to use reference materials. Through this activity, the students rely on family contacts and participation. The information gathered may be kept by the family for years to come and, hopefully, be of value to the students' families.

The genealogy section. This activity combines Language Arts and social studies activities which use reading and study skills.

# My Roots in the Community, School, and Family

Assignment Sheet # 1 : My Family History

Directions for Stages One and Two and the objectives to be met by the students are listed below: Stage 1. The students will do the following:

- Collect pictures of their families both recent and past pictures, plus their pets, their home, and their yard.
- 2. The pictures will be neatly mounted in any form the students feel is appropriate such as a booklet or a photo album.
- 3. Each picture will have captions with the event taking place and the names and relationship of the people pictured.
- 4. Each family member will be pictured.

### Stage 2. The students will do the following:

- 1. Collect pictures of their relatives: greatgrandparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.
- 2. The pictures of these relatives will be mounted and captioned in the same manner as before or with some modifications if needed.

Assignment Sheet # 2: My Family History
Objectives to be met for Stage 3 are listed below:
Stage 3.

- 1. Students must write a friendly letter and a business letter using the correct forms of the parts of a letter.
- 2. The students will do an interview of another student in the classroom.

Prepared questions are a necessity along with proper materials for notetaking or taking a cassette recorder with them.

The report will be written in paragraph form and checked for accuracy by the partner being interviewed.

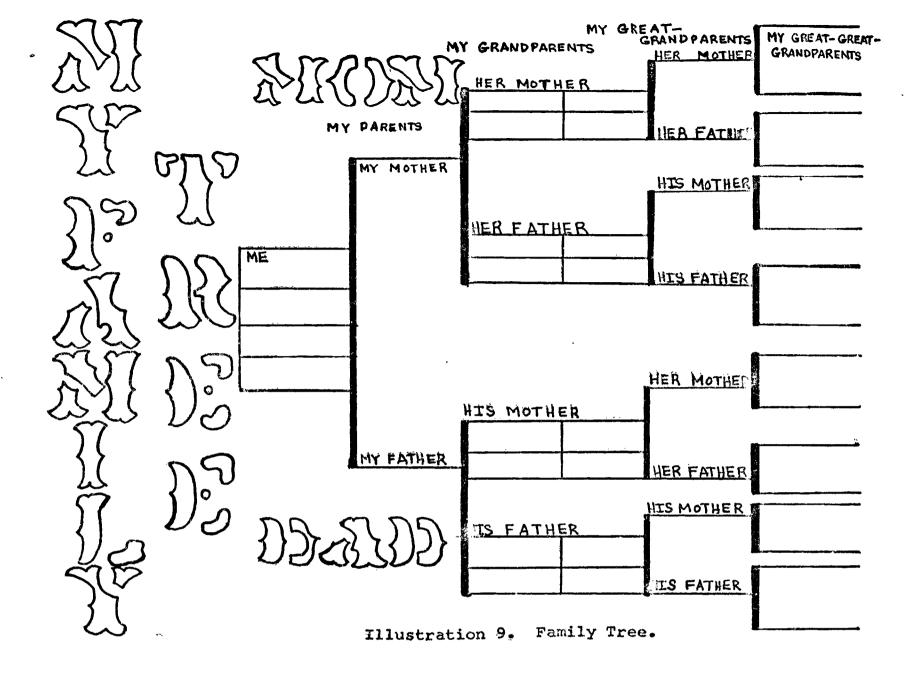
- 3. A mock telephone conversation will be presented by two students at a time in front of the class. They will present a telephone interview.
- 4. The students will interview the oldest member of their family, if possible, or someone in their family at least thirty to forty years older than they are by one of these methods: (a) telephone; (b) letter; or (c) personal interview. If for some reason the students have problems finding a member of their family, the teacher will be the final source to discuss the matter with the students.

# Stage 4. Who's Who in Your Family

- 1. Read an entry of a famous person in the reference book, Who's Who in America.
- 2. After reading the information, several steps in writing an entry for your Who's Who in My Family should come to mind:
  - a. Name, last name first comma first name
  - b. Last name is in all capital letters
  - c. Year of birth hyphen (-) year of death or an empty space if the person is still alive, for example, 1963-
  - d. Occupation
  - e. Important accomplishments or achievements in your life and the year of the accomplishment
  - f. Religion
  - g. Address
- 3. Write an entry in your Who's Who in My Family for yourself and the immediate members of your family. You should have at least three entries in your Who's Who if you are an only child.
- Stage 5. Complete a Family Tree Chart shown on the
  next page.

# Stage 6. My Family Crest and Monogram.

- 1. Design a family crest or shield. Consider important aspects of your family's heritage.
  - a. Nationality or nationalities
  - b. Length of time your relatives have been in America
  - c. Family interests or hobbies
  - d. People who are in your family



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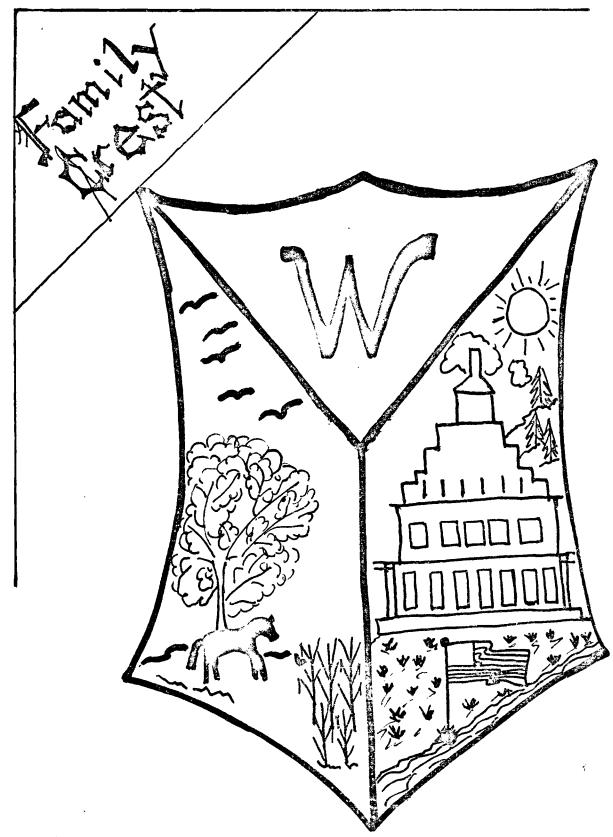


Illustration 10. Family Crest or Family Shield.

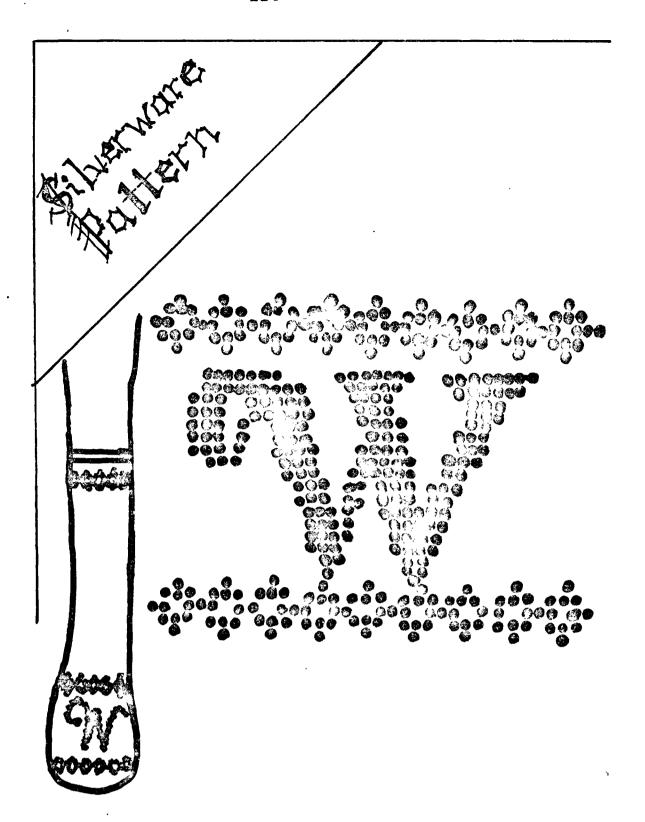


Illustration 11. Silver Pattern and Monogram.

- e. Choose a specific shape for your crest.
  - (1) Draw the shape of your choice
  - (2) Divide it as you plan your construction
  - (3) In each part of your crest or shield draw a distinctive symbol for your family
  - (4) Draw other designs around the basic crest is you wish.
- 2. Design a family monogram using your last initial.
  - a. Methods to use
    - (1) Cross stitch or needlepoint
    - (2) Graph paper
    - (3) Ink and pen drawing
    - (4) Clay or plaster of Paris
  - b. Resources
    - (1) Needlecraft books
    - (2) Lettering entry in an encyclopedia
- Stage 7. Draw a map of the United States and Wisconsin.

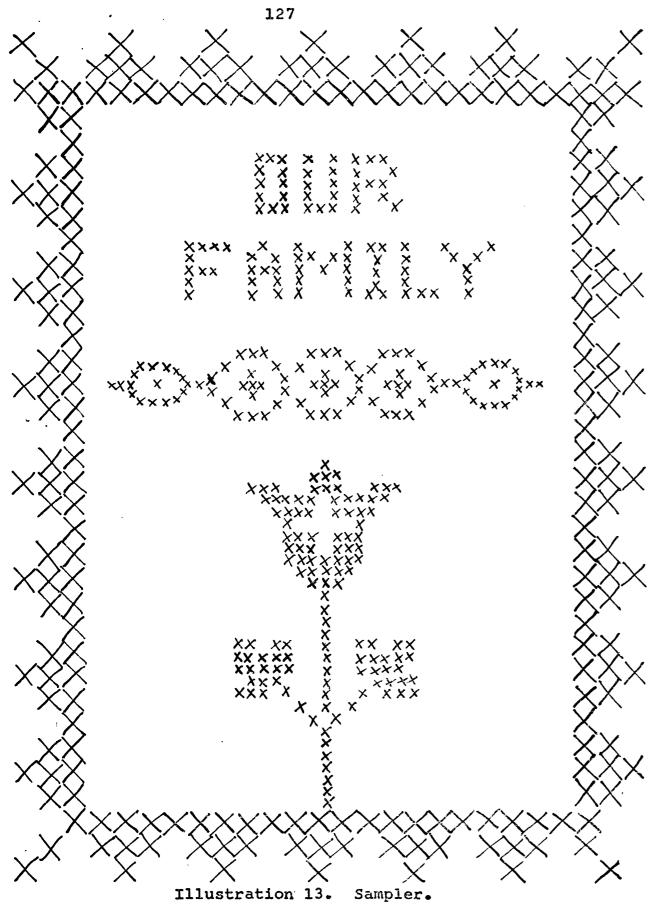
  On the maps put in the cities where you or
  your relatives live.

### Assignment Sheet # 3. Family Almanac

- 1. Determine the birthdays of each of your immediate family members.
- 2. Design a calendar for each of the months of the year.
- 3. Write in each of your family members' birthdays.
- 4. Write in important family events, past, present, or future, such as anniversaries, weddings, births, and others for your immediate family and relatives.
- 5. Make a list of family traditions.
- 6. Write the family stories or oral history that has been passed down from generation to generation.
- 7. Create poems for each of your immediate family members.
- 8. List any family sayings or humorous sayings they may have.

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| Sunday.                                 | Monday                     | Tuesday               | Wednesday                                       | Thursday           | Friday                           | Saturday   |
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| 9                                       | 10                         | Bob's 11<br>Birthday  | 12  | 13                 | Uncle 14<br>Harold's<br>Birthday | 15   |
| 16                                      | My 17<br>Birthday          | 18                    | 19  | 20                 | 21                               | Lynn's 22<br>Birthday                            |
| 23                                      | Aunt Edna's 24<br>Birthday | 25<br>Reter's         | Mom and 26                                      | 27                 | 28                               | 29   |
| 30                                      | Arlene's 31<br>Birthday    | Birthday              | Dad °s<br>Anniversary                           | <br>  Illustration | 12. Almanac                      | Page for July•                                   |



### Games

Introduction. "Reading is Fundamental" is the key slogan of the federal government's RIF Program which provides books for those who do not have them. Usually on commercials for RIF, the first three letters of fundamental are capitalized to emphasize that reading can be fun, first, as well as being a fundamental skill necessary to learn in school.

Goal. Since the ultimate goal of using games is to make reading rewarding according to Allington and Strange, reading can be fun plus rewarding. How this is to be accomplished depends upon the students and the teachers who are responsible for their learning. Choosing commercial games selectively and providing the essential element of motivation, gaming can be beneficial in learning and/or in reinforcing reading and study skills. Of course, games cannot be the whole curriculum, but inserted at the right moment, games can be resourceful means of making reading fun.

Viewpoints. Among researchers and teachers, there is concern about the usefulness of games. Allington and Strange believe games do not foster positive motivation nor motivate enough to continue growth in a skill. In other words, the motivation they observe is two fold: (1) two or more players pitted against each other, and (2) games used by the least creative teacher to motivate the children to learn. Allington and Strange's viewpoints are countered by Steiner who sees games as an asset to learning. "Despite criticisms leveled against their use—that they teach

Richard L. Allington and Michael Strange, "The Problem with Reading Games," The Reading Teacher 31 (December 1977): 274.

<sup>2&</sup>lt;sub>Ibid</sub>.

competition, simplify the world unnecessarily, and avoid issues in 'real learning' games possess an undeniable ability to motivate and to involve that cannot be ignored."1

Uses. By using games, students must be responsible for their own learning. "They learn best by taking an active part in their own education."2 Besides being motivators, games have diagnostic value, too, according to Carter. He sees them as useful in three areas:

- (1) assessing cognitive functioning;(2) assessing affective functioning;
- and (3) evaluating four areas:
- (a) social behavior,
- (b) problem solving techniques,
- (c) competitive behavior, and
- (d) other interactional patterns.

Glazer views games as ways to promote success in learning to read. Four more ideas of Glazer's encourage the usage of games.

- 1. Success at games can reinforce the willingness to Learn.
- 2. Games can foster independence and team cooper-
- 3. Games can develop attitudes of self-assessment.
- 4. Games provide opportunities for "diagnosis, teaching, and evaluation."4

Karen Steiner, "ERIC/RCS Child's Play: Games to Teach Reading," The Reading Teacher 31 (January 1978): 476.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Ibid., p. 476. <sup>2</sup>Ibid,, p. 474.

Susan M. Glazer, "Learning to Read Can Become 'Fun and Games'," in Classroom Practice in Reading, ed. Richard A. Earle (Newark, Del.: International Reading Association, 1977), p. 50.

Games: categories and characteristics. Games are classified by Glazer into two categories: (1) process games and (2) reinforcement games. First of all, process games have the characteristics listed as follows:

- 1. Develop new ideas based on old ideas,
- 2. Present many solutions,
- 3. Are error free,
- 4. Insure student success, and
- 5. Develop self-confidence. 1

On the other end of the learning sequence is the reinforcement game. These reinforcement games possess specific characteristics, also. These characteristics are listed here:

- 1. Signal one correct response,
- 2. Create a competitive situation, and
- 3. Create a feeling of satisfaction.<sup>2</sup>

Skills. Games that provide practice in oral reading, silent reading, comprehension, and reinforcement of a previously learned skill seem to be the most useful for the students. To determine the skills of each game, the content areas, and the number of players, consult chart 8. Game Skills Chart. Games achieve the greatest effectiveness when used to reinforce skills that have already been presented.

"Cannery suggests that almost any game can be turned into a reading or content area game if students are required, before taking a turn, to read a word, identify a suffix, spell a word, or punctuate a sentence."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Ibid., p. 45. <sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 46.

<sup>3</sup>Steiner, "ERIC/RCS Child's Play: Games to Teach Reading," p. 476.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Ibid., p. 475.

|                                   |                    |                         | SKILLS                        | -        | <del></del> | SUE              | JECTS  |
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| •                                 | COMPREHEN-<br>SION | FOLLCHING<br>DIRECTIONS | ORGANIZA-<br>TIONAL<br>SKILLS | SPELLING | VOCABULARY  | LANGUAGE<br>ARTS | SOCIAL |
| GAMES                             |                    |                         |                               |          |             |                  |        |
| AD-LIE<br>CROSSWORD<br>CUBES      | х                  | Х                       | х                             | х        | х           | х                |        |
| AUTHORS CARD GAME                 |                    | х                       | Х                             |          |             | Х                | Х      |
| BOGGLE                            | х                  | х                       | X.                            | х        | х           | Х                | х      |
| CAREERS                           | х                  | х                       |                               |          | х           | X                |        |
| FLUSTER                           | Х                  | х                       | Х                             | Х        | Х           | Х                | Х      |
| THE GAME OF<br>EASY MONEY         | Х                  | Х                       |                               |          |             |                  | Х      |
| GLOBAL<br>FLASHCARDS              | х                  | Х                       |                               |          |             |                  | Х      |
| GO TO THE HEAD<br>OF THE<br>CLASS | Х                  | х                       |                               | ٠        |             | х                | Х      |
| GRAPPLE                           | Х                  | х                       | х                             | Х        | Х           | Х                |        |
| LANDSLIDE                         | х                  | х                       | Х                             |          |             |                  | Х      |
| MONOPOLY                          | Х                  | х                       | х                             |          |             |                  | Х      |
| THE NEWS<br>GAME                  | Х                  | Х                       |                               | Х        | Х           | х                | Х      |
| SPILL AND<br>SPELL                | Х                  | Х                       | Х                             | Х        | Х           | Х                | Х      |
| U. S. FLASH-<br>CARDS             | Х                  | Х                       |                               |          |             |                  | Х      |
| YOUR<br>AMERICA                   | х                  | х                       |                               |          | Х           | х                | Х      |

Chart 8. Games Skills Chart.

Commercial games. Commercial games such as those selectively listed in bibliography form could provide some or all of the possible uses that Cannery mentions. These games would be particularly useful at free times during the day, such as before school, at lunch time when the children are inside, or after school, if this is desirable.

Guidelines. In choosing games it is best to have guidelines established.

Gaming in the classroom should be guided by the following:

- 1. Must help in achievement of classroom goals
- 2. Should enrich and give needed practice
- 3. Avoid games with complicated or vague directions
- 4. Should group by ability
- 5. Should be used to provide self-competition
- 6. Should be self-checking
- 7. Enhances learning and anticipation. 1

Cannery suggests additional guidelines in using games: (1) incorporate an element of surprise and (2) consider the time element. "Too much time spent in waiting for a turn can minimize instructional benefits." Accordingly, some examples of games fulfilling these requirements are Scramble Alphabet, Bingo, and The Guinness Book of World Records.

Allington and Strange provide a "Checklist for Evaluating Games" at the top of page 274 in their article for The Reading Teacher issue of December, 1977. Using

Ronald G. Noland and Lynda H, Craft, "Methods to Motivate the Relunctant Reader," Journal of Reading 19 (February 1976): 391.

<sup>2</sup>Steiner, "ERIC/RCS Child's Play: Games to Teach Reading," p. 475.

the checklist will assist those interested in using games in the classroom to choose the appropriate ones.

<u>Content area games</u>. Games may be useful in the content areas, and two examples of how games may be used in the classroom will be given.

| Content Area      | Game                                | Type                       | Process or<br>Reinforcement<br>Category |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Social<br>Studies | Landslide                           | Commercially made          | Reinforcement                           |
| English           | Sentence<br>Pattern<br>Card<br>Game | Student or<br>teacher made | Process or<br>reinforcement             |

Chart 9. Content Area Games.

The first game, Landslide, is used in the area of Social Studies (History/Government). Before the November presidential election or before selecting or electing a class president, a class could use the Parker Brother's game to assist them in understanding how a president is elected; what an electoral vote is; how many votes each state has in electing the president; and the strategy necessary to win the game. Either a student who is a group organizer type or the teacher may divide the class into groups of four. If there are any people who do not make up a foursome, they may form a smaller group. Elimination rounds are played until four students remain. A final game is played with the highest scorer being declared the winner or becoming a possibility for class president. This game gives the students an idea of how the electoral college works.

when the <u>Landslide</u> game was used in the classroom, a student organized the teams for playing, and he kept a record of the elimination rounds. Even after the elimination rounds were completed, the game was still used during the noon hour.

The second game, The Sentence Pattern Card Game, was used to reinforce the students' knowledge of sentence patterns, how to organize a sentence, and to learn the actual parts that compose each sentence pattern. Since the game may be student and/or teacher-made, the directions were provided on a duplicated sheet so the cards may be prepared, and the game may be played by following the written directions. The directions for making this game may be found in Appendix D. Since this game is not an original design, it is possible the teachers have been using this game under another name or a modified version.

In summary reading games make reading fun and rewarding. Allington and Strange believe games offer little more than winner-oriented motivation while Steiner, Glazer, and Carter view games as ways that students can grow in knowledge and in interacting with other people. Games are classified into two categories: (1) process games and (2) reinforcement games. Cannery suggests that games may be used in reading if students perform some reading skill such as reading a word, identifying a prefix or root, or following directions to play the game. Games can be skill-oriented. They can be guided and evaluated by both students and teachers.

In conclusion, games can be useful in the learning process provided guidance and specific objectives are given.

#### Television

Introduction. Television is a unique medium because it brings into the classroom and into the home on the spot events to further the informational background of students and the public. The educational value of the programs is very promising. Television according to Schramm, Lyle, and Parker affords children with the opportunities to meet famous people, hear important people faced by people and by the government, quiz public figures, and see events far away. Viewing television must be as critical as evaluating reading a newspaper article. A certain art, learning process, is essential to watching television. "Furthermore, television is a real resource, for example, assignments and what the teachers call 'enrichment'."

<u>Visual aid</u>. Three main uses of television lessons are

(1) enrichment, (2) cooperative teaching, and (3) total
teaching. Through enrichment, information beyond the
textbook and available audio-visual materials is given to
the students in the television lesson. The television
lesson which is used as enrichment may be used to (1) clarify
obsure material, (2) provide specific illustrations, and
(3) expand further ideas. Since the television program
is a learning device, the lesson may be related to classroom learning assignments, project work, and the students'
experiences outside of the classroom. Therefore, the
televised lesson is auxiliary to the curriculum.

Schramm, Lyle, and Parker with Freedman, <u>Television</u> in the Lives of Our Children, p. 97.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 184. <sup>3</sup>Ibid., pp. 184-185.

Costello and Gordon, <u>Teach with Television. A</u>
<u>Guide for Instructional TV</u>, p. 127.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Ibid., pp. 127-128.

Through cooperative teaching, the classroom teacher supplements the material of the television teacher. By introducing the lesson and by using textbook material, a correlation between the televised lesson and the textbook may be formed.

In depending upon the television teacher to do the total teaching, the purpose for watching the lesson must be clearly established by the classroom teacher. By doing this, the students will realize their expectations whether they must take notes, complete a chart, write a summary after the lesson, do a project based on the televised lesson, place the important events in sequential order, or get eight or more answers correct on a ten question quiz following the television lesson. The worse thing to do is to turn on the television with no purpose for viewing established for the students and no follow-up activity such as a discussion.

According to Gordon, there are some guides as to when instructional television should be used in school. First of all, television is a means of aiding the class-room teacher. Secondly, since younger pupils have a shorter attention span than older pupils, the length of the lesson should be determined by the age of the students In the third place "television is best used for courses where teachers welcome help, subjects where television offers special advantages, and courses which could not otherwise be taught."

Costello offers suggestions in using the television in the classroom. The television set should be placed in front of the window wall to avoid glare, and the seats should be arranged in a triangular pattern in front of the television. The television should be mounted

Gordon, Classroom Television. New Frontiers in ITV, p. 87.

so it operates above the students' eye levels. During the telecast, the room should be kept dim but not dark. The sound level of the television should be raised. Teachers should plan on circulating in the room especially during the beginning of the lesson to insure that everyone's attention is fecused on the television lesson. Since teachers serve as examples to students, it is desirable for the teachers to view the televised lesson. Even if teachers have seen the lesson previously, they can be the observers of new ideas which can be used to recreate in the classroom approaches which have been seen on the television. Later the pupils' observations may be useful as a resource for new ideas, suggestions, or activities to be used along with the lesson.

Television can be used as an aid to teaching because there are so many means by which is can be a class-room aid. Some ways television may serve as an audio-visual aid are as follows: (1) lectures and demonstrations, (2) panel discussions, (3) interviews, (4) dramatizations, (5) audio-visual device, (6) 'realia', and (7) pupil participation with a talk back system or other device.<sup>2</sup>

The television instructors and their lessons' styles. According to Costello, the total responsibility of teaching the lesson, giving homework, and motivating the students are the responsibility of the television instructor. The instruction by the television teacher should be supported with a specific purpose for the students to view the lesson. Classroom teachers should be supporters, reinforcers, clarifiers, and reviewers of the information presented in the television lesson. Establishing a purpose for the television lesson is essential to active student participation and increases the value of the lesson presented.

Costello and Gordon, Teach with Television. A Guide for Instructional TV, p. 133.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 39. <sup>3</sup>Ibid., p. 130.

Preferably, a cooperative venture should exist between the television instructor and the classroom teacher.

The conveying of knowledge to the students may be dependent on the teaching styles in presenting the lesson. This may affect how the students will remember the television lesson's main points. Since teaching styles vary from teacher to teacher, it may be beneficial to briefly outline some of the possible lesson styles that are used on television and in the classroom. They are as follows:

## I. Narrative Devices

- A. Pure exposition
- B. Exposition plus demonstration
- C. Exposition and/or demonstration plus reaction

#### II. Pictorial Emphasis

- A. Skill presentations
- B. Criticism and comment

### III. Dramatic Communication

- A. Dance and theater .
- B. Interviews and panel discussions and debates

The television teacher will usually provide most of the actual instruction. However, the cooperation of the classroom teachers with the television instructor may be dependent upon how well the teacher's guide has been developed. This may be true especially if the classroom teacher has never viewed the televised lesson.

Usage of the teacher's guide or manual in the teacher's preparation of the television lesson. Cooperative teaching may depend upon how well the teacher's guide (a) clarifies the exact nature of the course of study,

Gordon, Classroom Television. New Frontiers in ITV, pp. 142-147.

(b) lists the materials offered in the individual lessons, (c) states what concepts and/or skills will be presented by the television teacher, and (d) the specific responsibilities of the classroom teacher. "A teacher's guide is fundamentally a professional communication. . . ."

Essential parts of the teacher's manual suggested by Gordon will be provided for the teachers who use the television in the classroom. The objective of the lesson should be clarified as to its usage in previous lessons and lessons to follow. Descriptions of materials used in the television lesson should be provided. If the teachers are unfamiliar with the audio-visual materials used in the presentation of the lesson, an explanation in the teacher's guide would be of assistance. Suggestions for preparing the class for the television lesson may be given. In this introduction to the lesson, the classroom teachers should refrain from teaching the content of the television lesson. At the end of the lesson, time should be provided to clarify points of the lesson, reteach these parts if necessary, review the main ideas of the lesson, and followup the lesson with an activity. A follow-up procedure may be suggested in the teacher's guide. Related background reading for the teacher's professional considerations and sometimes for the students' reading may be given. Other educational materials such as films, tapes, maps, and charts relevant to the lesson may be provided in the manual. "All materials which the classroom teachers may use during the video lesson should also be listed along with any other information which should be on the classroom chalkboard while the lesson is being shown." Since it is

Costello and Gordon, Teach with Television. A Guide for Instructional ITV, p. 129.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Gordon, <u>Classroom Television</u>. <u>New Frontiers</u> in ITV, p. 186.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Ibid., p. 187.

essential that the class be totally prepared for the television lesson, the students should know what materials they will be needing during the televised presentation. Hopefully, the teacher's guide will provide a list of equipment necessary for each student to actively participate in the television lesson's activities. Guides and instructional materials provided with the television lessons should be carefully prepared so the students may use them.

Usually a teacher's guide follows a specific lesson outline. Costello offers an outline of the lesson enumerating ten specific sections. For teachers planning a television lesson without the benefit of a teacher's guide outline, Costello's ideas will be briefly outlined, and an example of a television lesson plan will be provided.<sup>2</sup>

## Outline of the Television Lesson

- I. Objective What should the students know at the completion of the lesson?
- II. Relationship How does the lesson relate to the overall objective of the series?

#### III. Materials

- A. Preparation for televised lesson
- B. Preparation for the follow-up to the lesson
- IV. Introduction How may the lesson be introduced to the students?
- V. Information What material will the lesson present?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Ibid., pp. 186-187.

Costello and Gordon, Teach with Television. A Guide for Instructional ITV, p. 63.

#### VI. Questions and Ideas

- A. Classroom teacher's questions and ideas to use
- B. Students questions that may be asked (The teacher will anticipate possible questions that the students may ask before, during, and/ or after the television lesson.)

## VII. Suggested Activities

- A. Follow-up activities (Further ideas for follow-up activities may be found in appendix E, One Hundred Activitiy Ideas.)
- B. Relationship to other classroom subjects
  - 1. Art

  - The Fine Arts
     Language Arts (English, Reading, Spelling)
     Mathematics

  - 5. Music
  - 6. Physical Education (Dance, Sports)
  - 7. Religion
  - 8. Science
  - 9. Social Studies

### VIII. Suggested Readings or Bibliography

- A. Teacher's bibliography
- B. Student's bibliography
- IX. Assignment and/or Homework
- X. Tests or Check-up Activities

An example of a television lesson plan for the fifth episode of the commercial television series, "America," will be found in appendix G, Television Lesson Plan. The lesson plan for the episode, "Gone West," will follow the outline that was developed by Costello as a guide to the teacher's planning for the usage of television lessons. This outline guide has been referred to in detail on the previous page and at the top of this page. The lesson plan may be developed according to the teacher's expectations of the students and of the television lesson.

Television's role in teaching reading and study skills through instructional television lessons and commercial television programs. Television offers many areas to delve into and to develop. Currently there is an emphasis aiming toward teaching adult illiterates through modifying and adpting the commercial television programs, "Seseame Street" and "The Electric Company". Because the main emphasis of instructional television (ITV) has been in preschool and primary grades, there is a definite potential to move television into new and different directions for the future. Mainly decoding skills in reading have been taught on the educational channels. The British Broadcasting Company (BBC) has been motivating children to learn the reading strategies of sight reading, phonics, and context and structural clues to word indentification through a story approach.

Now television is broadening its reach beyond just reading and including speaking, listening, comprehension, content areas, study skills, and writing. Activities are being directed toward commercial television programs. In their article in the October, 1975, issue of <u>The Reading Teacher</u>, Adams and Harrison are concerned with using television to teach specific reading skills. Table four of their article lists (a) the reading skill to be emphasized, (b) the type of television materials necessary, (c) an explanation of the activity, and (d) the number of students with whom the activity may be used. 1

Becker concerns himself with the use of television in seven areas: reading, speaking, listening, comprehen-

Anne H. Adams and Cathy B. Harrison, "Using Television to Teach Specific Reading Skills," The Reading Teacher 29 (October 1975): 49-51, Table 4.

sion skills, the content areas, study skills, and writing. 1

- a. Develop an interest center on television programs and characters by using posters, pictures, books, magazines, maps, and newspaper articles<sup>2</sup>
- b. Recommend books and reading material keeping in mind the students' television interests.<sup>3</sup> A television interest inventory may determine what the students watch on television and what programs they enjoy.
- c. Have sports books by retired athletes available to read
- d. Have newspaper accounts of televised sports events and use them for reading
- e. Encourage the students to obtain paperback books from educational book clubs like Teenage Book Club (TAB), Discovering, and Read Book Clubs and encourage students to read the books that are related to the television programs<sup>4</sup>
- f. Select topics presented on favorite television programs and
  - (1) Discuss them in class
  - (2) Read excerpts from the book dealing with the topic
- (3) Tell the students where to find the book  $^{5}$  g. Make a classroom television  $^{6}$

<sup>1</sup>George J. Becker, <u>Television and the Classroom</u>
Reading Program, Reading Aids Series (Newark, Del:
International Reading Association, 1973), pp. 13-32.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 17. <sup>3</sup>Ibid., p. 20 for b.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Tbid., pp. 20-21 for c-e.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Ibid., p. 23 for f (1)-f (3).

<sup>6</sup>Ibid., pp. 24-25 for g.

### 2. Speaking

- a. Draw pictures or collect pictures of television characters
- b. Identify television characters using two teams and a ten question game
- c. Develop role playing interviews
- d. Adapt a television game show to the classroom 1

#### 3. Listening

- a. List words spoken on television to use in speaking and/or use in writing
- b. Listen for dialects and regional dialects which may serve as an introduction to our evolving language<sup>2</sup>
- c. Listen to themes from television shows on records or a cassette tape and try to identify them
- d. Listen to a cassette tape of voices and situations from television and try to identify them

## 4. Comprehension Skills

- a. Watch television for different purposes such as
  - (1) Summarizing the plot
  - (2) Determining interesting words
  - (3) Identifying the setting of a television program
  - (4) Identifying the way people acted at a particular time
  - (5) Identifying the most exciting event of the program
- b. Write a critical review of the program
- c. Write recipes or directions for a project from a televised program<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ibid., pp. 16-17 for 2 a-d.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ibid., pp. 13-14 for 3 a-b.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Ibid., pp. 25-26 for 4 a-c.

# 4. Comprehension Skills

- d. Write an original plot and omit the resolution
- e. Analyze the methods of persuasion used in the television commercials<sup>1</sup>

#### 5. Content Areas

- a. Make a list of the technical vocabulary from a television program and analyze the words structurally
- b. Introduce new concepts in relation to television that the students are involved in using such as a <u>budget</u>
- c. Compute the amount of time devoted to commercials  $^2$

### 6. Study Skills

- a. Summarize the program's plot similar to a <u>TV</u> <u>Guide</u> entry
- b. Take notes on an informative television program such as "Wild Kingdom," "Meet the Press," the Jacques Cousteau Specials, and the "National Geographic Specials"
- c. Graph the results of a television preference survey
- d. Compute the mileage traveled in several television programs
- e. List words from television programs that the students do not know<sup>3</sup>

#### 7. Writing

- a. Write a biography of a television character or an entry for a book such as Who's Who in America
- b. List adjectives describing a character or locate precise synonyms by using a thesaurus<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ibid. for 4 d-e. 2 Ibid., pp. 28-29 for 5 a-c.

<sup>3.</sup> Ibid., p. 27 for 6 a-c.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Ibid., pp. 29-30 for 7 a-b.

#### 7. Writing

- c. Write letters to stars and ask them their favorite books
- d. Write a script changing the setting of a series 1
- e. List the sequence of events in a program
- f. Write critical reviews of television programs or television commercials<sup>2</sup>

To reinforce the words presented on the commercial television program, "Wordsmith", a small accordian booklet could be made by the students or by the teacher and placed on duplicating masters. The vocabulary exercise could be varied for the needs of individual students or for small groups. The illustration provided on the following page offers an example of a booklet for the prefix, geo.

Following a television lesson on writing opening sentences, the students were expected to write an opening sentence in their notebooks. After having their sentences checked for appropriateness as opening sentences, their spelling, capitalization, and punctuation, the students wrote their opening sentences on a duplicating master. Lines were drawn at the bottom of the duplicating master under the opening sentences. After the lesson from the instructional television program, "From Me to You. . .in Writing," was duplicated, the students were asked to choose one of the opening sentences to begin a paragraph with, develop the idea into a paragraph, and write the paragraph at the bottom of the duplicating master.

<sup>1</sup> Ibid. for 7 c-d. 2 Ibid., pp 31-32 for 7 e-f.

|  | Geo- is a prefix which means "earth." This is a Greek prefix, and it is used in many scientific words.  All of the words that are in the sections to follow have the prefix, | GA. geo-, in them.  DIRECTIONS:  Fill in the word that completes each section. The same word appears in both sentences.                              | PASTE |
|--|--|--|-------|
| G3.When we study rocks, it is known as  The "study of the earth" is  | G4. Maps come in many sizes and forms. To study maps would be called  "Earth writing" is another way of saying  .  | Jean's favorite type type of mathematics is a type which involves measuring property by knowing lines and angles,  The study of "earth measuring" is | PASTE |
| Many creatures on earth do not travel outside the earth's atmosphere; therefore, they are "earth centered" or  The universe is not earth centered, | G7. ANSWERS. G 3. <u>qeology</u> G 4. <u>qeography</u> G 5. <u>qeometry</u> G 6. <u>qeocentric</u>   | GB. Here is one last try.  Someone who studies the earth is known as a   | PASTE |

Illustration 14. An Example of an Accordian Booklet to Reinforce the Study of Words on the Television Program, "Wordsmith".

### "From Me to You. . . in Writing"

#### Lesson 6 "What's in a Sentence Besides Words?"

- 1. Going back to school is not as easy as it seems.
- 2. Older men sometimes play football better than younger people.
- 3. The wonders of outer space are fascinating.
- 4. I think you can learn more on T. V. than by listening to a radio.
- 5. Can over-eating kill you?
- 6. The great monuments of Washington, D. C., are some of the wonders of the world.
- 7. Skateboarding is dangerous or fun.
- 8. Airplanes are helpful as well as dangerous.
- 9. My trip to Alaska was fun.
- 10. Diving is a nice sport.
- 11. Swimming is a great sport.
- 12. Gynmastics is a very exciting sport.
- 13. Horses are very interesting animals.
- 14. Books tell the story of many adventures.
- 15. Rats are very dangerous to our environment and are equipped for astonishing deeds.
- 16. Space is an infinite exploration for man for years to come.

#### Gymnastics

Gymnastics is a very exciting sport. In this sport there are four events: the floor exercise, uneven bars, balance beam, and the jump. The floor exercise is a skill which is done on mats. It shows fast moves, ballet steps, tumbling, and very dramatic moves which are combined together with music being played in the background. The balance beam is a skill which shows a lot of balance as they do stunts back and forth on a four inch beam. The uneven bars show constant moves on one bar higher than the

other. The jump consists of a spring board which they jump off and onto a four foot high box which they push off into the air doing a twist or something like that.

Lesson twenty-six of the instructional television program, "Our Living Language", provided the format for the students to write a story. After the ideas from the lesson were discussed in the class and written on the chalkboard, the main ideas were written on a duplicating master. The student: used these ideas as a guide in writing a story developing it in a step by step process. The resulting duplicated sheet is reproduced as follows:

Lesson 26 "Writer's Workshop"

- I. Select a plot or idea to develop in written form
- II. Choose an appropriate title
- III. Follow the outline to write your story
  - A. Setting
    - 1. Where; a location
    - 2. Mood
    - 3. Time (past, present, or future)
    - 4. Main characters
    - 5. Circumstances or situations (Situation characters are facing.)
  - B. Main Body
    - 1. Story unfolds
    - 2. Conditions or experiences the characters face
    - 3. Conflicts or adventures
    - 4. Introduction of new characters
  - C. Closing
    - (Main Idea of Each Paragraph)
    - 1. How was the adventure or conflict concluded?
    - 2. Who resolved the situations?
    - 3. What really happened?

## IV. Editing

- A. Do the sentences belong to the paragraph?
- B. Are the paragraphs related to each other in their ideas?
- C. Are the sentences written clearly?
- D. Does the story hold the reader's attention?

# V. Proofreading

- A. Read the story for spelling errors
- B. Read it for punctuation errors
- C. Read it for omission errors, that is, the omission of words
- D. Read it for the duplication of words

The commercial television program, "America", was developed in a lesson to assist the students in note-taking and completing an outline. The lesson was presented as follows:

Episode 3 "Making a Revolution, Parts I and II"

Purpose for Listening: As you view the television lessons, keep these questions in mind.

- 1. Do you think that there are ever times when it is justifiable to rebel against authority? Give reasons for your answer.
- 2. If the American struggle for independence actually began after the outbreak of the Revolution,
  - a. What caused the Revolution in the first place?
  - b. For what goals were the colonists fighting?
  - c. Why did most colonists prefer not to support or become involved with the Revolution?
- 3. What were the major factors that contributed to America's success in the Revolution against the highly trained British Army?

Complete this outline as you listen to the two lessons.

The American Revolution

- I. Struggle for Independence
  - A. Main Causes Leading to the Revolution
  - B. Goals Sought by the Colonists
- II. Factors Contributing to America's Success in the Revolution

Sometimes it is beneficial to have the students list the main points of a television lesson in poster form. A few examples of posters completed by students for the television program, "From Me to You. . . in Writing," are presented here.

What's in a Sentence?

interest

unity

WHAT? Suspense

coherence

# A topic sentence should have

- 1. Suspense, comparison, or contrast
- 2. Suggest what will be developed in a paragraph

Sometimes only part of a thought is written. This is called a fragment.

Fragment: Although I like carrots.

Sentence: I like carrots.

Sentence: Although I like carrots, I don't eat them often.

What's in a Paragraph

A paragraph always has to be planned in one way or another. First, you can plan it in your head or write your ideas on paper.

A paragraph should have three qualifications:

1) interest, 2) unity, and 3) coherence.

Interest is very important and has seven parts:

1. Concrete details

5. Adjectives for more

interest

2. Comparison

6. Know your reader

3. Contrast

7. Catch ideas

4. Suspense

Since television is a medium by which activities using listening, reading, and discussion may be developed, television has many uses in and outside of the classroom. Some suggestions for television usage either commercial or instructional television will be enumerated in a list.

- 1. Use a television program as an introduction to a lesson before it is covered in the textbook.
- 2. Use a television lesson or program as a review of material after a lesson in the classroom. This serves as a reinforcement.
- 3. Require the students to establish their own purposes for listening. After the program, ask them if their purposes for listening were met. Have them explain how their purposes were met or why their purposes for listening were not met by the producers of the television program. This may be accomplished as a class or in smaller groups where everyone is required to contribute their own ideas.
- 4. Have the students pose questions to have answered by the television lesson. After the program, have the students think of resources to seek that would be useful in answering any questions that may not have been answered or resources to locate additional information.
- 5. Record the television lesson on a cassette tape as it is viewed by the students. Have them take brief notes as they listen to the lesson and use the cassette tape to fill-in essential ideas. This technique is helpful for students who have difficulty coordinating three activities such as viewing television, listening to the program, and taking notes at one time. These students could use earphones and the cassette recorder to listen to the tape on their own and skip parts of the tape where their notes are complete. A class discussion could be used also with the teacher completing an outline on the chalkboard or by using an overhead projector. Students could be paired, too.

- 6. Have the teacher watch the television program ahead of time; if possible, request someone else to watch the program; or obtain a videotape of the program if the school has the essential equipment. By doing the previewing process, the teacher may develop a lesson for the program which would increase the students' proficiency in a specific reading and study skill.
- 7. Tape the program on a cassette tape to listen to the audio part of the television program.
- 8. Use the teacher's manual for ideas. The students may want to use the teacher's manual themselves which would be beneficial.
- 9. Develop a bibliography on the topic to be viewed on television and then duplicate it for the class. Have the students do a written and/or oral report, a project, or other activity on the topic. See appendixes A, Materials for Writing Students Contracts, and Independent Study Group Contracts; E, On Hundred Activity Ideas; and F, Television Units for more suggestions.
- 10. Create a poster or display on the topic.
- 11. Have a collection of books and magazines available in the classroom on the television lesson or ask the school librarian to have a place in the library available for a display on the television lesson's topic.
- 12. Use with the television program reading and study skills that may be checked without previewing the the program:
  - a. Formulate questions before the telecast. Determine if the questions are answered. If not, form research groups or teams to locate the answers to the questions.
  - b. Set purposes for viewing the program. This the students should do.

- 12. c. Select the main idea of the program and its supporting details.
  - d. Place specific parts of the program in their proper sequence.
  - e. Divide the class into two teams and have them alternately recall one idea at a time as many ideas as possible from the television program.
  - f. Ask the students to take notes either on points that they found useful to them or list three or four ideas from the program. Therefore, a specific limit of ideas may assist students.
  - g. Have the students paraphrase an idea from the the television program.
  - h. Observe the characters and determine from their actions what type of people they are in the television program.

These activities are offered as suggestions. Each of them should be judged according to student and teacher needs and the possible successfulness of using one of them with a particular class. Any of these activities may be used alone or combined with other activities.

<u>instructional medium</u>. Through their studies, Dunn, Ayers, and Lamb have concluded that television has tremendous possibilities as determined through their findings. Dunn's findings concerning television are (1) as an instructional medium television is of benefit to children not in the cultural mainstream, and (2) the greatest benefits of television develop as the television lesson is supplemented by work with parents, teachers, or aides. Finally, Dunn concluded that time spent in follow-up activities varied in a positive ratio to the gains measured.

<sup>1</sup>Lamb, "Reading and Television in the United States" in New Horizons in Reading, p. 372.

<sup>2&</sup>lt;sub>Ibid</sub>.

Ayers who surveyed elementary students' attitudes toward instructional television revealed that "Recent studies have concluded that elementary school children think they learn more from television than do high school and college students."

Other results determined by Ayers are that (1) programs in science and social studies were the most popular, (2) twenty-two to thirty percent of the students listed reading programs as the most preferred, and (3) more preparation was needed prior to viewing the television lesson and more follow-up activities were needed.<sup>2</sup>

From Lamb's studies these major conclusions are found. Teachers need to have students more involved in activities prior to or following the television lessons. Instructional television can be used to minimize loss of reading skills during summer vacation. "Pupils tend to become more critical of instructional television as they use more of it and their enthusiasm wanes. This trend may not be irreversible, however."

As far as television's importance as an instructional medium is concerned, then four ideas seem to dominate: (1) television has a tremendous potential; (2) television's impact is great; (3) television is an influential medium; and (4) children can learn much from television. Television's usefulness as a learning tool has grown. Viewers have had an opportunity to see the read-along program, "The Defection of Simas Kudirka." Truly, there is a furture for television in education both at home and in school.

<sup>1</sup> Ibid., p. 377.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.

<sup>3-2-3</sup> 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Tbid., p. 381.

<sup>5</sup>WITI, "The Defection of Simas Kudirka," 22 January 1978; and the Educational Communication and Media Branch of the Los Angeles Unified School District, Dr. Michael Mc-Andrew, and the CBS Television Reading Program Staff, "The Defection of Simas Kudirka, A Teacher's Guide for Television Reading Enrichment" (New York: CBS Television, n. d.).

#### Textbooks

Introduction. "Every lesson in every textbook is a potential source for the best teaching of reading skills. Few secondary teachers seem to realize this." Assigning the students to read the textbook will not insure the growth in reading skills. What may be needed to encourage the growth of reading and study skills and later strengthen and sustain these skills is the purposeful teaching of reading skills incorporated into the daily assignments in the content area. Since daily assignments are usually designed from a textbook, this section will be devoted to the textbook as a material to use to teach reading and study skills in the content areas of Language Arts and and social studies.

In many classrooms the textbook is the main means of transmitting written information. Supplemental filmstrips, cassette tapes, audio-visual materials, and reference materials usually from the library contribute much to the learning process. Since students learn by reading the textbook for a particular class, it is here that teachers should start in teaching reading and study skills. How to introduce reading and study skills into the curriculum and continue using them in a well-designed program depends on the teachers' own concern with the importance placed on teaching these skills. A framework for a basic program may be useful. The ideas to be presented are not new, but they are based on the ideas of authorities in the field of reading.

Olive Stafford Niles, "Comprehension Skills," in Teaching Reading Skills in Secondary Schools: Readings, ed. Arthur V. Olson and Wilbur S. Ames (Scranton, Penn.: International Textbook Co., 1971), p. 175.

<sup>2&</sup>lt;sub>Ibid</sub>

Using reading and study skills with the Language Arts textbook. In many classrooms the textbook is the main means of transmitting written information. Supplemental filmstrips, cassette tapes, and other audio-visual materials contribute much to the learning process. Since students usually begin with reading the textbook for a particular class, it is here that teachers would begin in teaching reading and study skills and to determine which ones to select by giving the students an informal reading inventory. By providing the students with an informal reading inventory, the teachers would be able to determine the students' strengths as well as their weaknesses. An informal reading inventory may be used in any subject area.

Informal reading inventory. Using reading and study skills is essential to remembering what is learned. This inventory for the Language Arts is prepared using the textbook, Ginn Elements of English 7.

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Completing a book questionnaire. To acquaint the students with the textbook, completing a book questionnaire may be suitable. Through a preview procedure with specific purposes, students would become familiar with the parts of a book. Then, further activities in using an index, a table of contents, and a glossary would be written later if the teacher deemed it necessary.

# Book Questionnaire

Directions: Can you locate the following information in a textbook or a library book?

Check your "L. K." (Location Knowledge) by using a book and your own paper and pencil to answer these questions.

- 1. Title:
- 2. Author or authors:
- 3. Publisher:
- 4. Place of publication:
- 5. Date of publication or copyright:
- 6. Is there a preface or an introduction?
- 7. What is the purpose of the book?
- 8. How long of a book is it?
  - a. Chapters:
  - b. Pages:
- 9. What kind of illustrations are in the book?
- 10. Is there an appendix?
- 11. Where would you find the glossary?
- 12. What kind of information does a glossary have?
- 13. Is there an index?
- 14. How is an index useful?
- 15. Is the book
  - a. Well printed and easy to read?
  - b. Well illustrated?
  - c. Well bound?
  - d. Useful for studying or do you need many extra reference books?

Workbook. The workbook being used in the English or Language Arts class, Plain English 2, provided an introductory section, directions, the written activities, and a follow-up activity. The students worked in pairs, and they read the introductory section. Partners may be assigned by the teacher, chosen by the students themselves, or randomly assigned to work in pairs. The steps used in this paired study technique will be numbered below:

- Step 1. Preview the introductory section by skimming and identifying the main words in bold black print.

  These words would be circled, and the students would pronounce the words to each other.
- Step 2. Read the definitions of the words and/or phrases quietly.
- Step 3. Underline the important information to remember and study the preliminary material.
- Step 4. Say the meaning of one of the words to the partner for practice.
- Step 5. Ask questions about the meaning of the partner's word. The student would quiz the partner on the words and their meanings.
- Step 6. Review the meanings of the words that have caused difficulty.
- Step 7. Read the directions to the written activities together. The students should be able to paraphrase the directions to their partner. If the directions are complicated, the students read the directions as a class, and each part of the directions is numbered. The students proceed to do the written activities.
- Step 8. The students do the numbered activities one at a time alternately in the following manner.
  - a. Answer sheets are provided to assure the students of immediate feedback as to whether

- a. their answers are correct or need correction.
- b. One of the students has the odd numbered answers and the other student has the even numbered answers.
- c. The students who do the odd numbered activities are corrected by their partners who have the answers.

The reading and study skill technique used with a workbook just described would seem to be a workable way of learning for two specific reasons: (1) it would provide immediate feedback and correction, and (2) it would provide an opportunity for students to work and to learn together as active participants in the learning situation. The assignment completed in pairs may be evaluated, and in addition, students may comment on their own progress. As a result of the evaluation and student comments on difficulties during the lesson, individual or small group assignment sheets may be supplied for the students who are in need of more practice on a particular activity.

An example of an evaluation sheet that may be useful and a sample of a possible assignment sheet for small group or individual assignment sheets will be presented.

#### Evaluation Sheet

Please rank each of the members of your group after you have written their names in the spaces provided.

S = Superior

A = All right

E = Excellent

F = Fair

G ≃ Good

P = Poor

Add comments on the bottom of this sheet and on the back of this sheet if they will be helpful.

| Names of the group members: |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|
|                             |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| l.                          | Willingness to share ideas and help others   |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| 2.                          | Willingness to continue working until all is done  |  | · |   |  |  |  |
| 3.                          | Willingness to listen to the suggestions of others   |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| 4.                          | Amount of work put in by the individual alone  |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| 5•                          | Degree to which you feel he or she worked up to his or her ability   |  |   | • |  |  |  |
| 6.                          | Willingness to work in a business-like manner  |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| 7.                          | If you were given the choice of working with this person again, how would you rank him or her as a choice? |  |   |   |  |  |  |

Comments: (Use the back of this paper if needed.)

| ASSIGNMENT:                           |  | :                                     | PRESS CARD   |               |  |
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| MONDAY comes with a BANG: Don't fear. | TUESDAY<br>is a new<br>day for<br>this year.   | WEDNESDAY<br>is midweek<br>cheer.     |  |               |  |
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Using reading and study skills with the social studies textbook. In Horn's research paper, "A Model for Integrating Skills with the Social Studies Curriculum at Cudahy Junior High West", she supplemented her study of skills with material for the seventh grade social studies textbook, Sources of Identity, which is also used at Holy Family School in Cudahy. Since she provided lessons for Sources of Identity which included a textbook inventory and sample exercises in vocabulary, comprehension, making inferences, map reading, and practice with charts, this area of reading and study skills seemed to be sufficiently developed by her. Therefore, further information using the seventh grade social studies textbook, Sources of Identity, will not be repreated. Instead the readers will be referred to Horn's research paper for these lessons. The material to follow will be developed using the eighth grade social studies textbook, Settings for Change, or using materials by which teachers may develop their own social studies lessons.

Planning a class schedule. Because many of the students had older brothers and sisters who were writing their own class schedules for college, the students seemed interested in creating their own hypothetical schedule. The format was planned by listing three factors: the subjects, the times, and the teachers' names. The purpose for reading was prepared along with the directions for competing the class schedule. Then, questions to keep in mind were written. Afterward the schedule of subjects, times, and teachers' names plus the class schedule form were given to the students who were cautioned to use pencil in completing the class schedule since changes were probable. A class question period was held to clarify any uncertainties that the students would have. Further teacher guidance and discussion with the students were

provided during the completion of the class schedule. The students were allowed to confer with each other quietly during the social studies class. A follow-up activity was based on the purpose setting questions at the beginning of of the decision-making lesson.

Decision-Making: Scheduling Classes

PURPOSE: The purpose of this assignment is to prepare a schedule for yourself.

- 1. Choose the appropriate times that will complete your schedule.
- 2. Choose the times so that all the credit requirements are fulfilled.

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PURPOSE SETTING: As you do this assignment, keep these questions in mind.

- 1. Who or what influenced you when it came to choosing the time to have a particular subject?
- When would you prefer most of your classes?
  Morning (8:30-10:30 A.M.);
  Mid-morning (10:30-12:00 Noon), or
  Afternoon (12:30-2:30 P.M.)?
- 3. Why would you make this choice of time?
- 4. What types of decisions did you have to make?
- 5. Did your schedule turn out as you had planned?
  Why or why not?

- 6. What are some of the advantages of doing this assignment?
- 7. What are some of the disadvantages of doing this type of an assignment?
- 8. Feedback--Any Comments:

## Schedule: Subjects, Times, and Teachers

| ART                          | SCIENCE  |
|------------------------------|--|
| 10:00 - F - Mr. Danek        | 9:15 -Daily - Mr. Velasco  |
| 1:45 - F - Miss Bahan        | 10:45 -Daily - Mrs.  |
| •                            | Correll  |
| ENGLISH: SPELLING            | 1:00 -Daily - Mr. Danek  |
| 8:30 -Daily - Miss Wysocki   | The second secon |
| 9:15 -Daily - Miss Bahan     |  |
| 12:15 -Daily - Sister Agnese |  |
| 1:00 -Daily - Sister Audrey  |  |
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| READING                      |  |
| 9:15 -Daily - Mr. Danek      | SOCIAL STUDIES   |
|                              | 8:30 -Daily - Miss   |
| 10:00 -Daily - Miss Bahan    | Keyser   |
| 10:45 -Daily - Sister Audrey | 9:15 -Daily - Sister   |
|                              | Helen  |
| MATHEMATICS                  | Marie  |
| 8:30 -Daily - Mrs. Guss      | 10:45 -Daily - Mr. Velasco   |
| 10:00 -Daily - Mrs. Guss     | 1:00 -Daily - Miss   |
| 10:45 -Daily - Miss Keyser   | Wysocki  |
| 12:15 -Daily - Mr. Danek     | MY SOCKI   |
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

10:00 - T, Th- Mrs. Trotter
and Mr. Joe
1:45 - T, Th- Mrs. Trotter

10:00 - M, W - Sister Agnese 1:45 - M, W - Mrs. Guss

and Mr. Joe

# RELIGION

MUSIC

9:15 -Daily - Sister Marilyn 12:15 -Daily - Mrs. Correll 1:00 -Daily - Sister Helen Marie

# Class Schedule

| TIME                        | MONDAY<br>M | TUESDAY<br>T | WEDNESDAY<br>W | THURSDAY<br>Th | FRIDAY<br>F |  |  |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|--|--|
| Subject<br>8:30<br>Teacher  |             |              |                |                |             |  |  |
| Subject<br>9:15<br>Teacher  |             |              |                |                |             |  |  |
| Subject<br>10:00<br>Teacher |             |              |                |                |             |  |  |
| 11:30                       | LUNCH       |              |                |                |             |  |  |
| Subject<br>12:15<br>Teacher |             |              |                |                |             |  |  |
| Subject<br>1:00<br>Teacher  |             |              |                |                |             |  |  |
| Subject<br>1:45<br>Teacher  |             |              |                |                |             |  |  |
| 2:30                        | DISMISSAL   |              |                |                |             |  |  |

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# Follow-up Activity

- DIRECTIONS: 1. Answer these questions in complete sentences.
  - 2. Base your answers on the assignment that you have just completed.
- 1. Who or what influenced you in scheduling your classes?
- 2. What problems did you encounter when you were planning your schedule?
- 3. What are some of the advantages of this type of an assignment?
- 4. If you had an opportunity to schedule all your classes early in the day (8:30 A.M.), mid-morning (10:30-12:00 Noon), or afternoon (12:30-2:30 P.M.), when would you schedule the classes?
- 5. Give two reasons for your answer for the time scheduling in number four.
- 6. Did you find any disadvantages to doing an assignment like this?
- 7. Write your comments and/or suggestions here. Use the back of this paper if necessary for your comments.

Writing your own textbook. Using the textbook as a basis of study, the students were asked to select a topic related to the political science section in their social studies textbook. Contract writing was introduced by preparing the students with the sheet, "Before You Write Your Contract. . .", which is located in appendix A, Materials for Writing Student Contracts and Independent Study Contracts. Before the activities were begun, expectations for writing the contracts, completing the project, and the evaluation process were determined. All materials including reference and library books and audio-visual materials that the students had planned to use for their written assignments were listed on the contracts.

After the students had completed their textbook section which involved research, they were to write another contract for their project and oral reports. The teacher's copies of the students' contracts were arranged on the bulletin board under the students' names, and the students had their own copies to refer to, also. A calendar on the bulltetin board was developted to record the students' contract due dates so that they may refer to the calendar during class time if need be, and the teacher could observe at a glance when the oral, written, and project contracts were due.

Teacher guidance was provided all during the activities. The learning center was available daily to the students. Previously, arrangements had been made with the school's learning center director to use the resources available there. An agreed upon library pass stating the student's name, the objective for the day, the time allowed for research, and the teacher's signature provided a guideline for the learning center director and the learning center aides who initialed the four inch by six inch index cards each time the students did their research in the learning center.

Usually, the first five to ten minutes of class time were set aside for organizational purposes. Most of the time, however, the students requested library passes a day ahead of time rather than waiting until the next day. A log sheet was completed daily by the students to note their progress especially if the library was being used for that day. Daily observation sheets for the students were supplied to list how the students were using their research time and cooperation during the class time.

After the written assignment was completed by the students, their papers were put through a Thermofax machine to produce a duplicating master, and then enough copies of the booklet were produced for the students and the teacher. The students collated the paper and stapled the booklet containing all of their research together. To make the booklet more utilitarian, a cover and binding of the pages together would create a more secure textbook for the students own usage.

The following pages will provide an idea of how the activities were organized, and a few representative pages of the resulting booklet will be presented.

| Social | Studies: | Writing | Your | Own | Textbook |
|--------|----------|---------|------|-----|----------|
|        |          |         |      |     |          |

### WRITTEN SECTION

DATE DUE:

- 1. Print all information in pencil.
- 2. Do maps, drawings, graphs, and other illustrations in pencil, also.
- 3. Give the section you have a title. Subsection titles may be used, also.
- 4. Keep a list of your sources of information for a bibliography.
- 5. Find information in reference and library books and preferably different from the textbook and the encyclopedia.

- 6. Footnote any direct quotations.
- 7. Identify and/or define new names and words.
- Write a three to five sentence introduction.
- 9. Outline the most important information in the textbook section you have chosen to do.

#### Include:

- a. Chapter title and chapter number
- b. Section title and section numberc. Page numbers of the textbook that will be included.

#### PROJECT SECTION

DATE DUE: (Limit one to two weeks)

- Directions: 1. Prepare a project to supplement the written section of the booklet.
  - 2. Choose the project first, then, read the following part.
  - -3. Possible projects are suggested below. Other choices may be made, but they must be okayed before actual work is started on them.

#### Project Suggestions:

- 1. Booklet or collection of drawings, pictures, photographs, maps, articles
- 2. Collection of books and/or posters
- 3. Dioramas or models
- 4. Slides, filmstrips, records, cassettes
- 5. A mounted display
- 6. A mobile or wall hanging
- 7. Stitching, needlecraft, or cooking
- 8. Woodworking, woodburning, or another handicraft

- 9. Stamp collection with an explanation of how it is related to your topic
- 10. Art activity for the class to do
- 11. Puzzle or puzzles of various types
- 12. Make posters, signs, or advertisements
- 13. Create a bulletin board
- 14. Display articles with identification labels

#### Explain in writing:

- Specifically what will be done?
- 2. How will the project be made?
- 3. What materials will be necessary for the project?
- 4. How long will the project take to prepare?
- 5. For your oral presentation, how long will it be?
- 6. Are you working by yourself, someone else, or with a group?

Evaluation of the Writing Your Own Textbook Activity Teacher's Evaluation Sheet

### RATING SCALE

- 5 = Excellent
- 4 = Very good
- 3 = Good
- 2 = Satisfactory
- 1 = Poor

| I. | BOOKLET | SECTION | or W | VR.T | THE THE | SECTION |
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|    |         |         |      |      |         |         |

| A. | Outline                            | 1 - Alburk Addaniu Jacobs Manighton (Burning anny anny   |
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| В. | Footnotes                          | The State of the Additional Communication of the Additional Co |
| C. | Bibliography                       |  |
| D. | Penmanship                         | feels , great all assistables, or lightest till a value value og skyrate satje, me   |
| E. | Pictures, graphs, or illustrations |  |

|      | F.  | Content   |  |
|------|-----|---|--|
|      | G.  | GRADE FOR THE WRITTEN SECTION (Possible total: 20-30  |  |
| II.  | PRO | JECT SECTION  |  |
|      | Α.  | Use of time   |  |
|      | В.  | Finished project                                      |  |
|      | C.  | Cooperation.  |  |
|      | D.  | GRADE FOR THE PROJECT SECTION (Possible total: 15)    |  |
| III. | ORA | L PRESENTATION  |  |
|      | Α.  | Varied speaking voice                                 | **********   |
|      | В•  | Ability to be heard                                   | e white a recent real early a new countries to the countries of the countr |
|      | C.  | Eye contact   |  |
|      | D.  | Composure   |  |
|      | E.  | Visual aids   |  |
|      | F.  | Awareness of the audience                             |  |
|      | G.  | Content of the oral presentation                      |  |
|      | Н∙  | GRADE FOR THE ORAL PRESENTATION (Possible total: 30-3 | 5)   |
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|      | A.  | Written Section                                       | ***************************************  |
|      | В•  | Project Section                                       | #1 WEIGHT 107 107 WILLIAM STATE OF THE STATE |
|      | C.  | Oral Presentation                                     | MANUFACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF  |
|      | D.  | OVERALL GRADE   |  |

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#### RATING SCALE FOR OVERALL GRADE

70-80 = Excellent

60-69 = Very good

50-59 = Good

40-49 = Satisfactory

0-39 = Poor

Students! Evaluation of Their Group

# PART I. Read each statement. Answer them as completely as possible

- 1. Subject:
- 2. Group's name and/or purpose:
- 3. Group members:
- 4. Chairperson, if any:

#### PART II. Read each question in the two sections

Decide how to answer the questions by choosing either yes or no. If you are uncertain of which answer to choose, select the answer that applies most of the time.

Circle your response. Again choose either yes or no.

# Section A. Individual Evaluation: How Did I Work in the Group?

| 1. | Did I fulfill my responsibilities?         | YES | NO |
|----|--|-----|----|
| 2. | Did I cooperate to the best of my ability? | YES | NO |
| 3. | Did I keep to business all of the time?    | YES | NO |
| 4. | Did I do my best?                          | YES | ОИ |

| 5.       | Were the people in the group kind to me?                     | YES   | ИО  |
|----------|--|-------|-----|
| 6.<br>7. | Was I criticized by anyone in the group? Why?                | YES   | ИО  |
|          |  |       |     |
| 8.       | Was I kind to everyone in my group?                          | YES   | ИО  |
| 9•       | Do I want to work.with this group again?                     | YES   | ИО  |
| 10.      | My comments:   |       |     |
| Sec      | tion B. Group Evaluation: How Did the Work Together?         | Group |     |
| 1.       | Did the group work quietly?                                  | YES   | ИО  |
| 2.       | Did the group keep to the topic being discussed?             | YES   | ИО  |
| 3.       | Did everyone do something in the group?                      | YES   | 110 |
| 4.<br>5. | Did everyone work together without conflict? Why or why not? | YES   | ИО  |
| 6.       | Do you feel anyone dominated the group?                      | YES   | мо  |
| 7.       | Was the project completed on time?                           | YES   | NO  |
| 8.       | Was the chairperson elected?                                 | YES   | ио  |
| 9.       | Was the group satisfied with the project?                    | YES   | NO  |
| 10.      | My comments:   |       |     |

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The Students' Evaluation of the Activities

Directions: Complete the following open-ended sentences with your own ideas concerning the Social Studies assignment just completed.

| I.  | WRI | TTEN SECTION  |
|-----|-----|---|
|     | Α.  | In dividing the work, I found   |
|     | В•  | If I had to do research from just books and magazines                                   |
|     | C.  | Doing most of the assignment in the classroom rather than at home                       |
|     | D.  | Finding information for the written section was   |
|     | Ε.  | I found writing footnotes was   |
|     | F.  | Writing a bibliography was  |
| ΥТ. | חמם | JECT SECTION  |
|     |     | The directions for the project were   |
|     | В•  | If I had a choice of doing another activity like this, I                                |
|     | C.  | The choices for the project section were  |
|     | D • | The part I enjoyed the most was   |
|     | E.  | I believe I learned these things: (Use the back of this sheet if more space is needed.) |
|     |     |   |
|     | F.  | The part I least enjoyed was  |

| III. | ORAL | PRE | SE | V | 7 | 1 | T | T | 0 | P | J |
|------|------|-----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|      |      |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

| A. | Giving an oral talk is                   |
|----|--|
| В• | Whenever I speak in front of the class,  |
| C. | Using audio-visual aids for an oral talk |
| D. | When I prepared for this oral talk,      |
| E. | Once the oral talk was over, I           |

# Booklet Writing Your Own Textbook

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Section 2. "The Only Thing We Have to Fear", Text, pages 60-69

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The San Francisco Earthquake The Hindenberg

"The Rights of Men"
Page 1

- I. The Right of Men
  - A. Three hundred years age a king would be feared feared by his subjects.
  - B. To disobey a king was sinful in those days.

- C. Englishmen said there was nothing new.
- D. In 1215 nobles forced King John to sign the Great Charter.

#### II. The Glorious Revolution

- A. People though it was terrible to plot against King James II.
- B. The "Glorious Revolution" was the talk of all Europe.
- C. Politics was on the minds of all people who wrote books about the government.

#### III. Locke and Law

- A. Locke was a writer.
- B. He was an Englishman who said the "Glorious Revolution" was needed.

#### IV. Hobbes and Monarchs

- A. Hobbes had grown up under an orderly English government.
- B. Centralized administration ran Europe.

"The Rights of Men"
Page 2

#### The Glorious Revolution

After 1688, with the signatures of King William and Queen Mary on the Bill of Rights and other acts protecting Parliament, the rule of law, or constitutionalism, was well established in England. Most people thought it was terrible to have plotted against King James II. Other people said the "Glorious Revolution" was needed to settle political problems for England.

Writing student contracts and independent study contracts on Antarctica and the Arctic. Since the idea of contract writing had been previously introduced, the students were enthusiastic to begin another contract. A filmstrip from the Cudahy Public Library entitled, "Northland", number 308, and books from several libraries furnished a basis for the contract introduction on the Arctic and Antarctica. A selected bibliography for Antarctica and the Arctic is provided at the end of this research paper. The contract writing followed the organization that was presented in appendix A, Materials for Writing Student Contracts and Independent Study Contracts. This assignment gave the students an opportunity to use their reading and study skills which had been learned previously.

Applying reading and study skills in either Language Arts or social studies. In a previous section various organizational and reading and study skills have been presented. In addition to these skills are several other reading and study techniques: (1) team learning, (2) D. E. P. Smith's Hypothesis Testing Pattern Steps, (3) Notetaking System for Learning or NSL, (4) Read, Encode, Annotate, and Ponder Strategy or REAP, and (5) Transformational Strategy: Manzo's Re-Quest Procedure.

Guiding pupils in the use of the textbook through team learning. Team learning is a means of guiding those who are able to read "only fifty to ninety percent of the words" in a textbook. Using the team learning approach originated with Durrell, each step will be presented in the outline that will follow.

Ralph C. Preston and Wayne L. Herman, Jr., Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School (New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., 1974), p. 389.

- The teacher will divide the class into teams of two to three students.
- II. Selection of the captain will depend upon good reading ability.
- III. The students would be given the teacher-prepared study guide which
  - A. Would list questions
  - B. Would cover the day's lesson.
- IV. The captain will read the questions aloud to the team members.
  - A. Each pupil will look for the answers in the textbook.
  - B. The answers will be given orally.
  - C. Questions would be discussed together.
  - D. The captain may consult an answer sheet whenever necessary.
  - E. The process will continue for each question written in the study guide.
  - F. Every student will answer every question.
  - G. The study guide will serve as a guide and not a test.
- V. The purposes for the study guide will be beneficial to the students.
- VI. The organization of the team learning technique will begin with the study guide.
  - A. Questions will be posed.
  - B. Alternatives will be provided by the students.
  - C. Discussion of the alternatives will be allowed.
  - D. The study guide will take the students "through procedures required for understanding the text-book."
- VII. The teams will be used only for textbook pages

<sup>1</sup> Ibid., p. 390.

that will be essential to the lesson rather than using the procedure daily.

VIII. Team learning is beneficial for literal meaning. 1

Developing the main ideas of a textbook through literal and inferential reading may be accomplished through the D. E. P. Smith's Hypothesis Testing Pattern Steps (H-T Pattern). In step one the students will read the first sentence and assume that it is the main idea. The second step will involve the students in reading the second sentence of the paragraph. Then, if the meaning of the first sentence is supported by the second sentence, the first sentence is assumed to be the main idea. If the first sentence is too narrow, the main idea would be broadened to include the second sentence's idea. The students continue to read and to take notes in the same manner as in steps one and two.

Notes should be taken in the following manner using the H-T Pattern or the Hypothesis-Testing Pattern.

TMI = Tentative Main Idea

TMI 1

TMI 2

TMI 3

TMI 4

Notetaking System for Learning or NSL. Palmatier has developed a Notetaking System for Learning or NSL which would provide the reader or listener with a method of taking reading and/or lecture notes and a systematic review of master notes. The notes would be organized in

lbid., pp. 390-391.

Lawrence E. Hafner, <u>Developmental Reading in the Middle and Secondary Schools: Coundations, Strategies, and Skills for Teaching (New York: Macmillan Publishing Co., Inc., 1977)</u>, pp. 224-225.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Ibid., p. 225.

the following manner. (1) The notes are written on one side of an eight and one-half inch by eleven inch piece of loose-leaf. (2) A left side three inch margin is added to lined paper having no margins. (3) Reading or lecture notes are written to the right of the margin. (4) After the notes are written, numbers and letter are written to identify the material. (5) In the left-hand margin the students would write labels that would correspond to the "segments of information recorded in the original notes." The labeling process would allow the students to complete "informational gaps" while material would be fresh in the students' minds. 2 (6) Next, students would insert reading notes into the appropriate positions in the left-hand margin using the corresponding numbers and letters from the original notes. (7) For study purposes the notes would be arranged by placing the second page on the first page and so on so that only the left-hand margin would be showing. The labels in the lefthand margin would be converted into questions by the students who would answer the questions and who would afterwards check their notes for the accuracy of the answer. When a page of notes would be mastered, it would be placed in an "I already know" stack.3

REAP. REAP is "a strategy for improving reading/writing/study skills" which was developed by Eanet and Manzo. Using the REAP strategy would involve four steps. First, the students read for the author's message or main idea which would be secondly encoded and organized in the students' own words. Third, the message would be written in notes using a summary, thesis, or formulating questions concerning the author's message or in other words, annotate the notes. The fourth step would result in pondering the

lpid., p. 180.

<sup>2&</sup>lt;sub>Tbid</sub>

<sup>3&</sup>lt;sub>Ibid.</sub>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Ibid., p. 179.

message which would be processed by thinking about the message, by studying it, and by discussing it. Therefore, REAP is an ancronym for Read, Encode, Annotate, Ponder.

Procedure. Manzo's Re-Quest Procedure has three purposes:
(1) the procedure will promote reading; (2) it will assist the students to read the material actively; and (3) it will provide an active learning situation for developing questions. By using the basic technique, the teacher would become a model for the students' questioning behavior. The students would ask questions about the textbook materials, and they would set a purpose for reading. The students would use the teacher as a model. The lesson would improve comprehension of what the students would be reading.

The students and the teacher will read the first sentence silently, and the teacher will close the textbook while the students ask the questions. The teacher will answer the questions and will require unclear students' questions to be rephrased. The teacher will ask the questions to add to the students' understanding (literal and interpretation), also. The same process will be used on the second sentence. During this process, both the students and the teacher will ask the questions and answer them (integration and evaluation). To improve the students' questioning, positive feedback would be beneficial. Reading will continue until the paragraph's meaning is grasped. Predictions may be made as to what the students think will happen next and why it would happen. This procedure would be continued with the second paragraph if the students needed further assistance in using the reading/ writing/study strategy. A follow-up activity would be useful.3

<sup>1</sup> Ibid. 2 Ibid., pp. 134-335. 3 Ibid., p. 135.

#### Conclusion

The aim of this research paper was not only to develop the thesis as thoroughly as possible but to (1) write the paper in such a manner that it could be read easily; (2) reading and study skills could be used on it; and (3) main points could be determined readily by the reader. Because time is precious and important points must be evaluated, analyzed, and organized by the reader in a limited amount of time, these objectives were planned. However, the successfulness of the thesis and the objectives set in this research paper may be evaluated by the individual reader.

#### APPENDIX A.

MATERIALS FOR WRITING STUDENT CONTRACTS AND INDEPENDENT STUDY GROUP CONTRACTS

#### Introduction

The materials presented on writing student contracts and independent study group contracts on the following pages are from information prepared by Anne M. Bell, Reading Specialist at Bell Junior High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. These materials were given to me by Mrs. Bell during the 1970-1971 school year.

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#### Student Contract Form

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### Explanation:

- A. Self-explanatory
- B. Manner or way in which the activity will be done:
  - 1. read 2. discuss -3. listen
- 5. construct 6. look at
- 7. other
- 4. write
- C. Knowledge student hopes to gain and the mechanics of producing the end results:
  - neatness 2. completeness 2. completeness3. learn to budget6. correct spelling7. develop good habits
- 5. well prepared
  - time well
- of work 8. learn to work
- 4. others
- independently

Contract No. The first one the student does is number 1,

the next, number 2, and so forth.

Contracts should be written in clear, complete sentences. It is not to be signed by the teacher until the form and the contents of the contract are satisfactory.

### Independent Study Group

The Contract and Its Evaluation

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|       | В.     | Teacher Evaluation:           |
|       |        | 1. Comments:                  |
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|       |        | 2. Things done well:          |
|       |        | 3. Areas needing improvement: |
|       | C.     | Date Evaluated                |
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#### Before You Even Write Your Contract. . .

- Clearly state the topic you will read and work on for your contract.
- 2. List carefully the materials you will use such as books, magazines, filmstrips, booklets, dioramas.
- 3. Decide on a reasonable starting date and finishing date.
- 4. Make a duplicate copy of the contract for your recorder or teacher.
- 5. Clearly think about and state your goals or objectives.
  Think to yourself:

I want to learn about so I will read (List materials.) . After I have read, I will concentrate on learning (Choose some particular thing or things to learn.) . I will show that I have learned it by (Tell what kind of product.) . (Be sure to include the materials you will use and the type of report: written, oral, model or gioraga.)

- 6. Decide on what kind of project you are going to do.
- 7. The following hints will help you know what is expected of you for each different type of project.
  - a. WRITTEN REPORT
    - (1) Use a booklet form with covers. Arrange it artistically.
    - (2) Make sure your booklet has a Table of Contents.
    - (3) Be sure to do all your writing in ink, and write on only one side of the paper.
    - (4) Make it interesting by using drawings, graphs pictures, maps, and other types of illustrations.
    - (5) Be sure you give credit to the authors by listing your sources of information in a bibliography
    - (6) Do the booklet neatly, completely, and originally. Avoid merely copying.
    - (7) Be sure the booklet report is free from errors in spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

#### b. ORAL REPORT

- (1) Use visual aids to make your report more interesting: slides, maps, pictures, posters, films.
- (2) Pick out the main details so that your report is no longer than five or ten minutes. (Usually you may not have a person's attention if the report takes too long.)
- (3) Present your report confidently: speak loudly and clearly.
- (4) Prepare well enough so you can "tell" the report not just read it.
- (5) Be creative and original.

  Try to think of new and better ways to share your ideas with other people.

#### c. MODELS AND DIORAMAS

- (1) Think very hard about your idea and be sure that the scene you show is a good example or illustration of that idea.
- (2) Make sure visitors know which book this scene is from by displaying the title prominently.
- (3) Write a short paragraph describing the scene.

  Tell the scene's importance to the whole book.

#### While You're Working on Your Contract. . .

Assuming that you've written a detailed, specific and challenging contract, you'll want to make sure you're using your time wisely and really getting the most out of your independent study. Here are two helps:

- Think over how you spend your day. Perhaps once a week, write down your thought and feelings about if you had a good day or if you had a bad day. Tell why. Does it seem that you're learning things and enjoying it? Are you making progress, or are you going too slowly? Keep these ideas on paper with your copy of the contract.
- 2. Decide on a time for a conference with your teacher. Set up an appointment for some time after your contract and the project have been completed. A good time might be the next class after you present your project.

You probably want to know how your teacher feels about all the work you did on your project and if your contract was a success. Here are some things your teacher and you will discuss at the conference.

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| Conference Date: | to          |

#### The Student's Use of Time:

- 1. Was there sufficient work completed?
- 2. Was it challenging?
- 3. Did it present that chance to grow and learn new things, or is the student in a rut?
- 4. Could the student have done more?
- 5. Did he choose a place to work that was good for him?
- 6. What could be done better next time?
- 7. Could the student do everything he said he would do in the contract?
- 8. Was the contract too easy?
- 9. Was the contract too vague?

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b. What good lessons did I learn about my work habits?

2. Teacher's comments (evaluation)

Student Signature

Teacher Signature

#### Guide to Contract Work

#### I. OBJECTIVES

To have the student:

- A. Become more independent.
- B. Be more responsible for making his or her own decisions.
- C. Develop and employ good habits of work.
- D. Challenge himself or herself to broaden the fields of interest by delving into different areas that have not been looked into before this.
- E. Use originality in preparing and presenting reports.
- F. Learn to use and employ wide use of the school resources such as the library and audio-visual aids.
- G. Evaluate his or her own work and how well the time was used while working independently.

#### II. CONFERENCE GUIDE

- A. Contract
  - 1. Topic clearly stated.
  - 2. Kind of project stated (oral, written, model or diorama).
  - 3. List of materials to be used (bcoks, magazines, filmstrips, and other materials) stated.
  - 4. Goals and objectives stated.
  - 5. Starting date and completion date stated.
  - 6. Contract neatly written.
  - 7. Two copies of the contract made or duplicated.

#### B. Completed Project

- 1. Written
  - a. Booklet form with covers
  - b. Table of Contents
  - c. Report in blue or black ink
  - d. One side of the paper used
  - e. Pictures, drawings, or other illustrations included
  - f. Sources of information given in a bibliography
  - g. Report is neat
  - h. Report is complete
  - i. Report is original, that is, not copied from printed matter without a footnote and preferrably expressed in own words

#### 2. Oral

- a. Use of visual aids
- b. Well organized with main idea evident
- c. Five to ten minutes long rather than being too lengthy
- d. Preparation thought out so that the report is told rather than read
- e. Creative and original way of presentation

#### 3. Models and dioramas

- a. Scene is a good illustration of the idea from the book.
- b. Title is displayed prominently.
- c. Short paragraph describes the scene.d. Ingenious use of construction materials

#### · III. Student Growth

- A. Responsiblity and Independence
  - 1. Sought help on own and needed little encouragement

  - 2. Displayed good habits of work3. Made good use of time4. Sufficient work completed in time allotted
  - 5. Made good use of school resources: library, audio-visual aids, community resources, other teachers, and other resources
  - Showed originality in preparing and presenting the report
- B. Areas Done Well
- C. Areas Which Needed Improvement

#### Rating Chart

#### I. CONTRACT

- A. Clearly stated topic
- B. Kind of project listed
- C. Materials to be used listed
- D. Starting and finishing dates listed
- E. Contract too easy
  F. Contract too vague

#### II. GENERAL

- A. Evidence time was well used
- B. Sufficient work completed in time allotted
- C. Could have done more work
  D. Make good use of school resources
- E. Well organized materials

#### III. PROJECT

- A. Work done neatlyB. Showed good organization and thoughtC. Showed originality in preparation or presentation
- D. Completed all work according to the contract
  E. Completed the contract on the due date
  F. WRITTEN REPORT

  1. Booklet form
  2. Organization
- - - a. Coverb. Table of Contents
    - c. Body

      - (1) Written neatly(2) Includes pictures, diagrams, or other illustrations
    - d. Neatness
    - e. Either blue or black ink was used
    - f. Written well
  - 3. Neatness
  - 4. Own words were used instead of copying word for word
  - 5. Correct spelling was used

#### · G. ORAL REPORT

- 1. Material well organized
- 2. Prepared
  - a. Spoke without hesitation
- b. Used notes only occasionally
- 3. Used visual aids
- 4. Creative
- 5. Not too long
- 6. Not copied word for word

#### H. DIORAMAS AND MODELS

- 1. Scene vivid
- 2. Name of book, article is clearly seen
- 3. Originality shown
  - **₹** Shown by use of materials
    - Shown by interpretation of the scene
- 4. Short paragraph telling about the scene

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

- A. What was done well?
- B. What could have been done better?

#### V. STUDENT

- A. Showed independence in work or projectB. Showed growth and maturity since the last contract

#### VI. RATINGS

- A. Very Good
  B. Good
  C. Satisfactory
  D. Poor
  E. Very Poor

### Student Contract Form

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APPENDIX B.

THE C. Y. F. W. D. AND A. O. C. PEST OR CAN YOU FOLLOW WRITTEN DIRECTIONS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS CORRECTLY TEST

#### Introduction

The material to be presented here is a fictitious test created by fictitious authors. The name of the test and the names of the authors are given to establish credibility with the students. The main purpose of this test is to determine how many students actually read the directions on a paper before they start doing the guestions before them.

A suggestion would be to set a predetermined time limit so the students work at a faster than normal speed and so that the students would not have an opportunity to possibly let others in on the secret of number 30.

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The C. Y. F. W. D. and A. Q. C. Test Created by Professors C. Direct and A. Q. Constant

Directions: Read each statement or question thoroughly.

Follow the directions as carefully as possible.

Do the test to your best ability.

Read everything carefully before doing anything.

- 1. Write your heading at the top of a sheet of paper in the upper right-hand corner.
- 2. Read each of the directions thoroughly before you do anything else.
- 3. Look at the clock and record the time.
- 4. How many people do you have in your family who live at home?
- 5. Record your best friend's age.
- 6. How many desks are there in the classroom?
- 7. Which subject do you enjoy the most?
- 8. Which subject would you like to see added to the school's study program?
- 9. In what direction is Lake Michigan?
- 10. What is your favorite radio station?
- 11. If you were given fifty dollars, what would you buy?
- 12. Put your first, middle, if any, and last initial on your paper next to number 12.
- 13. Write your Confirmation name next to your initials. If you do not have a Confirmation name, write the the word, name.
- 14. Name your two favorite television programs.
- 15. Give the title of a book you have read in the past year.
- 16. Give the title of a movie you would like to see or have seen.

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- 17. List three magazines your family or you usually buy.
- 18. Name your favorite magazine.
- 19. What is your favorite color?
- 20. What high school will you be going to or hope to be going to in the coming year?
- 21. If you could travel anywhere in the United States in the next year, where would you go? Choose two states or places.
- 22. Who is the person you most admire?
- 23. Name any hobbies you have. If you must limit yourself, name at least two hobbies.
- 24. What sport or sports do you participate in at school or with your friends outside of school?
- 25. List your favorite food.
- 26. What kind of design would you like to see on your stationery or note writing paper?
- 27. Have you ever been to Florida?
- 28. Have you ever been west of the Mississippi River?
- 29. If you could buy five items valued at a dollar each or less, what items would you buy?
- 30. After you have read all the statements or questions, answer only questions one, two, eight, and twentynine. Then, sit quietly until the time limit is called.

## APPENDIX C. THE NEW COPYRIGHT LAW OF 1978

The first of January nineteen-hundred and seventyeight not only began a new year, but also, new provisions concerning copying any materials from books, magazines, music, lyrics, records, and television programs.

Since the copyright law affects all citizens, it is particularly noticeable at the photocopy machines. Because most of these machines are available and usually unattended, notifications similar to this one found on a machine on February 2, 1978, may be a common occurrence from now on when you use a photocopy machine.

Copyright Law (Title 17 U.S. CODE)

Subsection 108 (f) (1):

Notice: The copyright law of the United States,
Title 17 U.S. Code, governs the making of
photocopies of copyrighted materials. The
person using this equipment is liable for any
infringement.

Personnel in charge of the schools' mass media and duplicating facilities are readily informing teachers of the importance of <a href="The Copyright Law">The Copyright Law</a>, 1978, Title 17 U.S. Code. Specific paragraphs were chosen from a bulletin distributed to teachers at an area high school.

<sup>1</sup> Copyright Law 17, subsec. 108 (f) (1), (1978). Cudahy, Wis.: Cudany Library 2 February 1978.

The new copyright law is a book by itself but only a very small part deals with teachers so here is a quick summary.

Section 106: The owner of a copyright has the exclusive rights to reproduce, edit, distribute, perform, and display.

Section 107: Fair use in education. A teacher may request a SINGLE copy of any copyrighted material if he or she is going to use it in teaching or preparation to teach. (This part of the law also applies to a student if he asks for a copy on his own and is not directed to ask).

A teacher may request Multiple copies for the classroom if A L L the following conditions are met. It must be brief (One chapter, or one poem, or one article). It must be spontaneous. (You just noticed the article and it will reenforce your point tomorrow; i.e. there is no time to get permission. You will not be able to demonstrate spontaneity semester after semester for the same article). Each copy includes a copyright notice.

Section 107: Prohibitions. Copying shall not be used to create or replace or substitute for a text. There shall be no copying of consumable i.e. workbooks, exercises, standardized tests, etc. Copying shall not substitute for purchase, be directed by higher authority, be repeated by same teacher, charged for over the actual cost.

Music people have a whole section of the law just for themselves; they should know it and understand it.

If you want to copy something check to see if it shows a copyright symbol: (C) or (P). If it doesn't, it is at most only a \$100 fine and probably no fine to copy it.

<sup>1</sup> Clark High, "The New Copyright Law," Brookfield, Wis.: Brookfield Central High School, 3 January 1978. (Mimeographed.)

Many copyrighted work sheets say right on them that it is ok for teachers to copy them.

The one part of the law that is not clear is video recording a TV show. We will make decisions on each individual request--some will be refused.

Write for permission to copy. In most cases you will get permission for a small fee. The school or department will have to budget for this in the future. If a publisher says no, or doesn't answer promptly, or the fee is too high, tell your librarian. She will be asked to report to the copyright office every five years to have the law revised. This is the only way teachers can have the law changed to fit their needs.

High is knowledgeable about the new law because he states on this mimeographed paper that "I have studied the law and have had 6 hours of class time on it." Therefore, he seems to be a creditable person to quote when knowledge of this law is necessary or the concern of a person in the field of education.

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<sup>2&</sup>lt;sub>Ibid.</sub>

A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SOURCES CONCERNING THE NEW COPYRIGHT LAW OF 1978

Copyright Law: Questions Teachers and Librarians Ask.

Washington, D. C.: American Library Association,
National Council of Teachers of English, and
National Education Association, 1977.

The address and cost of the material is as follows: Send two dollars to National Education Association Order Department
The Academic Building
Saw Mill Road
West Haven, Connecticut 06516.

Copyright Law 17, subsec. 108 (f) (1), (1978). Cudahy, Wis: Cudahy Library, 2 February 1978.

This notification was a typed one rather than an official notification from the government.

High, Clark. "The New Copyright Law." Brookfield, Wis.: Brookfield Central High School, 1978. (Mimeographed.)

Even though the information is found on two sides of one sheet of paper, the material is concise and informative.

The New Copyright Law: Questions Teachers and Librarians

Ask. Washington, D. C.: National Education

Association, American Library Association and

NCTE, 1978.

The address and cost of the material is as follows: Send two dollars to NEA 1201 16th Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20036.

of the material according to the 1978 copyright date.

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#### APPENDIX D. SENTENCE PATTERN CARD GAME

#### Directions for preparing the cards:

- 1. Cut 3" x 5" index cards in half.
- 2. Print the cards as the examples show in the following manner.

dog jump happy quickly (noun) (verb) (adj.) (adv.) adjective adverb

is in the house
(L. V.) (prep. phr.)
linking verb prepositional phrase

3. Have a large selection of nouns, verbs, adjectives, articles, adverbs, and prepositional phrases for more sentence variety.

Later on, you may want to add other words (parts of speech) for more complex sentence patterns. Also, noun clauses, infinitives, adjective and adverbial clauses could be put on cards in a similar manner as a prepositional phrase. In this way, students could see that clauses can be found in other areas of the sentence rather than thinking they just appear at the end of a sentence.

4. Have each deck consist of from forty to sixty cards for a N - V - N pattern. Other parts could be added later to increase the size of the deck. The number of nouns, verbs, and articles in the deck would be determined by the teacher. A possible breakdown for a forty card deck would be: twenty-five noun cards, ten verb cards, and five article cards.

SUGGESTIONS: It would be suggested that the game be played by the teacher to gain first hand knowledge of the game.

Before the game could be used in the classroom, the students should have an understanding of the basic

sentence patterns through oral and written work such as labeling parts of the sentence and writing sentences.

# Directions for playing the game:

- 1. Two, three, or four students at the most should be in a group, and they should be given a deck containing from forty to sixty cards to play the game unless the students are making their own cards. Then the index cards and material necessary should be provided or the students should be told ahead of time to bring the materials to class for making the game.
- 2. A basic sentence pattern for example a N V N pattern could be put on the board.
- 3. Each student in a group should be dealt four cards for the N V N pattern or one more card than the sentence pattern would need to be completed.
- 4. The remaining cards should be placed face down on the table.
  - a. The person to the left of the dealer would pick one card from the remaining cards on the table.
  - b. Then he or she would place the card he or she does not wish to use for the sentence pattern face down on the table next to the pile of remaining cards.
  - c. Each player will continue this until someone does make the desired sentence pattern with his or her cards.

# Directions for starting the game:

- At first, the sentence does not have to make sense, N V N dog caught home, as long as it fits the pattern. Then the students should make a sentence that has N V N meaning, dog ran home.
- 2. A list of sentence patterns could be put on the board with the number of points for each sentence pattern. Or the next page, examples of the points for certain sentence patterns will be provided.

| <u>Points</u> | Sentence Patterns         |  |  |  |  |
|---------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 5             | V <b>–</b> И              |  |  |  |  |
| 10            | N - V - N or $N - LV - N$ |  |  |  |  |
| 10            | N - V - Art. and N        |  |  |  |  |
| <b>1</b> 5    | N - V - Art. and $N$ plus |  |  |  |  |
|               | prep. phr.                |  |  |  |  |

3. The students would keep a record of their scores.

| Sentence Patterns  | Names |      |      |     |
|--------------------|-------|------|------|-----|
| •                  | John  | Joan | Jane | Sam |
| N - V - N          |       | •    |      | -   |
| N - V - Art. and N |       | •    |      |     |

- 4. The dealer would select the pattern and the number of points for each game, and the students would proceed on their own with the game as it was previously explained by the teacher.
- 5. During the first time the game is explained by the teacher, the students should play along in each of their groups. As the students continue on their own, questions would be answered by the teacher as he or she walks around the room viewing the playing of each of the groups.
- 6. NOTE: The teacher may wish to vary the game to fit his or her students' needs or the teacher's own needs.

# APPENDIX E. ONE HUNDRED ACTIVITY IDEAS

| 8.<br>9.                                      | Acrostic Advertisement writing Atlas work Banner making Baseball quiz Bibliography writing Brochures Bulletin boards Captioning Cartooning | 40.<br>41.<br>42.<br>43.                      | Flashcards Folders Forums Free verse Games Gestures Graphs  |
|---|--|---|---|
| 12.<br>13.<br>14.<br>15.<br>16.<br>17.<br>18. | Case studies Celebrations Chalk talks Chart making Check lists Choral reading Clay modeling Collage Collections Comic strip drawing        | 48.<br>49.<br>50.<br>51.<br>52.<br>53.<br>54. | Group drawing Group reports Group research Group sculpture Group writing Guest speakers Illustrations Indexing Interviews Lecture |
| 22.<br>23.<br>24.<br>25.<br>26.<br>27.<br>28. | Craft use Creative drama Creative music Creative writing Dance Debate panel Definitions Demonstrations Diary Drawings                      | 58.<br>59.<br>60.<br>61.<br>62.<br>63.<br>64. | Library projects<br>Maps  |
| 32.<br>33.<br>34.                             | Drills Exhibits Experiments Field trips Film making  | 66.<br>67.<br>68.<br>69.<br>70.               | Open-ended questions<br>Opinion poll  |

Lynne Wrocklage, "Catechetical Methods," Religion Teacher's Journal 7 (February 1973): 44.

- 71. Overhead projection
- 72. Pageants 73. Painting 74. Panels
- 75. Pantomime
- 76. Paper sculpture
- 77. Paraphrasing
- 78. Periodical use 79. Photography 80. Pictures

- 81. Plays
- 82. Poems
- 83. Printing
- 84. Pro and con discussions
- 85. Projects
- 86. Puzzles
- 87. Questionnaire
- 88. Questions and answers
- 89. Quotations
- 90. Radio use; radio script
- 91. Records 92. Replicas

- 92. Replicas
  93. Scrolls
  94. Self-evaluation
  95. Slides and slide making
  96. Story telling
  97. Tape recordings
  98. Television script writing
  99. Travel brochure
  100. Twenty questions

### APPENDIX F. TELEVISION UNITS

### Introduction

The materials presented on television units on the following pages were prepared by John Boland, coordinator of the teachers' resource center, intern teacher coordinator, and teacher at Parkman Junior High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during the 1970—1971 school year. These materials were given to me by Mr. Boland during the 1970—1971 school year.

Mr. Boland encouraged teachers to add their own ideas to anything they used from the resource center since he seemed to believe that the teacher's creativity was important and should be shared with others. Therefore, any teachers who happen to find these materials useful for their purposes should feel free to supplement the Television Unit and the Television, Newspaper, and Radio Advertising Unit with their own ideas and share these ideas with their colleagues.

### Television Unit

It is safe to assume that the children watch a lot of television. This may be put to good use in the Language Arts classroom.

- Journal or Milwaukee Sentinel or a TV Guide and post it. Point out daily the programs that the students should watch.
  - A. Criteria for selecting "good" programs should be set up by the <u>students</u>.

    This would then order points of reference for criticism purposes.
  - B. Students could be grouped by rows or by some other method and they could review the television show previews in the paper, and then the group would give a weekly report such as making recommendations for viewing.
    - 1. Role playing
       A radio broadcast could be produced.
       "This is WWWQ your happy radio station
       with the news of the day."
    - 2. A panel being interviewed by the rest of the class could be accomplished.
    - 3. Written weekly reports on duplicating masters could be given to the class to be used as a guide to television viewing. These duplicated television reports could be shared with another class.
- II. Write a TV Guide for junior high school students according to their interests.
  - A. Include advertisements
  - B. Bring copies of the <u>TV Guide</u> to class as examples
  - C. Include drawings of stars, an article of special interest, and other similar ideas
- III. Create post-program critiques.
  - A. With recommendations in mind all students could be asked to watch a particular program.

    The next day, according to criteria the students previously established, the class would be asked to evaluate the program.

- B. Emphasize listening techniques.
  Have students measure their comprehension of what occurred in the television procram.
- C. Refer to the book, <u>Techniques of Value Clarification</u>, for ideas on now to encourage students to take positions with respect to the program.
- IV. Develop writing activities with a television program as a springboard.
  - A. Different ending
  - B. Letter to the company that sponsored the program and tell them about the program
  - C. Different setting: time and location

The Television Unit and the unit to follow, the Television, Newspaper, and Radio Advertising Unit, may be used together or separately depending upon the decision of the teachers using these materials.

### Television, Newspaper, and Radio Advertising Unit

I. Student analysis of commercials

Advertisers use rhythmical chants to catch interest and attention.

For example, these are familiar slogans heard on commercials:

"Pan Am makes the going great."

"It's what's up front that counts."

- A. Students could be asked to <u>list</u> as many of these rhythmical chants as possible.
  - 1. The lists could then be compiled and duplicated for all the students in the class.
  - 2. This should be done by the students.
- B. Students could then be asked questions, such as
  - Do you notice anything about the rhythm of these phrases.
  - 2. Why are all of them set to music?
  - 3. What other qualities make them stick in our memory?

- C. Have the students evaluate the ethical quality of these advertisements
  - 1. Do the ads get people to buy the items they do not need?
  - 2. Should there be a control on advertisements?
  - 3. If there should be a control on advertisements, what kind of control should be used?
- D. Refer to the book, Techniques for Value Clarification, for specific activities to encourage the students to deal with these value questions.
- II. Students should make up a product and sell it using advertisements.
  - A. These ads could then be
    - 1. Developed into a radio broadcast
    - 2. Staged as if they were on television
    - 3. Written in script form as for a play
    - 4. Written as if they were for a magazine
    - 5. Taped on a cassette recorder and then played back
    - 6. Draw pictures
  - B. The students could evaluate the affect of each others ads.
- III. A speaker to discuss advertising could be asked to talk to the class.
- IV. Filmstrips on advertising and propaganda could be borrowed.

### APPENDIX G. TELEVISION LESSON PLAN.

An example of a television lesson plan for the fifth episode of the commercial television series, "America," will be presented to assist teachers in planning their lessons for television.

### "Gone West"

### I. Objectives

- A. Content objectives 1
  - Significant settlement west of the Appalachian Mountains did not occur for almost two hundred years after the arrival of the first English colonists.
  - 2. The Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of the United States.
  - 3. The "forty-niners' " spirit of adventure and perseverance was an important part of American life.
- B. Performance objectives<sup>2</sup>
  - Label and number on a map the territorial expansion of the United States in the sequence in which the expansion took place.
  - 2. Complete a chart comparing and contrasting the motivation
    - a. Of the pioneers who settled west of the Appalachian Mountains
    - b. Of the pioneers who went, west to California in the 1850's

John P. Neal, Martin W. Sandler, and Nelson B. Nugent, Study Guide to Accompany the Television Series (Lexington, Mass.: Gian & Co.), p. 17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ibid. Written in behavioral objectives.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Ibid. Written in behavioral objectives.

### II. Relationship

According to the teacher's study guide, the overall objective of the series, "America," was determined, as Cooke pointed out, that the United States was in the growing process and how this growth could promote meaning and guidance for now and for the future. In this lesson there was a westward movement and a westward expansion in the United States which led to the beginning of the nation's growth on a large scale. The people and what motivated them to move west of the Appalachian Mountains were viewed.

## III. Materials

- A. Preparation for the televised lesson
  - 1. Draw a map of the United States with the territories added after the thirteen colonies were settled on a duplicating master without labeling the territories
  - 2. Prepare a chart for the students to complete with notes from the television lesson
  - 3. Write the questions for the lesson on the chalkboard or have them duplicated for each student
  - 4. Duplicate enough maps, charts, and questions for everyone in the class
  - 5. Make a list of the expectations for the oral and/or written reports with the students
  - 6. Collect these materials:
    - a. Map of the United States at the present
    - b. Map of the United States showing the territorial expansion
    - c. Overhead projector, screen, and pointer if the maps are transparencies
    - d. Compass
    - e. Pictures
      - (1) Camping equipment from a catalogue
      - (2) Wilderness areas of Canada, the United States, and Wisconsin
- B. Preparation for the follow-up lesson
  - Have each follow-up question written on an index card
  - 2. Divide the class into four groups after the telecast
    - a. Assign the students to their groups
    - b. Have each group develop an answer for their question by
      - (1) Choosing a secretary to take notes
      - (2) Selecting a representative to report to the class the answer that the group has developed for their one question

### IV. Introduction

- A. The lesson will be introduced to the students by posing these questions:
  - 1. If you were going on a camping trip into a less populated are like the Northwest Territory of Canada, what would you need for the trip?
  - 2. Why are each of these items necessary for your survival?
  - 3. What type of adventures would you expect to have?
  - 4. Suppose you ran out of food and had to live there for one more week, what would you do?
- B. Compare this experience to the time of the early American settlers.
- C. A class discussion of the questions and a brainstorming session would follow after the questions were introduced.
- D. Pictures of camping equipment from a catalogue and pictures of wilderness would be shown to the students to help them visualize the area of the camping trip.
- V. Information

The material that this lesson will present is as follows:

- A. Virtues of Daniel Boone
- B. Survival of the early settlers
- C. Acquistion of the Louisiana Territory
  - 1. Controversial acquistion
  - 2. Made between President Jefferson and Napoleon
  - 3. Exploring of the Louisiana Purchase by Lewis and Clark
- D. Fur trapping
- E. Discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill
  - 1. Rush west to California
  - Vignettes about the etymology of the cities' names along the westward trail
- VI. Questions and Ideas
  - A. Classroom teachers' questions
    - 1. What is a frontier?
      - a. Are there any frontiers in America today? Explain.
      - b. Why were the Great Plains the last large area to be permanently settled?

<sup>1</sup> Ibid., p. 20.

- 2. Why was salt important to those who traveled westward across the Appalachian Mountains?
- 3. What was the effect of the discovery of gold on the settlement of the American West?
- 4. What is the difference between the phrases, "the westward expansion" and "the westward movement" ?-
- Students questions that may be asked
  - 1. Why didn't the settlers move north or south?
  - 2. How did the pioneers manage to stay alive on the Great Plains?
  - What happened to the people after the gold was gone?

#### Suggested Activities VII.

- A. Follow-up activities
  - 1. Reports and/or projects

    - a. Napoleon
      b. California in the 1800's
      c. Pioneer life
      d. The Gold Rush
      e. Lewis and Clark
      f. Daniel Boone
      g. Indian situation in the 1800's
      h. President Thomas Jefferson
      i. Survival skills needed by the n i. Survival skills needed by the pioneers
  - 2. Footprints of exploration
    - a. Trace your foot on two pieces of paper
    - b. Use one paper foot for drawing a picture of an explorer or something about his exploration
    - c. Use the other paper foot for a short written report on the explorer and his exploration
    - d. Mount both feet on construction paper or cardboard
    - Attach the paper feet to the bulletin
  - board 3. Draw a map of the territorial expansion of the United States from 1776-1960
  - 4. Label on a map each states year of entrance into the Union
  - 5. Small group work
  - 6. Time line showing the United States . acquistion of new territories and states admitted to the Union

<sup>1</sup> Ibid., p. 20.

- Relationship to other classroom subjects
  - l. Music
    - a. Musical instruments of the time
    - b. Songs sung around the campfire
  - 2. Social Studies and Health (First Aid)
    - a. Prepare an emergency survival kit to keep in the family's car
    - · b. Prepare a pet emergency survival kit for a dog, cat, rabbit, or animal of similar size
  - 3. Language Arts
    - a. Locational skills
    - b. Reading and study skills
    - c. Spelling skills
  - d. Writing skills
  - 4. Mathematics

Compute how many miles the pionerrs traveled to Sutter's Mill from the state of Virginia

5. Science and Geography

Wildlike and the natural boundaries encountered by the pioneers on their travels

Art

Construct or draw

- a. A scene of Sutter's Mill
- b. A picture of the wilderness
- c. A scene of the prairie the settlers crossed
- d. A scene of how the settlers traveled westward
- e. The animals encountered by the settlers
- f. The vegetation encountered by the settlers

### VIII. Suggested Readings

- A. Pages marked in several textbooks; list would be duplicated and posted
- B. Collection of newspaper and magazine articles from home file cabinet
- C. Encyclopedia of the United States' History
- D. Books, audio-visual materials, and other materials from the library

#### Assignments and/or Homework IX.

- A. Map illustrating the territorial expansion of the United States
- B. Chart comparing and contrasting why the pioneers settled west of the Appalachian Mountains or why they went to California in the 1850's instead
- C. Written or oral report on the settlers' survival
- X. Tests or Check-up Actavity

Each assignment (IX.) will be evaluated.

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