

# Post-Tribune

NORTHWEST INDIANA'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

## Resource Material Catalog 2006 - 2007 Newspaper in Education Program

### TEACHERS...

Are you looking for a fresh and dynamic approach to instruction? The most exciting, current and flexible textbook may be right at your fingertips...your Post-Tribune! The Post-Tribune Newspaper In Education program can help students at any level succeed. Versatile and broad-based, the Post-Tribune as an instructional tool provides the vital link between theory and reality...a link that your students need to make their learning come alive!

### Inexpensive and Relevant to Students

As a special service to teachers, the Post-Tribune provides newspapers at the educator's rate of only 15 1/2 cents per copy for a minimum order of 5 copies per day, one day per week for at least five weeks. Financial help is also available to get the newspaper on the days you want.

### Workshops and Support Services We Offer

Our services don't stop when the newspapers are delivered to your school. You'll receive periodic updates, seasonal teaching activities, and information on new materials and our special sections.

### Really Gets Kids to LEARN the State Standards

Newspaper In Education meets Indiana Academic Standards across the entire range of curriculum, and it engages children as they read and respond to issues real to them and their community right now.

### Reading and Writing Build Better Students and Better Citizens

The greatest gift we can ever give a child is the ability to continue to learn after they leave us. Daily reading and interaction on issues in their world builds critical thinking skills and involved citizens.

### Post-Tribune/Indiana University Stock Market Game

No stock market experience necessary!

The Stock Market Game gives students an introduction to the exciting world of Wall Street and an understanding of the U.S. economy. Each team of two to five students receives an imaginary \$100,000 to invest. The object of the simulation is to accumulate as much money as possible during a ten-week period in competition with other area students. Students use the Post-Tribune to follow stocks, current events and changes in the business world which influence decisions to buy or sell.

The fall simulation starts in October 2006 with a registration deadline of October 2, 2006. The spring simulation starts in February, 2007 with a registration deadline in January, 2007. The simulation is open to upper elementary, middle, and high school students.

Free resource materials and a training workshop are provided for teachers. Cost per team is \$15.00 (minimum two teams per school).

### Pigskin Geography and Slam Jam Geography

Again this year, we'll be offering our geography programs which team up the Post-Tribune with the NFL and NBA to teach U.S. geography. With these programs, your students follow the football and basketball action around the country. You'll receive a teacher's guide containing weekly quizzes, answer keys, teaching suggestions, interdisciplinary activities, study guides, a bonus sports/history quiz and special math and family-oriented activities.

Pigskin runs September 4, 2006 through December 11, 2006 (Monday deliveries).

Slam-Jam runs from January, 2007 through April, 2007 (Monday deliveries). Both programs are \$15.00 each.

**Use the Post-Tribune to supplement your curriculum!**

# RESOURCE MATERIALS

*Note: Numbers in parentheses indicate approximate grade range. All Post-Tribune NIE curriculum resources are designed to help educators use the newspaper as an effective supplement to their lesson plans and materials. Teachers should feel free to adapt activities according to the skill level of their particular groups of students.*

## *NIE Introductory Materials*

### **1. EXPLORING YOUR WORLD WITH NEWSPAPERS (4-10) Teacher Resource**

A variety of general activities to get you and your students started with the newspaper as a learning resource.

### **2. READING FIRST! NIE (K-5) Teacher Resource**

New! Phonics and phonemic activities based on No Child Left Behind Guidelines.

### **3. ISRA NIE WEEK GUIDES (3-5 with K-2 and 6-12 adaptations) Teacher Resource**

Activities in comprehension and critical thinking from the Indiana State Reading Assn., keyed to Indiana Standards.

Annual -- several past years are available.

## *Younger Grades (Pre-K through Primary)*

### **4. PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

Worksheets are available for parent or daycare use in reading and concept fundamentals. Call Post-Tribune NIE for details.

### **5. ACTIVITY CARD SET (K-6)**

218 activity cards for use with all sections of the newspaper. Reinforcement activities focus on science, math, language arts, and social studies.

### **6. NEWSPAPER FUN WITH GARFIELD (1-3) Activity Card Set**

45-card set for use with primary students focuses on math, language arts and science newspaper activities.

### **7. IT'S NIE FOR K-3 -- Teacher Resource**

60 reproducible pages plus supplemental activities for classroom or home, in language arts, writing, social studies, science, health, and math.

### **8. DINOSAURS AND THE NEWSPAPER (K-5) Teacher Resource**

72 reproducible activities use dinosaurs to study about prehistory, the earth's origins, fossils and fossil clues, the first birds, reptiles, and mammals, relating each prehistory science lesson to today's world; includes a glossary and a prehistoric time chart.

### **9. NIE...IT'S ELEMENTARY (K-6) Teacher Resource**

Over 70 reproducible activities in language arts, social studies, and mathematics.

### **10. ALPHABET ANIMAL SAFARI (K-2) Student Exercise Section**

Teaches the alphabet with African animals; includes suggested reading list.

### **11. READY, SET, GO! (2-7) Student Exercise Section**

A variety of learning activities and subjects designed to help students achieve federal learning standards.

## *Grade School – Middle School*

### **12. USING THE NEWSPAPER IN UPPER ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE GRADES**

(5-9) Teacher Resource -- 50 lessons for enhancing most curricula using the newspaper.

### **13. READ ON! (3-10) Student Exercise Section**

Suggested reading lists in a variety of topics and skill levels, with tips on reading methods; helps a student to plan their own reading program.

### **14. READ ALL ABOUT IT! (3-7) Teacher Resource**

Current events activities with a geography focus.

### **15. WRITING WITH THE NEWSPAPER (K-8) Teacher Resource**

A 25-page book of instructional activities aimed at improving writing skills by incorporating the use of the newspaper.

### **16. USING THE NEWSPAPER TO TEACH READING SKILLS (4-12) Teacher Resource**

27 Activities directed at reinforcing students' comprehension skills, organized for primary, intermediate and secondary grade levels.

### **17. ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS PROFICIENCY TESTING: How to use the Newspaper to Prepare Middle-School Students (5-8) Teacher Resource**

Over 50 reproducible activities.

### **18. CITIZENS TOGETHER (4-10) Teacher Resource**

Explores issues of citizenship using the current-events setting provided by the newspaper.

### **19. SECURING THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY (7-12) Teacher Resource**

The Bill of Rights studied through the use of the newspaper.

### **20. INTERMEDIATE GRADES ACTIVITY CARDS MS/LA/SS**

A series of three activity card sets for use in grades 5-9, covering math and science, language arts and social studies. Each set offered individually.

### **21. NEWSPAPERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT (3-8) Teacher Resource**

Activities teach basic environmental concepts using the newspaper.

## *Middle School – High School*

### **22. ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS PROFICIENCY TESTING: How to use the Newspaper to Prepare Middle-School Students**

Lesson Plans and Worksheets. Includes Standards. From the Indiana Newspaper in Education Foundation.

### **23. FROM WRITERS TO READERS: NIE WRITERS WORKSHOP**

Writing and Communication skill development using responsive and issues writing. From the Newspaper Association of America.

### **24. READING REALITIES (5-12) Teacher Resource**

73 activities use the newspaper in the development of reading skills: skimming, distinguishing fact from opinion, finding the main idea, interpreting editorials, analyzing them etc.

### **25. MATHEMATICS IN THE NEWS (4-12) Teacher Resource**

Activities include simple geometry, measurement, ratios, cross-products, percentages, range, mean, median and mode while using grocery and other retail advertising, classified advertising, financial news and indexes, sports pages, weather information and comics.

### **26. MATH NEWS (5-10) Teacher Resource**

Activity ideas to help in attaining math standards.

### **27. USING THE NEWSPAPER IN SECONDARY SOCIAL STUDIES (7-12) Teacher Resource**

Uses the newspaper as a resource tool for history, economics, government and geography. A section with additional worksheets is also included.

### **28. AND TIME MARCHES ON (Current Events) (6-12) Teacher Packet**

This curriculum guide provides an excellent variety of activities in the study of current events through the newspaper.

### **29. CHALLENGES AND CHOICES (6-12) Teacher Resource**

Activities guide students in analyzing community and national issues from a perspective of technology and politics.

### **30. JUST THINK! (5-12) Teacher Resource**

Activities to develop critical thinking skills using the newspaper.

### **31. NEWSPAPERS: EXPLORING THE DIMENSIONS OF THINKING (7-12) Teacher Resource**

Critical thinking activities based on structure and content of news stories.

### **32. IN MY OPINION (7-12) Teacher Resource**

Persuasive writing using the newspaper

### **33. NIE WRITERS WORKSHOP (5-12) Teacher Resource**

Creative writing exercises using the newspaper.

### **34. GEOGRAPHIC CHALLENGE (3-12) Teacher Resource**

Through business, advertising, sports, weather, comics and front page news, students get a taste of basic geography and the importance of geographic literacy in our daily lives.

### **35. SCIENCE IN THE NEWS (5-12) Teacher Resource**

70 activities in the earth sciences, health/nutrition, the environment, careers, technology and general science.

### **36. USING THE NEWSPAPER IN SECONDARY SCIENCE (7-12) Teacher Resource**

Activities for critical thinking skills in science using the newspaper.

### **37. WATER: From Here to Eternity and Back Again (4-11) Student Exercise Section**

Ecology and the water cycle with activities in math, science, and language arts.

### **38. NIE ADVANCED ACTIVITIES** Packet of activities & worksheets for older or more experienced students.

## *Sports*

### **39. ON THE SIDELINES (4-12) Teacher Resource**

These motivating activities focus on use of the sports pages for application of skills in a variety of curriculum areas, including language arts, math, science and social studies.

### **40. FOOTBALL FAN FARE (4-12) Teacher Resource.**

Creative football-themed activities in the content areas of language arts, social studies, science and math. The guide can be used to follow professional, collegiate and high school football. Use in Fall, with "Hoops!" in spring.

### **41. HOOPS (4-12) Teacher Resource**

Like Football Fan Fare, Hoops is a motivating and relevant guide containing exciting graphics, and precise instructions for using the newspaper in the classroom and practical applications

for a variety of curriculum areas. It may be used in following basketball news at any level (high school prep, collegiate, amateur and professional).

## *Consumer And Life Skills Education*

### **42. PROJECT MONEYSMART (1-12) Teacher Resource**

6-week unit from The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, teaches basic economics and relates to how the world and local economy affect students, with critical thinking skill development.

### **43. CONSUMER CHOICES AND SPENDING (7-Adult) Teacher Resource**

Becoming a smart consumer using basic economic principals.

### **44. LIFE SKILLS IN THE NEWS (6 – Adult) Teacher Resource**

4 sections; activities in Life Essentials, Language & Communication, Lifestyles, and Success. Each section provides comprehensive applications for development of consumer skills.

### **45. TAKE IT TO THE BANK! (4-11) Student Exercise Section**

Activities illustrate concepts of money, exchange, banking, savings, and investment.

### **46. YOUR KEY TO BETTER LIVING: Using the Newspaper in Adult Education Classes (HS – Adult) Teacher Resource**

– Activities in life skills and career exploration.

### **47. SPEAKING OF LANGUAGE (General ESL) Teacher Resource**

A general guide for using the newspaper in English as a Second Language studies; seven sections include Structure, Speaking, Listening, Comprehension, Writing, Reading, Culture and Vocabulary. An extension implementation plan is also included to provide special direction to the second language teacher or tutor.

## *Special Topics*

### **48. ELECTIONS (4-12) Teacher Resource**

Activities are organized by general themes including Rights and Responsibilities, The Electoral Process, The Candidates, and Issues at federal, state and local levels, The Role of the Media in Elections, and Election Day Returns and Reflections.

### **49. ELECTION PRIMARY (1-4) Teacher Resource**

Election Basics for primary students: Simple activities in a variety of curriculum areas are provided, so even the youngest of the school population will be able to learn about the election process.

### **50. CELEBRATE DIVERSITY! (4-12) Teacher Resource**

65 pages of activities to help students understand and appreciate history, culture and contributions of diverse cultural groups, including groups to which they belong. Units provide students with experiences in communication, negotiating and cooperating with others to solve interpersonal and intergroup problems. Uses the newspaper to provide current examples of issues facing individuals, communities and nations. Students read, write, discuss and apply critical strategies. Appropriate for grades 4-12.

### **51. EXPLORING DIVERSITY (4-11) Student Exercise Section**

Thought-provoking activities in diversity awareness; can be used with "Celebrate Diversity".

### **52. ALL TOGETHER NOW (5-10)**

Activities and writing ideas in multicultural awareness. From the Newspaper Association of America.

### **53. WE CELEBRATE OUR DIFFERENCES (4-8)**

8 Multicultural Awareness exercises. From the Newspaper Association of America.

**54. ETHICS: EVERYDAY HEROES (3-11)** Simple lessons, worksheets, and activities in ethics and self-esteem. From the Heroes and Dreams Foundation.

**55. EVERY KINDNESS (4-8)** Lessons and activities in the philosophy of kindness and how kindness is returned.

**56. GENERATION FIX MAKES A DIFFERENCE (4-12)** Activities in community service. From USA Weekend Magazine and National Make a Difference Day.

**57. A PLAN FOR ALL SEASONS (3-7) Teacher Resource** Activities to let students learn about other cultures through the study and comparison of holiday traditions; 12 activities per season and 32 supplemental activities covering all seasons.

**58. AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES** We have very limited supplies of several previous Special Sections for Black History Month - Call or e-mail for more information.

**59. WORDS OF HERITAGE: WRITING BLACK HISTORY (5-12) Student Section - With Teacher Guide** Students research and write about figures from black history to understand different historical periods and trends.

**60. CHARACTER EDUCATION AND THE NEWS (5-12) Teacher Resource** Students will discover definitions and real-life examples of autonomy, responsibility, loyalty, altruism, respect, compassion, integrity, perseverance, tolerance, courage, fairness, faith, reverence, love and friendship in the advertising features, news, photos and comic strips.

**61. CHARACTER EDUCATION (4-10) Student Exercise Section with Teacher Guide** Explores the relationship between positive personal values and community values. Good complement to "Character Education and the News".

**62. EVERYDAY HEROES (5-12) Teacher Resource** Activities to help students develop problem-solving skills for daily living in a character-development context.

**63. EVERYDAY KINDNESS (5-10) Student Exercise Section with Teacher Guide** Activities to develop a sense of common courtesy and civility in relationships.

**64. THE SUNDAY EDITION (5-12) Teacher Resource** Activities focus on Sunday newspaper features, including feature writing, entertainment directories (television, arts, film), comics, news coverage, editorials, travel, and news magazines.

**65. ART CONCEPTS IN THE NEWS (5-12) Teacher Resource** Provides teachers with a variety of art concepts that can be applied through use of the newspaper, with career explorations and the importance of art in the world of media.

**66. PROJECT HEALTH (4-12) Teacher Resource** A 75-page booklet coordinating health education with the newspaper; provides newspaper activities to reinforce health concepts and good safety habits.

**67. SAFETY FIRST (3-8) Teacher or Student Resource** Safety-related activities for street, playground, home, and water.

**68. UNDERSTANDING DRUGS**

**69. PATHWAYS TO A DRUG-FREE LIFE**

**70. MAJORITY RULES – MOST KIDS DON'T USE DRUGS (5-11) Student Exercise Sections** - Positive reinforcement of a drug-free lifestyle both through understanding of the dangers of drugs, and developing a positive self-image and relationships.

**71. CELEBRATE NORTHWEST INDIANA: Our Expansion and Growth (5-12) Student Section** -- A very limited supply of this 1994 special section on

Northwest Indiana History and Industry is available - Call or e-mail for more information.

**72. TODAY'S SPECIAL (Special Needs and Remedial) Teacher Resource**

75 activities in language arts, math, social studies, and survival skills for special needs students and remedial classes.

## *Family Reading*

**73. FAMILY FOCUS (1-8) School and Parent Activity Guides** Family-based reading activities for individual or group settings

**74. LEARNING TOGETHER (1-5) School and Parent Activity Guides** Family-based newspaper learning activities

**75. SEE CLEARLY – READ! (1-5) Parent Guide** Beginning Activities for family Reading using the Newspaper

## *Media and First Amendment Studies*

**76. EDUCATION FOR FREEDOM** Study Unit: Teacher Guide and Student Worksheets on the First Amendment. From the National Council for Social Studies and the Knight Foundation. Available in: Primary, Intermediate, Middle School, and High School.

**77. CREATING A CLASSROOM NEWSPAPER** A 30 page booklet containing five complete lesson plans designed to improve students' writing skills as they create a classroom newspaper. Student worksheets and ideas for extension activities are included. For elementary, middle and secondary levels.

**78. NEWSPAPER JOURNALISM (6-12) Teacher Resource** From basic news writing to creation of summaries, comic strips and advertising, activities introduce the highest of standards for classroom newspapers and school newspapers. Perfect for journalism teachers and language arts programs! (6-12)

**79. COMIC STRIPS...NEWSPAPER CAPERS (4-12) Teacher Resource** 110 activities organized in categories which include Comic Strip Understandings, Values and Human Behavior, Social Problems and Issues, Language Arts Foundations and Creative Writing and Development.

**80. MESSAGES AND MEANING (6-12) Teacher Resource** Activities help students to analyze and interpret the underlying messages in printed and electronic media.

**81. NEWS Advantage (5-12) Teacher Resource** A great guide for use in advertising studies of any kind. Contents focus on basic elements of advertisements, analysis of advertisements, ad design, consumerism, career education, social studies and language arts.

**82. TALKING ABOUT FREEDOM: A Teacher's Guide to the First Amendment (8-12)** Eight lessons with interdisciplinary activities about citizens' rights and responsibilities under the First Amendment.

**83. USING THE NEWSPAPER WITH GIFTED STUDENTS (5-12) Teacher Resource** Critical-Thinking activities to challenge high school, middle school and gifted upper elementary students to formulate hypotheses, predict, interpret, synthesize, compare and contrast and evaluate newspaper content.

To order any of the above materials or copies of the Post-Tribune for your classroom, contact:

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