



NEWSPAPER CONNECTION— My student is particularly interested in geography, so I'm always trying to come up with ways to enhance his studies. He clips newspaper articles that relate to geography and pastes them in a spiral-bound notebook. The articles that he clips include natural disasters, "This Day in History," wars and other items of interest. He then goes to a map, globe or the Internet to find the location of the news event. The newspaper also provides the opportunity to study the causes of events, like natural disasters. In addition, what he reads in the newspaper complements what he is already learning and connects our community to the larger world. For example, an article from the travel section about a town in Africa famous for a certain type of beautiful rug led him to a local story about a woman from that very same area who makes and sells the rugs here.

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This TNT activity addresses the following national learning standards:

Language Arts

#1 Students read a wide range of print and non-print texts to build an understanding of themselves and the cultures of the United States and the world...

Source: National Council of Teachers of English/ International Reading Association List of Standards for the English Language Arts, 1996.

Geography

#1 Using maps and other geographic representations to acquire, process and report information from a spatial perspective.

Source: National Geography Standards 1994.

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