

# Using the News to Teach Social Studies

1. Place news items or pictures about each state on a large outline map of the United States. See how many states you can find in the news in two weeks.
2. Chart community crimes for one-week using reports and articles in this newspaper. Chart the type of crime, age of the criminal, location, etc.
3. Travel by means of the newspaper. Clip pictures of a country. Find articles and check the weather page for weather conditions in your chosen country. Then write a story about the things you might do and see if you visited that country.
4. Write an editorial on a topic of controversy for the period of history you are studying. Study some of the editorials in today's newspaper before doing this activity.
5. Research good and bad relationships between the United States and other countries. Try to categorize the reason these relationships may exist.
6. Using the newspaper, give some names and titles of international and political leaders. Describe their roles, as you understand them from articles you have read.
7. Read an article or editorial in the newspaper. Draw a political cartoon that represents the article.
8. Find and read newspaper articles concerning pollution, overpopulation or major social problems. Make a list of the various items or the social problem you have selected. List some reasons that these articles are carried in the newspaper. Prepare a poster or write an essay telling how you would deal with solving this social problem.
9. Use news stories to teach new words related to geography, such as delta, monsoon, panhandle, harbor and terrain. Discuss the way the words are used in newspaper stories.
10. Find examples of the Bill of Rights in action as expressed in articles in today's news. What articles would not be in the newspaper if we didn't have freedom of speech or the right to a fair trial?