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Name an instructional resource that has high student appeal, is always current, develops higher level thinking skills, is written on a wide range of reading levels, encourages further reading, and can be used in all areas of the curriculum. There is probably such a resource only a few feet from where you are right now. It's the newspaper. If you haven't used the newspaper in your classroom, prepare yourself for a learning experience that will make you wonder why you haven't tried it earlier.

Newspapers can be used to teach reading, social studies, science, mathematics and art from early elementary grades through the college level. There are those who would agree that there isn't an area of the school curriculum where the newspaper would not have value as a tool for instruction. In many classrooms it is the major resource for teaching *"critical thinking and problem-solving skills."*

Each month, Newspaper in Education publishes a newsletter, *"Update NIE,"* describing a variety of educational programs that have been proven successful. Most of the topics are written by those who were responsible for their implementation and subscribers to the newsletter are always

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provided with a source for obtaining additional information on programs of special interest to them. Topics in past issues have included: Tuscon's *"Extended Day,"* a high school program using newspapers in alternative educational programs in Tuscon, Arizona; an inservice for teachers on how law-related issues can be taught through the newspaper to students in grades 5-12; and how the NIE program at the New Castle (Pa.) News recently published a magazine aimed at preventing child abuse.

To become a subscriber to *"Update NIE,"* contact:

ANPA Foundation
The Newspaper Center
Box 17407, Washington Dulles
International Airport
Washington, D.C. 20041
(703) 620-9500

NIE discounts make newspapers available to schools at low cost. A comprehensive array of materials frequently accompany the subscription. These instructional resources include well thought out teaching aides designed to be used with copies of the daily newspaper. Most of these materials are generic and can be used with just about any newspaper that is available. In addition, many newspapers offer free tours and inservice/workshop seminars.

The **Detroit News**, for example, makes available the NIE Newspaper In Education Resource Unit containing hundreds of lessons, activities and ideas for grades 3-12, which include eleven different curricular areas from language arts and reading to home economics, nutrition and art. In addition, there are NIE filmstrips, Education Activity Cards and Independent Study cards...all covering a wide variety of newspaper topics.

For additional information contact:
The Detroit News
Educational Services Department
615 Lafayette Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48231
(313) 222-2492

The **Detroit Free Press** has so many different kinds of materials which teachers may choose from that choices will only be limited by the quantity of newspapers ordered. Like the **Detroit News**, every subject area is included from kindergarten through adult education.

The Free Press Educational Services Department is the largest NIE operation in Michigan.

Send inquiries to:
Detroit Free Press
Educational Services
321 W. Lafayette Blvd., Rm. 1144
Detroit, MI 48231
(313) 222-6411

Many Michigan Educators have found the curriculum guides and weekly filmstrip service of the **Lansing State Journal** to meet the educational need of their elementary, middle and high school students. "Teacher's Manual No. 2" is ideal for providing secondary students with a comprehensive and interesting study of the community.

Write:
Lansing State Journal
120 E. Lenawee
Lansing, MI 48919

The **New York Times** has two curriculum guides which are ideal for developing and practicing Social Studies skills and introducing journalism at both the high school and college levels. Other curriculum guides cover topics in Political Science, Economics, Business Administration, Marketing, Accounting, Advertising, Computer Technology and Criminal Justice.

Contact:
The New York Times
Newspaper-in-Education Program
P.O. Box 508
Hackensack, N.J. 07602-9983
1-800-631-2500

Colorful **USA Today** introduces students to the role satellites play in newspaper printing. Teachers can choose from a variety of free "Classline Curriculum Guides" when classroom sets of **USA Today** are purchased.

Send to:
USA Today
P.O. Box 500 - CL
Washington, D.C. 20044
1-800-368-3024 Ext. 5316

The above lists only some of the sources which supply NIE materials for classroom use. Additional ideas for including NIE activities in your classroom will be available at the annual **Newspaper In Education** workshop co-sponsored by the **Michigan Reading Association, Battle Creek Enquirer, Ann Arbor News, Lansing State Journal, Detroit Free Press, Michigan Press Association and Michigan State University's School of Journalism**. This event will be held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids on January 25, 1986.

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