

# The Mini Page

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities for Teachers

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Standards Spotlight: A Young Inventor

Mini Page activities meet many state and national educational standards.

Each week we identify standards that relate to The Mini Page's content and offer activities that will help your students reach them.

## **This week's standard:**

- Students use biographies and stories to understand the individuals who are honored by the nation. (Social Studies: History)

## **Activities:**

1. Use newspaper words from headlines and ads to make a collage about Louis Braille -- but don't put Braille's name on the collage. Show your collage to friends and family members and ask them to guess who the inventor is.
2. In the newspaper, find pictures that represent different textures that you could identify by touch. Write a descriptive word next to each picture (like "fluffy" next to a picture of cotton).
3. In the newspaper, look for services and events for blind or visually impaired people in your community.
4. How were these important to Louis Braille: (a) nightwriting, (b) Institute for Blind Youth, (c) embossing and (d) teaching?
5. Use the internet or a book to find the Braille alphabet. Select five photos from the newspaper and paste them on pieces of paper. Under each picture, use dots to show the Braille spelling for each picture.

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